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MARCH AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 1 March: Lent 1

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev C Cook

Sunday 8 March: Lent 2

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev Affleck

11.00am Family Service at Orford – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 15 March: Lent 3

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev R Alderson

11.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev B Sherlock

Sunday 22 March: Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev M Reynolds

11.00am Mothering Sunday at Orford – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 29 March: Lent 5

11.00am Benefice Service for Peninsula at St Felix, Rendlesham – Rev M Reynolds

Jacki Maslin

MARCH AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 1 March 10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland – Soup and pud lunch

Sunday 8 March 10.30am Service lead locally

Sunday 15 March 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 22 March MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.30am Rev Martin Dawes – COMMUNION

Sunday 29 March 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 5 April 10.30am SONGS OF PRAISE for PALM SUNDAY
Coffee/Tea after every service.

We are open as usual every Monday in the tea room, serving lunch (see the day's menu) as well as coffee, tea, cake and scones – visit with us, you will enjoy!

Every Wednesday we serve lunch at 12.30pm – local friends and visitors are always welcome but you will need to book for your meal.

Soup and pud after service on the first Sunday in the month is enjoyed by those able to stay – great soup and delicious puddings – no need to eat again for the rest of the day!

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

During the month of March (and April) events coming up at the club:

- Friday 27 March: Bingo night from 8pm
- Saturday 11 April: Live music from 'Heartbeat'

March dates for your diary

Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm

Each Tuesday (term time): Orford Parent and Toddler Group - Orford pre-school, 1-3pm

- Thursday 5 March: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Thursday 12 March: Orford and District Surgery Charitable Trust AGM - Recreation Ground Hut, 7.15pm
- Friday 13 March: Mobile Library at Barons Meadow (2.10-2.30pm) and Market Hill (2.35-3.50pm)
- Sunday 15 March: beach clean on Orford Ness (further details below)
- Monday 30 March: Flower Show open meeting, Recreation Ground Hut, 7pm

- Friday 24 April: Bingo night from 8.00pm

- Saturday 25 April: Charity night live music in aid of Cancer Charity, 'Get Loaded', tickets £7.50 (more details next month)

Coffee and chat starting from Thursday 5 March, every Thursday between 1.30pm and 3.30pm, all welcome.

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358

ORFORD AND DISTRICT SURGERY CHARITABLE TRUST AGM

The Orford and District Surgery Charitable Trust owns Chapman House and works with the Doctors to fund services and equipment for the benefit of users of the Surgery. Funding is also available via the Peninsula Practice to help maintain the independence of the frail, elderly and disabled of Butley, Chillesford, Iken, Orford and Gedgrave and Sudbourne. If you would like to know more or have suggestions for improvements to the surgery please come along. All are welcome. The AGM will be held in Orford Sports and Recreation Club, Orford on the Thursday 12 March starting at 7.15pm.

Corinne Lusher, Secretary, ODSCT Management Committee

ORFORD NESS BEACH CLEAN

Our community beach clean was a great success last year and so, ahead of us opening for the season at Easter, we're planning another beach clean on Orford Ness.

We're looking for people to join us on Sunday 15 March between 10am and 2pm. The winter winds have washed plenty of material ashore and so there should be plenty to pick.

Transport over to the Ness will be provided on the NT Ferry Octavia and back again at 2pm.

Bag holders and rubbish pickers will be provided, but please bring your own gloves if you wish. Please note that dogs are not allowed on the Ness, and there are very limited toilet facilities. Please do

keep an eye on the weather forecast and come prepared! Please park in the Quay Street Car Park as there is no parking on Orford Quay. Those who live in Orford and Gedgrave and who are on the electoral roll here are entitled to a free annual parking permit for the Quay Street car park, so do contact the NOTT Clerk at the Town Hall (01394 459172) or the Quay Warden at the Harbour Office if you need one. Other participants in the beach clean can get a permit for the day from the National Trust staff on the day. If you'd like to take part please email orfordness@nationaltrust.org.uk so we know how many bag holders we will need to provide.

Glen Pearce, *Visitor Experience Officer, National Trust*

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE MARCH NEWSLETTER

The Peninsula Practice is introducing a new telephone system with a single telephone number for all surgery sites. The number will be operational from March onwards and is **01394 411 641**. In the event that you dial the old phone number your call will be, for a limited time, diverted to the new telephone number. Please make a note of our new number for future reference. The new telephone system will allow us to introduce more phone lines, plus a queuing system which will inform patients where they are in the queue. When you phone the surgery please ensure that you specify which surgery site you normally attend.

Please be advised that patients can attend any surgery site at Alderton, Aldeburgh, Hollesley and Orford.

The surgery will be closed on Wednesday 4 March from 13.00 until 8.00 the next morning. Please contact NHS 111 when the Surgery is closed.

Nicola Thompson, *Medical Administrator, Peninsula Practice*

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our next open event:

Talk topic: Go wild for flowers – garden meadows

Speaker: Mark Linsley

Venue: Orford Town Hall Back Room

Date and time: Thursday 5 March 2020, 7.30pm

Mark, who is a professional ecologist, started a garden meadow 21 years ago on moving to Chillesford and has found it a tremendously rewarding aspect of his garden. Mark will talk about establishing and managing a garden meadow and the many benefits including those for wildlife and birds. He is also our local Swift expert and has been helping us install boxes to encourage them.

Mark will willingly answer questions, so bring yours along...

Do come and join us even if only for this evening...

£15 membership for the year and access to all our trips and events, £4 for non-members on the night

20th-and 21st-century Dutch Gardens and Planting Designers

Neill Ludmon gave us an inspiring and well-illustrated talk using his first-hand knowledge of the gardens of Holland, the UK and North America. The talk started by looking at the origins of the Dutch new wave planting movement from the 1930s and then charted its progress to the present day. As well as talking about the work of designers such as Piet Oudolf, the talk covered the significant contribution of many designers who are less well known in this country. The emphasis of this style of planting is a loose naturalism of grasses and herbaceous plants but always with a strong structural element.

Some future events:

- 25 March – History of Roses, their cultivation and Pruning – Day Workshop for members with Neill Ludmon
- 2 April Janet Buist – all you ever wanted to know about Salvias
- Wednesday 29 April - afternoon Spring garden visit to Ulting Wick to see the tulips – members only
- 7 May – Matt Tatton Brown of The Place for Plants – Planting Containers and plants for sale
- 11 June – Garden Party in a charming Gedgrave garden
- 1 July – coach trip to Mannington Hall Gardens, Norfolk

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

THE DEMONS OF IKEN

Many people will remember the performances of Rust and Stardust in Orford Church over the past few years. This talented young puppet company have presented their interpretation of many local Suffolk folk tales including The Wild Man of Orford, The Green Children of Woolpit and Black Shuck. This last one was a collaboration with the children of Orford school producing their own puppets as part of the national Arts Award Scheme and running wild as Shuck's pack through Orford Church to the delight of the audience.

Rust and Stardust have been successful in securing an Arts Council grant to fund another collaboration with Orford School, and possibly Bawdsey School, this year. We are currently trying to fit the project in to enable two performances in Orford Church during the last week of this school term which ends on Friday 3 April and will announce the dates as soon as possible so look out for posters and flyers in the next couple of weeks.

The theme of this year's project will be The Demons of Iken covering the interesting goings on with St Botolph and Iken Church. Anyone who witnessed the enthusiastic children performing Black Shuck won't want to miss this event. Anyone who missed Black Shuck doesn't know what they missed and should make sure they don't miss The Demons of Iken.

For further details ring 450276 or email contact@tmef.org.uk

Roger Hipwell

OPEN GARDENS IN ORFORD, SUNDAY 24 MAY 2020

In aid of St Bartholomew's Church, 11am–4pm

We are planning to organise Open Gardens again this year and the proceeds will be used towards the running of the Church. This will take place on Sunday 24 May. If there is anyone who has never opened their garden before, but would like to do so this year, I should be delighted to hear from them. We also ran a plant stall in the church porch two years ago and if anyone would be willing to do this again please contact me on 01394 450771 or dianampaterson@btinternet.com

Refreshments will be served in the Church all day and anyone who would like to volunteer to do a shift or to make cakes and biscuits, please contact Lizzie Carr on 01394 450866. She will be compiling a rota for the day.

Diana Grayburn

ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET

Orford Country Market would like to welcome its newest producer, Emma Sharpe, who will be bringing homemade sweets. This month has also brought the first sign of spring with the return of the plant stall. During February the Country Market has revamped its refreshments - instead of just a bacon roll you can now have anything from a pot of tea and toast to a full English breakfast! Please remember to bring in those unwanted books for our book swap in aid of the Blossom Appeal.

Maria Brenchley

ORFORD BOOK LAUNCH

Beyond the Bar – Sailing Ventures from a Suffolk River

by Richard Roberts, with a Foreword by John McCarthy

This sequel to 'Ten Footers and All That', published in 2017, describes a remarkable history of longer voyages by Orford sailors since the 1950s. They include voyages across the Atlantic; to Brazil and back via St Helena; in the West Indies, the Mediterranean and Arctic seas. There have been frequent circumnavigations of Britain, exploration of European coastal and inland waters from Portugal to Scandinavia, to Moscow, Paris and Cologne. There are chapters on dinghy cruising and the exploits of younger sailors over the generations.

Publication is planned for April 2020. With 350 pages, and 80 illustrations 'Beyond the Bar' will be priced at £15. Profits will go to the RNLI and to 'Freedom from Torture', as requested by John McCarthy.

An informal Book Launch and book-signing will take place at the King's Head on Thursday 9 April from 5.30 to 7pm. To assist arrangements, if you wish to attend or to reserve copies please email catspaw@phonecoop.coop or phone 01394 450567, or drop a note in to Smithy Cottage, 29 High Street, Orford IP12 2NW. Copies will also be available at the AGM of Orford Sailing Club on Saturday 11 April.

Richard Roberts

ORFORD MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library comes to Orford every four weeks. It parks up at Barons Meadow from 2.10pm-2.30pm and in the Market Hill from 2.35pm-3.50pm. Dates for this year are as follows:

Friday 13 March, no visit in April, Monday 4 May, Friday 5 June, Friday 3 July, Friday 31 July, Friday 28 August, Friday 25 September, Friday 23 October, Friday 20 November and Friday 18 December.

SAVE OUR SUFFOLK SWIFTS

Swifts are one of the most recognisable and iconic birds of summer, returning to the UK to breed in early May each year. But swifts are disappearing from our skies – in the last 20 years the UK population has halved with a lack of nest sites considered to be one of the principal causes. However, you can help – swifts readily take to nest boxes and for information and advice on putting up a swift nest box or preserving the entrance to their natural homes under the roof tiles, please contact your Local Volunteer Swift Advisor – Mark Linsley on marklinsley60@gmail.com

Mark Linsley

THE NEW ALDE AND ORE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The newly formed Alde and Ore Community Partnership (AOCP) met for the first time on 30 January, 2020 at a well-attended open public meeting at Orford Town Hall, with parish representatives and members of the public present.

The new Community Partnership has been formed to help deliver the Estuary Plan for the Alde and Ore area. It will be working with the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board (ESIDB), which has assumed legal and practical responsibility for the practical delivery of the works. It involves the whole community, with every parish bordering the rivers having a seat on the Partnership, together with a County Councillor, two District Councillors, as well as business, East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board (ESIDB) and amenity organisation representation. The Partnership will continue to receive help and support from the national agencies Natural England and the Environment Agency, and locally from Coastal Partnership East.

The AOCP elected Tim Beach (Snape Parish Council) as interim Chair, Frances Barnwell (Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council) as Vice Chair, and Alison Andrews has agreed to act as interim Honorary Secretary.

The new Partnership will work in close collaboration with the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust which is working to secure as much non-government funding as possible to complete the plan.

The Estuary Plan can be found at www.aocp.co.uk. The Alde and Ore Estuary Trust web page may be found at www.aoetrust.org

All members of the public are welcome to meetings of the AOCP. The second meeting was to be held on Thursday 27 February at 6.30pm in Orford Town Hall when a date for the next meeting will be set.

Alison Andrews

MARCH AT THE KING'S HEAD

Well that was a blustery old February and we hope that you all survived the inclement weather.

As always, we have a varied and interesting programme of events coming up, as follows:

Friday 6 March – Food Night – Italian Theme – 7.30pm – our chef Brendan has a fantastic 6-course taster menu arranged for

the evening and at only £20 per head is great value for money. If you plan to attend you will need to book in advance.

Sunday 22 March – Mother's Day – Live Music – Peter Hepworth – 3pm – A proper favourite at The King's is Woodbridge-based Peter, who has an amazing voice and a wide repertoire of material including his own songs. So what better way to earn brownie pints and to come along for a drink and listen. If you plan to come for lunch beforehand we suggest that you book in advance to avoid disappointment. If you're not planning to eat and just want to chill out listening to the music just turn up.

Friday 27 March – Live Music – Open Mic Night – 9pm – music, mayhem, poetry, jokes, and everything else is back, hosted by Steven Lay. Always a fun evening and great to just come along and listen even if you don't want to perform.

Thursday 9 April – Book Launch & Signing – Beyond the Bar by Richard Roberts – 5.30pm (See separate Village Voice article for details.)

Thursday 9 April – Live Performance – Essex Girl by Maria Ferguson – 7.30pm – Aard-winning writer and performer Maria is presenting her monologue which is based on Kirsty, a 16-year-old girl growing up in the 00s in Brentwood. It tells the story through house parties and Irish pubs of Essex, from West Ham matches to choir practice, pre-drinks to registration, she will tell you what it is really like to be an Essex Girl. It's bound to be funny, witty, and wait to hear the secret within. Our thanks to Inn Crowd and their partners for giving us another great show to put on. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Saturday 11 April – Live Music – Serena Grant – 9pm – we are delighted to welcome Serena back to the King's to entertain you with her fantastic vocals and wide range of music. Where else would you want to be on an Easter Saturday night.

Great news for those who happen to be of 60 years or more – *The King's Head Diamond Club*. We have introduced a deal where you get a main and a pudding for £12 per head, with a weekly changing menu there is plenty of variety for you to choose from. Basically, this operates weekdays for lunch and dinner over the winter period – so that's Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Lunch, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Dinner. This runs through until Easter. As always, our full menu and specials are available to those of you not yet 60 or who prefer something different. Ask at the bar for the menu.

Over the past month or so have seen a few staff changes... Firstly, Rob "Cossy" Jenkin has decided to retire after many years at the pub. We would like to publicly thank Rob for all his hard work and support he has given us over our period of tenure and wish him a long and happy retirement. That Sudbourne Hall Cricket Club wicket and the allotment will look better than ever now.

Also leaving us was Thomas, who has had several spells with us over the past 3 years but has returned to his native South Africa to take up University studies. Good luck with the studies but we are sure you will be back.

We are delighted to announce that Brendan Bennett has been appointed to the role of Head Chef. A young and enthusiastic chef, Brendan brings several years of experience to the role and I am sure you have seen or will see some exciting changes to our menu.

So, Jess Hazelton, our Front of House Manager, has been interviewing, training and recruiting new Team Members and I am sure you will have seen some of those new faces in Freddie and Tayah. We are delighted to have one returning familiar face back to the team in Abbie Woolnough who re-joined us in Mid-February – welcome back Abs.

You may have noticed that our car park has been resurfaced and tidied up. Unfortunately, this means that Orford Lakes have now gone, and I am sure Tony and Lizzie will be pleased about that. During the wet period, we will be keeping the grassed area closed to allow for new grass to grow and limit damage. Please remember that the car park is for use of patrons only.

Our weekends continue to be busy in the dining room so if you plan to eat with us, we strongly suggest that you book in advance, to avoid disappointment. For all you Dads and Children out there don't forget Mothering Sunday is 22 March – so book for lunch and then you can chill out in the afternoon with Peter Hepworth playing – loads of brownie points.

We are still on Winter hours – so close at 6pm on Sundays and closed all day Mondays. As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to welcoming you all to The King's.

Ian and Suzanne Ballantine,
thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

**GEOLOGICAL LAYERS –
AN ART AND NATURE WORKSHOP FOR ALL**

Join artist Stephanie Hartick and geologist Tim Holt-Wilson on Saturday March 7 and/or March 14 at Orford to discover the common ground between art and nature. This day workshop will focus on artistically exploring the colours, textures and patterns in the natural world, using local geology and plant forms as our sources of inspiration. The day is suitable for all ages including families, and has been kindly funded by Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB. Please note that booking is essential as places are limited. To find out more information or book a place please contact:

artbranches@icloud.com or go to
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/geological-layers-orford-1-tickets-92471499745 (7 March) or
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/geological-layers-orford-2-tickets-92978636605 (14 March).

Stephanie Hartick

ALDEBURGH MUSIC CLUB PERFORMS BACH AND VIVALDI

Aldeburgh Music Club Choirs return to Snape Maltings Concert Hall on Saturday 21 March 2020, the first day of spring, to celebrate three of the sacred choral works of two of the great Baroque composers, Johann Sebastian Bach and Antonio Vivaldi.

Vivaldi's Credo RV591, a setting of the Nicene Creed, and his popular and well-known Gloria RV589, the words of which form part of the Mass in Western Christian liturgy, take up the first half of the concert, separated by the beautiful opening sonata from Bach's Cantata 'Himmelskönig, sei willkommen', BWV 182, which he composed for Palm Sunday. The second half of the concert is devoted to Bach's Easter Oratorio, BWV 249, first performed in 1725 on Easter Sunday at Leipzig.

Suffolk Baroque Players, conducted by Edmond Fivet, the Club's Music Director, support the choir in what will be Edmond's final concert at the Maltings as the choir's Musical Director. After fourteen very successful years he retires from this position in May 2020.

Soloists Zoë Brookshaw (soprano), Ciara Hendrick (mezzo-soprano), Alastair Brookshaw (tenor) and Kieran Rayner (baritone) complete the line-up of performers.

Tickets for the concert, which starts at 7.30 pm, are priced at £18, £22 and £25 (students half price) and are available now from Snape Maltings Box Office on 01728 687110 or via the Club's website www.aldeburghmusic.club.

Veronica Posford

COMMUNITY

Coffee & chat

Every Thursday
at
Orford Sports & Recreation Club



Between 1.30pm-3.30pm
Starting Thursday 5th March

New to the area? Fed up with your own company?
Meet up with friends or come along and make new ones
Join us for a FREE tea or coffee and a friendly chat

ALL WELCOME

Pick up service available for Orford residents from
The Good Neighbour Scheme
Please contact: 01394 450235

Sudbourne Park

Sudbourne Hall Old Gardens

Open Easter weekend

April 10th to 13th, 10^{am} to 4^{pm}

Parking at top of main Sudbourne Park drive