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VILLAGE FUND

The New Orford Town Trust has already made grants to a number of local organisations from its Village Fund. The next applications will be considered in October 2017, and should be submitted to the Clerk by Wednesday 11 October 2017. Please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form.

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

OCTOBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 1 October – Trinity 16

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 8 October – Trinity 17

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 15 October – Trinity 18

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

6.30pm Choral Evensong – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 22 October – Trinity 19

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Sunday 29 October – Last Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist for the whole Team –
Bishop Martin & Team clergy

There are two particularly special services at Orford in October:

Sunday 15th, 6.30pm - Choral Evensong with our own choir and the Jubilate Singers. Spiritual and up-lifting music including the first performance of the anthem 'Blessed is the man who finds wisdom' – words from the Book of Proverbs and music composed by our own organist, Jonathan Rutherford, for Maggie Beale in memory of her husband, John.

Sunday 29th, 11am - Eucharist for the Wilford Peninsula Team Ministry with Bishop Martin and again with our augmented choir. Come and hear some special music and meet Bishop Martin. All warmly welcome.

Rev. David Murdoch

OCTOBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 1 October 10.30am Stephen Caley – followed by Soup & Pud

Sunday 8 October 10.30am Service arranged locally for Prisons Sunday/Week

October dates for your diary

- Thursday 5 October: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Saturday 14 October: Alde and Ore Estuary Trust Fundraising launch - Orford Town Hall, 6pm
- Sunday 15 October: sponsored dog walk in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance

Sunday 15 October 10.30am CAFE WORSHIP – Leader: Rev. Stephen Yelland

Sunday 22 October 10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes – Communion
3pm CREAM TEA & SING

Sunday 29 October 10.30am Rev. Diane Smith

Sunday 5 November 10.30am Stephen Caley – followed by Soup & Pud

MONDAY TEA ROOM continues to be open from 12 noon– 4pm on Monday 2nd and 9th – changing to winter timing of 11am–2pm (ish) from Monday 16th.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH is served at 12.30pm and this meal is bookable. We celebrate 18 years of serving these meals on Wednesday 11 October – join with us for this special time, you will be very welcome.

INSPIRATIONAL PAINTING & COLOURING – this new venture takes place on Thursday 26 October from 10am–12noon and includes coffee & scones (the 3rd session).

We have welcomed many visitors over the summer months to our services from far and near. It was great to meet with them – some returning year after year.

Harvest Thanksgiving celebration was a wonderful occasion and once again the church looked splendid with the display of produce, grocery and flowers. The service, with Rev. Stephen Yelland as preacher, was well attended, the children enjoying their time within the service. After refreshments 30 friends shared a welcomed cooked lunch. Our several thanks to all.

A monthly morning of Inspirational Painting and Colouring is already underway with several meeting and enjoying these sessions and being introduced to Art – some taking their first interest, others steeped in 'brush movements' - a very enjoyable and happy experience. Who knows, this well may become more regular than monthly.

With the 'Tea Table Service' 2017 season now to an end – there is an early afternoon Cream Tea & Sing service on 22 October. These very informal gatherings are appreciated by those able to attend.

As always, there's a warm welcome to attend services or weekly event.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

September saw the welcome return of Midnight Road, who played to a very appreciative audience. It also held the last Bike Meet of the year, but do not worry, the bike evenings will return in the spring.

Events for October are:

Club Night every Friday night. Come and have a drink, play pool/snooker, table tennis, darts or chat, or make good use of the wi-fi which we now have in operation at the club!

- Friday 20 October - Bingo Night from 8pm onwards.
- Saturday 28 October - Halloween Disco with Jack's Roadshow from 7.30 onwards.

Under 16s free, £3 members, £4 non-members. Free prizes for best fancy dress (adult and children's categories).

Looking further ahead:

- Saturday 4 November (after the fireworks) - Music from the Random Blues Company, £3 members, £4 non-members.
- Saturday 23 December - music from Flaming Cheek.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary (450358)

GARDENING CLUB

Date: Thursday 5 October

Topic: 'Ornamental Grasses for the Garden'

Presenter: Neil Ludman from Woottens of Wenhaston

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Orford Town Hall 'back room'

Neil, who is a specialist in grasses and prairie planting will be talking to us about the wide range of plants available and the various situations and soil types suited to this style of planting. Also, the benefits and opportunities presented by including ornamental grasses in your own garden. He will, of course, also answer our questions so do have a think before you come! We are hoping he will bring some plants for us to purchase.

The work of the Suffolk Floral Preservation Trust and plants of special interest

At our September meeting Lord Cranbrook and Rose Battye talked to us about the work of the Trust and its mission to purchase land to 'permanently preserve for the benefit of the public generally, especially the inhabitants of the county of Suffolk, sites of beauty or historical or ecological interest or scientific importance and in particular the natural flora of the county of Suffolk.' The Trust currently owns two reserves: 'Orchid Glade' near Hasketon and 'Simpson's Fromus Valley' near Kelsale.

They spoke about the wonderful and diverse flora including ancient species from meadows, hedgerows, ponds and woodland including southern marsh orchids. Hopefully we will be able to explore the Trust's area with a visit during the coming year...

I will report on our trip to The Exotic Garden at Henstead on 21 September in the next edition of the publications...

Still to come in 2017...

Thursday 2 November: 'Vegetable Growing and the Potager' with David Keleel of Darsham Nurseries

Thursday 7 December: 'Social Evening and Supper' plus AGM

Membership and guests

We are offering half price membership at £7.50 for the remainder of 2017, and guests are always welcome at £4 per session.

Polly Sharkey

FIREFIGHTERS CHARITY COLLECTION

On behalf of the crew of Orford Fire Station I would like to thank all who kindly donated to our street collection held in the village and at the Flower Show on 26 August in aid of The Firefighters Charity. A total of £180.10 was collected.

Neil Jacobs, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service

RNLI STALL AT ORFORD FLOWER SHOW 2017

Following my previous notice in July when I confirmed that we raised £418.30 towards the Aldeburgh Lifeboat from the collections in the Market Square and Orford Stores, I am now

delighted to report that the RNLI stall at the Flower Show raised £606 which is £200 more than the previous record in 2013. I would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who purchased goods on that day and supported this worthy cause. All the money goes directly to the Aldeburgh Lifeboat and it is very nice to know that we are supporting a local boat which we can all go and view in the boat shed in Aldeburgh and watch when it is launched on special days.

Diana Grayburn (was Paterson)

CRICKET CLUB SUCCESS

Sudbourne Hall Cricket Club have enjoyed a very successful season gaining promotion for the second consecutive season after finishing second in the league with a record of 13 wins, 4 defeats and 1 rain off. It has been a season where the whole squad have contributed but a special mention to Sam Smy who scored his first century for the club. The players would like to thank our wonderful tea ladies, Vice Presidents and our ball sponsors for their generous contributions. We hope to see as many of these as possible at the end of season dinner at Orford Town Hall on Friday 10 November.

David Foreman

A TOMBOLA THANK YOU

Thank you everybody for helping make the Tombola such a success at this year's Flower Show and Fête by providing the prizes, buying tickets and helping in so many ways. Altogether we had about 330 prizes including over 130 bottles of wines, spirits and beers which enabled us to raise in total about £860.

A special alphabetical thanks to the collectors and helpers on the day: Christine and Christopher Bromley-Martin, Christine Murdoch, Daphne Gardner, Hilary Grogono, Imogen Barford, Lizzie Clark, Mary Goldin, Melissa and David Billen, Nick, Fiona and May Raison, Rio Mellor, Roy Wisdom, Sue Johnston, Susanne Hasting, Tony Hasting, plus Friend's Garage and The High House Fruit Farm plus of course, you and all local residents who contributed such a huge number of prizes and/or bought tombola tickets on the day.

Thank you all again.

Mike and Polly Sharkey, 450959

RETURN OF THE WILDMAN

Wonderful Beast theatre company is thrilled to be staging its production, *Return of the Wildman*, for two nights only in Orford Castle on Wednesday 1st and Friday 3rd November, by kind permission of English Heritage.

Written by prize-winning local playwright, Thea Smiley, the play is inspired by the legendary Wildman of Orford, captured at sea and incarcerated in Orford Castle. Who was this Wildman... devil, merman, sea spirit? After six months, he escaped back to the sea and disappeared forever. Or did he? Our story tells another tale, one in which his presence is still very much alive...

Actor Martin Bonger gives a stunning performance as the Wildman, supported by the Wonderful Beast Singers and musician Sylvia Hallett. Director, Alys Kihl, says "Wonderful Beast is committed to presenting live theatre in rural areas and in unusual venues. We want our productions to be accessible to everybody which is why we are offering reduced ticket prices to residents on a first-come first-served basis."

SPECIAL TICKET OFFER! We are offering 20 tickets to each performance to the residents of Orford at a reduced rate of £8 (full price £15). At the time of going to press there are still some residents' tickets left for each of the performances, so if you would like to attend, please leave contact details (name, address, email and tel) with Kara Reed c/o Orford Town Hall (tel 01394 459172), together with your date preference. This offer is available until 18 October. Suitable for adults and 10+

Wednesday, 1st November at 7.30pm and Friday, 3rd November at 8pm.

Louisa Thorp, www.wonderfulbeast.co.uk, 01728 451408, admin@wonderfulbeast.co.uk

ORFORD AND SUDBOURNE W.I. Day Trip to Norwich

Thursday 16 November 2017. Pick ups in Sudbourne, Orford and Snape to arrive outside John Lewis about 10.30am 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 lousieschofield0104@gmail.com

SPONSORED DOG WALK IN AID OF EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE

Date: Sunday 15 October – 10.00 – 16.00

Venue: Glemham Hall, Woodbridge, IP13 0BT

Cost: £5 per dog; £5 per adult – children under 16 free

Website: www.eaaa.org.uk for registration or call Anna – 01473 74500

KING'S HEAD NEWS

As we enter Autumn we have a lot planned at The King's Head.

We hope the full house that came to our food theme night 'A Taste of Suffolk' enjoyed the evening. Our Head Chef Dan Bunce certainly showcased some of the fine products available on our doorstep. If that tantalised your taste buds the next food theme night will be Friday 27 October and we are off to the Mediterranean for a Tapas Night. We suggest that you book early to avoid disappointment, as spaces are limited.

Peter Hepworth returned in September giving us another great evening of music covering tracks from the 70s/80s/90s plus some of his original music. This month we have the popular Steve Boyce performing on Saturday 21 October. If you haven't heard Steve yet, then book the date to come and hear the brilliant guitar playing and singing. Covering the slightly heavier side of classic rock and blues, it's always a hugely popular night. If you would like a taster then listen to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGkUGfVQEKU>. Whilst you are filling up your diary, pencil in Saturday 25 November for SJ Mortimer, a fantastic musician and performer from Cambridge. Some of SJ's music can be heard on her website www.sjmortimer.net.

Our monthly quiz was won by a visiting team who kindly donated their prize money to EACH and promised to set the next one, which takes place on Sunday 15 October at 8pm. If you haven't been to one of our quizzes before then this is the time to enter. Just turn up pay £1 per player to enter and enjoy the evening. If you win you get the prize pot and to set the next quiz.

On the Quiz front – The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust Inter Pub Quiz is on Thursday 23 November starting at 6.45pm sharp. The quiz is designed to test your knowledge of Suffolk and there are 15 pubs to compete against along the estuary. Entry is £5 per head and teams of up to 8 people, all proceeds go to the Trust. We will be providing, free of charge, canapes and nibbles during the event. Places are filling up fast so please make your booking soon.

Poetry Reading – yes at The King's Head on Thursday 2 November. Martin Figura, award-winning poet, will be performing 'Boring the arse off young people'. Tickets are on sale now at £3 per head. This was described in *The Observer* as 'Figura... was a revelation – funny, sharp and on top form. Both performances were perfectly pitched for the occasion and gave the crowd a good night out.' Performance starts at 8pm with a pre-performance meal menu running from 6pm. This is a first for The King's and we hope you can come along and enjoy the evening with us.

Little bit of Housekeeping – Cricket Team Players and Partners Supper – Thursday 5 October – Menus ready and please complete and return with your choice options.

A little bit of advance notice that with effect from 30 October we will be going over to our winter opening hours, through until 26 March 2018. The biggest change is that we will be closing on Sundays at 6pm and closed all day Monday. The only other variation to this is that we will be closing at 10.30pm on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday. Food service remains unchanged and is available all of the sessions we are open. Full details will be posted on our noticeboard and outside the pub. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

May the late September sun continue in to Autumn. When it chills down our wood burner will be blazing away to give a nice place to come and warm up, have a drink and/or a bite to eat. Many thanks for your continued support.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine, thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

ORFORD CRAFT CENTRE

As many of you will be aware The Orford Craft Shop closed in January 2017, following Stuart Bacon finally terminating his lease with Adnams plc, after submitting his intention to do so in September 2015. We are delighted to advise you that we have acquired the premises and will be re-opening it in early 2018 as Orford Craft Centre.

We would have hoped to have opened it earlier than this but there are some substantial works that need to be undertaken which include the supply of amenities to the premises, and which will require road closure and the due period of notification, etc. In addition to this, the interior of the building is in a dilapidated condition and does not conform to current building regulations and legislation. All these remedial works will be undertaken prior to opening.

Phase One of the works is to get the main building fit for purpose and up and running, which is hopefully going to be completed for early 2018. Phase Two is the two stables over spring of 2018, and Phase Three is to landscape and layout the front area. Part of these works will make the upstairs area open plan to create a gallery, exhibition, workshop, meeting space. Using flexible furniture solutions the Old Hayloft will provide a facility adaptable for many uses. The ground floor will provide a shop space hosting a range of products and ideally acting as a showcase for promoting local craft producers. No defined product portfolio has been put together but it is aimed to be high quality and multi-faceted. At the moment we have not decided the use of the two stables but are open to ideas and keen to see these utilised fully.

Anybody who may be interested in using the space or having their products in the shop is invited to get in touch with us via email orfordcraftcentre@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

We are delighted and excited about this new project and look forward to putting the building and its environs back as a centre to support the whole community of Orford and surrounding areas. We will provide updates as the project progresses.

PS There are the remains of an old wooden tiller resting against the craft shop wall. As the Underwater Exhibition has moved to Dunwich it has very little relevance to the new Craft Centre or The King's Head. If anyone would like it, please contact us, otherwise it will be removed and disposed of. Free to a good home, removal costs at your expense.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine

PENINSULAR PRACTICE NEWS: Help yourself to health

We are delighted to announce that The Peninsula Practice and our PPG will be holding our second event day at Hollesley Village Hall on 4th October 2017 between 2 and 5pm. There will be:

- Interactive stands from services available to all patients
- A walk-in flu clinic.
- Defibrillator Training.
- Please look out for posters advertising the event.

If you cannot attend and think you may be entitled to a flu vaccination please call the surgery.

Surgery Closures: Wednesday 4 October 2017, from 1pm

ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY TRUST

Please don't forget to let us know which Fundraising Launch and drinks reception you would like to attend, everybody is welcome.

The film presented by Nick Robinson will be shown and a panel available to answer your questions:

- Saturday 14 October at 6pm in Orford Town Hall - Chaired by Libby Purves
- Saturday 21 October at 6pm in Snape Village Hall - Chaired by Paul Heiney
- Saturday 28 October at 11am in Aldeburgh Cinema - Chaired by The Right Hon. Lord Deben

Email us on: aoetrust@gmail.com

Amanda Bettinson

AOEP INTER ESTUARY PUB QUIZ

Thursday 23 November at 6.45pm. Book a table at your favourite pub and bring teams of up to 8, i.e. any number up to and including 8, to take part. £5 per head. Celebratory Quiz Masters, prizes and surprises. This is not to be missed! See www.aoep.co.uk/events for full details of every pub and restaurant taking part. Book now to avoid disappointment.

STOP PRESS: Orford Town Hall additional space

As well as The Jolly Sailor and The King's Head we have additional tables at Orford Town Hall. Please bring your own refreshments. £5 pp with 'local celeb' quiz master testing your knowledge on Suffolk. If you would like to join a team, please ask your local pub, to add you to the 'A' team list. Booking forms for the Town Hall are available with Laura at Friends Garage or contact **Clare Greenwell** on claregreenwell@gedgrave.co.uk, 01394 450440

ENABLING DEVELOPMENT IN THE ALDE AND ESTUARY FLOOD DEFENCES ARE VITAL ... BUT IS BUILDING HOUSES IN OUR AONB THE BEST WAY TO FUND THEM?

Readers of September's Village Voice will have seen the Newsletter issued by the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust. It is of course good to know that there is an approved Estuary Plan for the Alde and Ore, with detailed proposals for upgrading our flood defences. Less welcome however is the news that the Estuary Trust intends to rely heavily on 'enabling development' to raise the necessary funds.

Enabling Development means building new houses on sites in our beautiful countryside where such development would never normally be permitted. Planning permissions are to be sought so that sites can then be sold off to developers at a profit. The Final Estuary Plan 2016 says that, pessimistically, as many as 140 new houses may be required. Despite the Trust's assurances that the final number may be 'many fewer', this is still the figure in the approved Plan, and the proposals for 15-17 houses referred to in their September Newsletter are merely a first phase, with no certainty about how many more will follow.

Should the community support these proposals? We think this is still an open question. The sites are all in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, where such development is likely to have considerable impact. Once these sites are built on, the land they occupy will never be returned to its present use or condition.

Enabling development requires the consent of the community; it will be undertaken in your name. It will not be approved unless the community are clearly in favour. You may therefore want to know more about what is proposed. And because Enabling Development always harms, to some extent, what it is trying to protect, it is commonly accepted that it should only be used as a last resort, and then only in a strictly controlled manner.

The only way to find out more is to contact the organisers, the Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership. Ask to see maps and architects' drawings. Encourage the Plan authors to stage a full public

exhibition of the overall project and their proposals for specific sites. Ask what they have done so far to show that Enabling Development should be the *first* option for fundraising.

How else could flood defences be paid for?

There are a variety of possibilities. We could make a start by encouraging our Councillors to make use of funds raised by the new Community Infrastructure Levy. This was introduced by Suffolk Coastal District Council 2 years ago and is charged on all new housing development in order to raise funds for infrastructure purposes including flood defences. The Levy does not involve contravening normal planning policy by granting planning permission on sensitive locations in our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. And naturally we would all support the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust's general fundraising campaign and help to find innovative and less harmful ways of raising these funds.

Have your say

If you are concerned by these proposals and the potential impact they may have on this beautiful area, make your views known to the following people:

Sir Edward Greenwell, Chairman of the AOEP;
Alison Andrews, Chair of the Alde and Ore Association;
Philip Ridley, Head of Planning at Suffolk Coastal District Council;
Ray Herring, Leader of Suffolk Coastal District Council and local Councillor;

The Chairman of your local Parish Council.

Andrew McDonald, Howard Nash, Suvi McCreddie, Isabella Thomas, Frances Barnwell, Madeleine Wynn and Stephen Worrall, on behalf of a group of concerned local residents

ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP: ENABLING DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC FORUM

Following a series of meetings with Parish Councils, we have a clearer picture of the issues that are worrying residents. We are holding an open forum on Friday 10 November at Tunstall Village Hall at 4pm to be chaired by The Right Hon. Lord Deben. There will be time to consider the site sketch plans (prior to any formal plans being drawn up) in every parish and to be able to answer all questions and concerns in detail. Everyone is welcome to this but please let us know you are coming for catering purposes by emailing aoepcontact@gmail.com.

The website (www.aoep.co.uk) contains written details of all the sites and a list of frequently asked questions which we will add to in the coming weeks. If anyone with concerns that would rather write in questions or wishes to offer support to the proposals, please email the Partnership on aoepcontact@gmail.com or your Parish Council, so that we can provide considered, full answers.

Amanda Bettinson

SUDBOURNE WINTER ARTS & CRAFT FARE in aid of St

Elizabeth Hospice Young Adult Service

Saturday 25 November, 10am-4pm at Sudbourne Village Hall, free entry

Come & browse arts & crafts made by local artisans • Gifts & stocking fillers perfect for Christmas • Raffle to win a Christmas hamper • Tea, coffee & cake served all day • Homemade soup & bread between 12noon and 2pm

Donations of cakes & offers of help would be warmly appreciated.

Contact Jacquie Joels, 01394 459949