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ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the Parish Council AGM in May, Michelle Golder was elected Chairman, and Derick Brenchley is Vice Chairman. Ian Thornton remains as Chairman of the New Orford Town Trust, with Matthew Smy as Vice Chairman.

VILLAGE FUND

The New Orford Town Trust has already made grants to several local organisations from its Village Fund. The next applications will be considered in June, and should be submitted to the Clerk by 14 June 2017. Please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form.

Kara Reed, Clerk. Tel 459172, orfordtrust@btconnect.com

JUNE AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 4 June – Pentecost

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 11 June – Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 18 June – Trinity 1

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 25 June – Trinity 2

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Sunday 2 July – Trinity 3

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Do come along and bring your pets to our much-loved annual *Blessing of Animals Service* at Chillesford on Sunday, 25 June at 3.30pm – all four- and two-legged friends welcome!

Rev David Murdoch

JUNE AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 4 June PENTECOST

10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 11 June TRINITY

10.30am Luke Rokobuli

Sunday 18 June 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 25 June 10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes – Communion

5pm Informal TEA TABLE SERVICE

Sunday 2 July 115th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY & LUNCH

June dates for your diary

Sunday 4 June: T4Thomas - Chantry Cottage, Orford, from 11am

Sunday 11 June: open gardens - Old Rectory and Brundish Lodge

Thursday 15 June: Gardening Club garden party - local garden, 2.30pm

Saturday 17 June: open garden - Gedgrave Hall, 2pm-6pm

10.30am Rev. Stephen Yelland

MONDAY'S TEA ROOM – Open from 12noon – 4pm – serving lunch and afternoon tea – good food, good company, and good fun – and there's no need to book!

WEDNESDAY LUNCH is served at 12.30pm – hugely popular and extremely good value and as always, good company. Join us – but do let us know in good time!

You will be very welcome to join us at any of our Sunday morning services and weekly meal times – and of course the Tea Table service too.

We are looking forward to the 115th Church Anniversary on 2nd July when Rev. Stephen Yelland will lead our service and, in good tradition, we shall enjoy lunch afterwards.

ADVANCE NOTICE: the 29th Annual QUAY SERVICE – *is it really soon to be that time again?* – will be held on SUNDAY 6th AUGUST at 6pm – supporting the Fishermen's Mission (RNMTDSF) – make a note in your diary /on your calendar and join with us for this service.

Stephen Caley

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 21st 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

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

The AGM of the club was held on Thursday, 11 May, and we welcomed Ian Thornton, Bradley Jones and Richard Mallett to the committee. Dawn Phillips has stood down as club secretary, but remains a committee member, so thank you Dawn for all your work. Mark Smy has now taken on the role as secretary, and can be contacted on 450358 or smy298@btinternet.com

Dates for this month are:

- Saturday, 3 June – live music from the Random Blues Company who will be playing from 9:00pm. £3 members, £5 non-members.
- Thursday, 8 June – bike meet night from 6:00pm (remember that you do not have to have a bike to attend, it's worth it for the burger and chips alone!)
- Friday, 16 June – Jimbo's Bingo from 8:00pm
- Saturday, 1 July – Family Fun Day and Car Boot Sale on the recreation ground from 1:00pm until 5:00pm. Fun for all the family, Bouncy Castle, Giant Darts, Hoopla, Hook a Duck, Face Painting, Donkey Rides, Various Stalls and of course Car Boot, plus much more. To book a stall or car boot, call Darren Worne (Chairman) on 01394 450166. Charities free, or can make a donation if they wish!
- Saturday, 1 July – following on from the Fun day, Disco by the Ahrico Roadshow 7:30 pm onwards, £3 members / £4 non-members (under 16s free)

And as always, the club is open every Friday evening. Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary 450358

ORFORDNESS LIGHTHOUSE VISIT DATES: Spring & Summer 2017

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

- Sunday, 25 June
- 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: 7, 14, 21, 28 June, and 5 July
Sundays, from 10.30am-12 noon: 25 June, 2 and 9 July

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

T4THOMAS

Please come and join us at Chantry Cottage on Sunday, 4 June for T4Thomas – Orford's friendliest 'tea party', now in its 7th year. We start at 11am with bacon rolls, through a variety of lunches to afternoon teas and all the "cake" stops in between! Come along with your family and friends to eat, drink and enjoy yourselves and help support the care and education of children in rural Mozambique through the Thomas Marshall Education Fund. We are, of course, expecting a lovely sunny day but will have the marquee and gazebos in place as back up! Whatever the weather, we will be 'open for business' and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible! Just follow the red 'T4T' signs.

Wendy & Guy Marshall (01394 450090)

OPEN GARDENS IN ORFORD

ST. ELIZABETH HOSPICE'S GREAT GARDEN TRAIL

Gedgrave Hall, Gedgrave Road. Garden Open Saturday, 17 June from 2-6pm, afternoon teas, in aid of the Hospice. Entry £6, children free. Dogs must be on leads.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

On Sunday, 11 June 2017, the gardens at The Old Rectory, Rectory Road and at Brundish Lodge, High Street will be open for charity from 2pm to 5pm. Teas will be for sale at Brundish Lodge and the combined charge for both gardens is £5.00, children free.

On Sunday, 2nd 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.

GARDENING CLUB

Date: Thursday, 15 June

Topic: Garden Party and Second Competition for Eric Mason Shield

Venue: A local garden not previously open to us

Time: 2.30 pm

In June each year the Gardening Club members enjoy an afternoon exploring a garden local to us all. This year it is one to which we have not previously been able to have access and is on a beautiful open site, with a wide variety of 'rooms' for us to explore and many interesting features both sculptural and in the plantings. There will be tea and cake to enjoy and a wide range (we hope!) of plants for sale. The second competition for the Eric Mason Shield will also be held – it is for a fragrant posy. Those coming must be members and so as we are now half way through the year, *we are offering half price membership at £7.50 for the rest of 2017*.

Do join and we will let you know where this very special garden is! Contact Polly as below.

The Perennial Mr Potter – The Life of a Suffolk Gardener by Bryan Thurlow

Bryan, who has an interesting theatrical and BBC background, held us all in the grip of his story. He gave a passionate performance, interesting, informative and amusing. It comprised gardening tips interspersed with the story and amusing anecdotes. Did you know that cabbage leaves placed upside down draw the slugs overnight, then they are ready for 'dispatch' in the morning? He received a great ovation from our audience!

Advance Notice: Coach Trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park and Gardens (www.pensthorpe.com) Wednesday, 5 July 2017 departing Sudbourne/Orford at 8.45/9 am. 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 Tolle 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

SUFFOLK OPEN STUDIOS – June Weekends 11 am – 5pm

3/4 June	Sudbourne	Ruth Seabrook (Printmaking)
10/11 June	Orford (Town Hall)	Nicola Atchley (Printmaking)
	Sudbourne	Mable & Co (Tweed Weaving)
	(Bothy Yard &	Annie Turner (Ceramics)
	Blacksmiths Forge)	Steven Will (Ceramics)
		Sudbourne Printmakers
	Sudbourne	Ruth Seabrook (Printmaking)
	Chillesford	Lisa Berry (Fine Art Painting)
		Toby Mayhew (Painting)
17/18 June	Sudbourne	Ruth Seabrook (Printmaking)
24/25 June	Sudbourne Park	Mable & Co (Tweed Weaving)
		Annie Turner (Ceramics)
		Steven Will (Ceramics)
		Sudbourne Printmakers
	Sudbourne	Ruth Seabrook (Printmaking)
	Chillesford	Lisa Berry (Fine Art Painting)
		Toby Mayhew (Painting)

*Pick up a Directory for information or www.suffolkopenstudios.org
We look forward to welcoming you.*

BUTLEY MILLS STUDIOS: open weekend

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June 2017, open 10am to 4pm – free entry.

Two days of sculptures, paintings, prints and chatting to the artists at Butley Mills Studios, Mill Lane, Butley, Woodbridge, IP12 3PZ.

See our website: www.butleymillsstudios.org

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

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

Well we have just passed the 3-year mark since we took over at The King's Head. Thank you for all of your support throughout this period.

We hope you enjoyed the music from Peter Hepworth in May. It was a great evening had by all and we look forward to welcoming Peter back later in the year. We have no music booked for June but there is still plenty going on.

A great start to our cricket season with a successful net practice and a game against Thorpeness Dolphin under the belt. Next up is Westleton White Horse at Sudbourne Hall Cricket Club on Tuesday, 13 June. If you would like to be considered for the squad please contact either Stuart Moss or myself – everyone is welcome.

This month's quiz takes place on Sunday, 18 June at 8pm. Only £1 per head to enter and a wide and varied set of questions lay ahead.

Let's hope the sun stays out and we look forward to seeing you in the pub and garden.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine, thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

SUFFOLK DAY CELEBRATIONS, WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE

Are you looking forward to celebrating everything that is good about the County? Between 5.30pm and 8.00pm the celebrations will be taking place on the village green by Orford General Store and the garden of The King's Head. There will be a BBQ featuring Suffolk foods, stalls of local producers, local craft stalls, fun & games for children & adults, music, etc. With local organisations and businesses working together for a great night out for all of the family.

If you are interested in having a stall at this event, please contact us to arrange.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine 01394 450271

ST PETER'S FESTIVAL AT BLAXHALL

Flower festival at Blaxhall (IP12 2DW) on 1 & 2 July 2017 (11am-4pm daily)

- Flowers and music in the church
- Art exhibition in the village hall
- All-day refreshments (lunches and teas)
- Children's activities
- Local interest displays
- Plant and produce stall
- Free entry

Miranda Barclay

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 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.

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.

THORPENESS CROQUET OPEN DAY, SATURDAY, 10 JUNE

Thorpeness Croquet Club will be holding an Open Day on Saturday, 10th June for anyone interested in finding out more about the game and seeing whether they would like to play it regularly.

The Open Day will be held from 2pm on the club's lawn at the Ogilvie Pavilion Sports Ground, Thorpeness IP16 4LY. There's plenty of parking space and club members will be on hand to introduce newcomers to the game. Please wear flat shoes (e.g. trainers).

Croquet is a sport where you hit a ball through a series of hoops with a long mallet. It needs skill and tactics rather than brute strength, so men and women, young and old, play on equal terms using an effective handicapping system that allows beginners to hold their own against much better players.

Club days are on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons when you will usually find others to play with but members can also arrange games on any day they choose. Membership fees are very reasonable and prospective members get two free taster sessions before they choose whether to join.

The club organises its own tournaments through the season and plays against other clubs in a local league but competing is not compulsory. Many of our members just play socially for fun. So if you think croquet might be for you, we look forward to seeing you.

To find out more, please contact Andrew Paris on 01728 833673 - andrewparis@tiscali.co.uk; Colin Hart on 07495 364399 - colinhart101@btinternet.com or visit www.thorpenesscroquetclub.onesuffolk.net

ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWS

At the AGM held on 24 April, Diana Mann of Peasenhall was elected Chairperson, Henry Mann was elected Vice Chairman and Pat Carter replaced Roger Baskett as Membership Secretary. Angela Skelcher (Secretary) and John Martin (Treasurer) were re-elected, and Christopher Broom was appointed to the Committee. At the meeting it was decided that the Family History Research Centre in the Leiston Council offices should be open to all, free of charge, on the first and third Saturday morning of each month, and that it would now only open on Wednesdays by prior appointment. If you wish to request an appointment, please contact Maggie Strutt on 01728 602298 or maggiestrutt@btinternet.com

The Research Centre contains much local information which is not available online, including graveyard catalogues for Benhall, Saxmundham, Leiston, Eastbridge, Aldringham and Sutton, censuses, directories, information on local war memorials, books, and historic maps. We have recently acquired a large number of CDs and microfiches of local interest. The research centre has computers with Internet, printer, and a scanner. There is also WiFi Internet access if you wish to bring your own laptop or tablet. Experienced family history researchers are present to give assistance if required.

Do you have a black sheep in your family? Come along to hear Gill Blanchard tell us how to find and use records of our criminal ancestors, locally, nationally and online, in her talk *"Prison and Criminal Court Records."* Criminal records are family history's guilty pleasure. They are a rich source of detail for family historians and many others: they provide an insight not only into crime and punishment in the 1800s, but also into the daily lives of working people. They reveal your ancestors' uncomfortable secrets and grisly tales, and provide you with a unique opportunity to discover any "black sheep" in your family.

Gill Blanchard is a professional house historian, genealogist, tutor and author of several books. Her talks in Leiston last October, and in Kelsale in April, were entertaining and informative, and we look forward to more of the same.

The meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 19 June at Leiston United Church (URC/Methodist), High Street, Leiston, IP16 4EL. Entrance is not at the front of the church, but on the left hand side as you face the building. Parking is available in the Co-op/Solar car park which adjoins it, but you must sign your vehicle in at the tills in the supermarket or face a charge of £100. Visitors welcome. Admission: members £1, visitors £3, incl tea/coffee.

Further programme: Monday 17 July, 7.30pm at Leiston United Church: The Diary of a Norfolk Parson - James Woodforde, 1740-1803 - Sheila Harrison