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## OCTOBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 6 October: Trinity 16

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck
- 11.00am Holy Eucharist and Baptism – Rev J Andrews

Sunday 13 October: Trinity 17

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck
- 10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 20 October: Trinity 18

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev M Hatchett and Rev R Hatchett
- 11.00am Holy Eucharist – Canon D Lowe

Sunday 27 October: Last After Trinity

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev M Reynolds
- 10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Sunday 3 November: All Saints Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev M Hatchett and Rev R Hatchett

*Jacki Maslin*

## OCTOBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 6 October 10.30am Stephen Caley – Soup and Pud  
Lunch follows

Sunday 13 October 10.30am Service arranged locally

Sunday 20 October 10.30am Stephen Caley  
3.00pm Tea and Sing

Sunday 27 October 10.30am Rev. Margaret Millar – Communion  
Monday Tea Room now open from 11am until 2pm(ish), Autumn/Winter timing – for coffee, cake and lunch. Art, crafts, cards etc. always available.

Wednesday lunch served at 12.30pm – please book for this meal. On Wednesday 16 October we celebrate our twentieth year of serving lunch! You are welcome to join us for another wonderful lunch.

Yes, we are looking back over the past 20 years as we pass that important anniversary of the commencement of our Wednesday lunch sessions – nowadays we have around 15 or so who attend each week. How did we manage in those early days providing meals for 30 plus (as the members once were) with only a domestic oven to cope? We must say a big thank you to Karen, Pam and Stephen (also Liz, now in retirement) for the many years of loyal service not to mention the delicious meals thankfully now with an electric 'range' oven since 2009! Not forgetting those that help at 'front of house.'

HARVEST THANKSGIVING celebrated in the very traditional way – with the church looking great at its harvest display – after the service we all enjoyed refreshments and lunch too and went on our way rejoicing! Thanks to those who gave flowers, vegetables & grocery, of which a large quantity was donated to the local Food Bank.

*Stephen Caley*

## October dates for your diary

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

- Thursday 3 October: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Friday 25 October: Mobile Library at Barons Meadow (2.10pm-2.30pm) and Market Hill, Orford (2.35pm-3.50pm)
- Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October: Butley Mills Studios open weekend, 10am-4pm

## ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Forthcoming events at the club are as follows:

- Friday 11 and 25 October, Darts night from 8.30pm onwards (come and relax and watch a game or two of darts, whilst the bar is open)
- Friday 18 October, Bingo night from 8pm.
- Saturday 26 October, live music from 'Dr and the Epics', from 8 till late.

Many thanks for your support at the bike meet nights - these will resume next spring.

*Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358*

## ORFORD, GEDGRAVE AND SUBBOURNE HALL GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

We have had an excellent response from people offering to help run this Scheme. The next step is to find out whether there is a need for the Scheme and if so what services it could offer. To do this a survey has been delivered to every household in the catchment area. If you have not received a survey or would like another copy please contact a Committee member (details below). We want to define a scheme that suits the area and the people living in it. Please note that it is not our intention to compete with or replace local tradespeople, but to work alongside them where this would be helpful. If the Scheme goes ahead we will be compiling a directory of businesses and associations so that we can offer advice on what is available locally.

**Caroline Gill** 450302

**Corinne Lusher** 450849

**Anne Macro** 450741

## ROGER SMITH

Shirley Smith and her family would like to thank everyone in the village for their cards, letters and messages of sympathy following Roger's death – not forgetting the hugs! The support has been so welcome and appreciated more than we can say. Roger so loved his retirement in Orford. Helping with the distribution of The Link for over 10 years, assisting as a sides person at St. Bartholomew's, (he

was very efficient with the Hoover on the monthly cleaning rota!) and so enjoyed talking to all the visitors. Thanks also for the generous donations to the two chosen charities. Thank you again.

**Shirley Smith**

### ORFORD STOCKS

For many years the ancient Orford stocks were available for all to see in St Bartholomew's Church. They date from the late sixteenth century and were in a very fragile state having sat for some time in a rather damp cupboard in the Town Hall after their removal from the Church. In 2016, the New Orford Town Trust, to whom they belong, asked Orford Museum to organise their restoration and local craftsman, Dick Murphy, came to the rescue. He did a wonderful job using ancient oak to replace rotten wood and special, hand-made nails where needed. There had also been an earlier, disastrous, restoration, most of which had to be reversed.

Both the New Orford Town Trust and Orford Museum had hoped that they would then go back into the Church so that Orford residents and visitors alike could see them free of charge. Unfortunately, the Parochial Church Council felt it necessary to apply for a faculty (even though they will not be fixed) which has been refused on the grounds that the Diocesan authorities do not consider the Church to be a suitable location and that there is no documentary evidence for them having been there before. They have cited no other objections and we are considering appealing against this decision. Several residents have told us that they were, undoubtedly, in the church in the past and we would be most grateful, therefore, if anyone else who could confirm this would get in touch either with Orford Museum ([orfordmuseum@btconnect.com](mailto:orfordmuseum@btconnect.com)) or the Clerk at the New Orford Town Trust ([orfordtrust@btconnect.com](mailto:orfordtrust@btconnect.com)). Of course, any documentary or photographic evidence would be very much appreciated.

**Elizabeth Spinney**, *Chairman, Orford Museum*

### THANK YOU FROM THE ORFORD FIRE STATION

On behalf of the crew of Orford Fire Station I would like to thank all who contributed to our collection held on 24 August in Orford. We collected £158.22 in aid of The Firefighters Charity.

**Neil Jacobs**, *Orford Fire Station, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service*

### PLANTS FOR MACMILLAN STALL AT THE ORFORD FLOWER SHOW

Huge thanks to everyone who stopped by the stall and made a donation for my produce at the show. All home grown – a variety of cuttings – grasses – pelargoniums – succulents – and chilli plants. My good friend Nik Jones donated bags of selected chilli fruits he'd grown – and we sold out!

By happy accident the MD of Macmillan found our stall and made a donation too. Nearly all the produce sold and we raised over £160 – thank you all!

**Trevor Martin**

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

You might recall that I put a request into the Village Voice in the summer for you to save any puzzles that you had finished with for donation to the Christmas bazaar. I would now be grateful if you contact me regarding delivery or collection of any puzzles you may have on 01394 459959, or drop off at Bridles End, Peacocks Pyghtle in Orford. Here's hoping for a bumper 'crop'! Thank you all kindly.

**Sheila Stoker**

### SUFFOLK 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 Square from 2.35pm-3.50pm. Dates for this year are as follows:

Friday 25 October

Friday 22 November

Friday 20 December

### ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

*Our next open event:*

*Talk topic:* Making the most of Autumn

*Speaker:* Susie - Owner of Katie's Garden, Ipswich

*Venue:* Orford Town Hall Back Room

*Date and time:* Thursday 3 October, 7.30 pm

Susie is going to talking to us about late perennial planting, how to have lovely surprises for Spring and preparing our gardens for winter. There will be plants to buy.

*Visit to Ladybird Nursery*

In early September, around 25 members toured Ladybird Nursery where Bob Booker, the recently retired owner, told us their story and showed us all the work they do in the background. Apparently they sell 650,000 plants each year retail! Bob explained to us how the irrigation systems work in the greenhouses and how the computer controls the temperature using thermal blinds and electronic venting. He demonstrated their three generations of seeding machines. 40,000 of their plants are grown by them from seed. We saw how their composting material comes in, is directed through various pieces of equipment and into the plug containers or pots as they grow on from the seed. A big band of staff then pot them on. In the Spring each year they employ 14 staff. We hadn't realised it was such a big and complex operation!

In the propagation greenhouse we saw the stock plants which are used for cuttings and how they are protected from bugs of various types. They take 150,000 each year to grow on for us. Bob's daughter and her husband now do the day-to-day running of the nursery and they will continue the work of the two earlier generations since the 1980s. It is a wonderful example of a business responding to the needs and demands of the marketplace. Then we all either had a delicious tea at the Crown or supper at the Golden Key in Snape. We'd like to thank all those businesses for making the events so memorable.

*Still in 2019...*

Saturday afternoon, 3pm, 9 November, Bob Flowerdew 'No Work Gardening'. Members tickets @ £7.50 via the Gardening Club and non-members from Orford Craft Centre @ £12.50.

Followed by a delicious afternoon tea!

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

### ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET

Happy recent Harvest Moon! Wasn't it bright and beautiful. Hello everyone and welcome to the news of the Orford Country Market. Autumn has arrived, the leaves are turning, time to pull out the rake! But please leave time to come visit us on Saturdays from 9.30am-1pm, at Orford Town Hall! Speciality items await you, whether it be savouries, a new knitted hat, a jewellery gift or fresh farm eggs.

Your local chicken owner has fresh, free range eggs for your cooking needs! She has 5 different breeds, Bluebell, Speckledy, Rhode-rock, Cuvee Man and Suffolk Stars. The lucky birds have the run of the gardens!

Not to be clucked at, try the quail eggs as well! Fun for kids and husbands to peel! She has two breeds, the Japanese Quail and Red Quail. The birds lay different colour eggs and the Red Quail, lays smaller eggs. They live in two enclosed runs.

Please pop in and enjoy a coffee, a bap and social banter.

**Susan East**, *Committee member*

### THE PENINSULA PRACTICE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

After our successful consultation meetings the proposal for merging the two surgeries was sent to the Care Commissioning Group mid-September. We expect to hear a decision by the end of October.

Please remember everybody is welcome to attend the Wellbeing and Health event on Thursday 10 October from 14.00 to 17.30 at Hollesley Village Hall. Along with a walk in flu clinic there will be a host of interactive stands and information

### GP STAFF MEETING & CLOSURE DATES

Staff meeting Wednesday 2 October 13.30 to 16.00. Phone calls accepted during this period.

The surgery will closed on Thursday 10 October at 13.00. Please contact NHS 111 when the surgery is closed.

### AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY EXHIBITION AT THE GREAT HOUSE GALLERY, ORFORD

We are delighted to report that we have collected £800 for the St Bartholomew's Church organ fund through generous donations, selling preview evening tickets plus tea, coffee, and cake sales over this wonderful hot sunny weekend. The Preview evening held on Friday 23 August in the garden was well attended with much Prosecco consumed, serenaded in style by Nick Raison on the piano.

Comments: 'Another lovely evening, interesting art and a superb location'. The gallery was open to the public for 3 days exhibiting local work by Sudbourne Print Makers, Butley Mills Studio and associated artists. In total we sold 40 pieces of art and sculpture. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

**Fiona Gerard**

### BUTLEY MILLS STUDIOS OPEN WEEKEND

Clock House Arts invites you to Butley Mills Studios open weekend on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October 2019 from 10am-4pm. Come see the open studios/biennial art exhibition and look around the iconic foundry. Mill Lane, Butley, IP12 3PZ, [www.butleymillsstudios.org](http://www.butleymillsstudios.org)

**Jennifer Hall**

### ORFORD AND SUDBOURNE W.I. DAY TRIP TO NORWICH

Thursday 14 November 2019. Pickups in Sudbourne, Orford and Snape to arrive outside John Lewis about 10.30am and depart from there at 4pm. Cost £14.00 per person. To book a seat contact Louise Schofield on 01394 450108.

**[louiseschofield0104@gmail.com](mailto:louiseschofield0104@gmail.com)**

### OCTOBER AT THE KING'S HEAD

As autumn settles in we at The King's Head are ready for a nice busy and relaxed period. We hope you all enjoyed the brilliant performance on 22 September by Peter Hepworth, with special guests Richard and Michelle. Peter has released a new single, *17 Sun Lane*, which is available on pre-order from iTunes. It would be a big boost for this local artist if you were to pre-order it.

Our programme of events is as follows:

*Wednesday 2 October – Live Music – Jigs'n Reels* – we are delighted to welcome a talented group of friends to entertain us with their take on a mix of traditional music with an Irish influence. Basically, a good excuse to get your toes tapping.

*Sunday 6 October – Darts Competition* – just for a bit of fun. Registration from 6.30pm with first round starting at 7.00pm. £3 per head entry and prizes for first three places. Toe the oche for a fun night out.

*Saturday 12 October – Live Music – Clare Free* – this highly regarded female guitarist/vocalist makes her first visit to play in Orford. This blues singer has two acclaimed albums and numerous international tours under her belt, she is sure to amaze us with her talent and ability.

*Friday 18 October – Food Theme Night – Scandinavian* – Daniel Bunce has put together a real smorgasbord of Scandinavian delights for this evening, giving a great opportunity to taste a variety of food from the region. Cost will be £25 per head and pre-booking is essential. Full menu available at the pub.

*Friday 25 October – Steven Lay Open Mic Night* – this monthly mayhem of fun and enjoyment continues to produce a great evening of entertainment, come down and take part or just as important be part of the audience.

*Thursday 31 October – 'Haunting Tales' – Paul Huntley Thomas* – an adult way to spend Halloween, and no need to dress up. Another in the events held with Inn Crowd brings an eerie evening of

storytelling delights, sharing three classic ghost stories from some of England's finest authors. Admission will be free. Food will be available at the intermission.

*Saturday 9 November – Live Music – Steve Boyce* – the return of the legendary Steve Boyce playing solo, his good old-fashioned blues and rock filling every space in the King's. Always popular and definitely not to be missed.

*Friday 22 November – Quiz – Alde & Ore Estuary Partnership* – the only venue to be, defending champions and keen to retain the title. This mass pub quiz is organised by AOEP and to book your place either visit the pub or book online at [www.aoetrust.org](http://www.aoetrust.org). At £5 per head for the quiz and a celebrity quiz master – great value and a good cause. Free food will be served throughout the quiz.

We are also involved in another event, along with the Orford Running Group. On Sunday 17 November we are entering a team in to the Southwold 10K. The runners will be Hannah Purkis, Tina Moss, Sam Davis, Jamie Roberts, Mark Smy and Ian Ballantine. We will be raising money for Macmillan and running in memory of Aga Fryer. If you would like to sponsor any of the team members please approach them direct or complete the sponsorship form available at the pub. All donations are greatly received and very welcome.

Staying on the Sports front we are re-entering the local darts league and looking for people interested in playing. Matches are on a Wednesday night throughout the winter. A nice little warm up is being organised with a little competition on Sunday 6 October, details above. Let me know if you fancy playing darts for us.

It seems way too early to use the "C" word but... Our Christmas menu is out and we are taking bookings for groups of 8 or more. If you would like a copy drop in to the pub or email us. We do get booked up quickly so please get in touch soon to reserve your date.

We always value your support and custom at The King's Head and Jess and the front of house team look forward to welcoming you and Dan and his kitchen team would be delighted to cook for you. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

**Ian and Suzanne Ballantine**, [thekingsheadorford@gmail.com](mailto:thekingsheadorford@gmail.com)

### SO YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW SUFFOLK?

*Charity puts Suffolk quizzers to the test to protect coast from flooding*

Over a dozen of the county's favourite pubs are supporting Suffolk charity The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust in parallel pub quizzes to raise money for the Save Our Suffolk Estuary campaign.

With over 600 people expected to compete in this significant community event on Friday 22 November, pubs and restaurants along the estuary, together with Orford Town Hall and Sudbourne Village Hall, will be joined by a host of local celebrity quizmasters to raise money for vital flood defences along the estuary.

Questions testing participants' knowledge of the county are being set by actor, writer and comedian Max Norman who was brought up in Suffolk and plays English cricketer Bob Willis in the film '83' being released in April 2020, which tells the story of India's incredible World Cup victory in 1983.

Event organiser Clare Greenwell, said, 'We are absolutely delighted to have the support of Max and so many local pubs and venues for an exciting evening of quizzing. It is sure to be a fun and relaxed event, with a surprise local-celebrity quizmaster at each of the venues to help repeat the fundraising success of the first Save Our Suffolk Estuary pub quiz in 2017, which raised over £40,000 for the Trust. We are determined to raise a substantial amount of money again this year to protect our beautiful Suffolk coast from flooding.'

Generous sponsorship from local independent businesses Best of Suffolk and Pinney's of Orford will allow 100% of the pub quiz entry donations to be used to support the upgrade of vital flood defences of the River Alde & Ore. These will ensure the landscape's businesses, homes and protected wildlife are resilient to a 1-in-200 year tidal surge, like those of 1953 and 2013 which devastated the area.

Tickets to enter are £5 per person with suggested teams of up to 8 people. Prizes have been kindly donated by Adnams and

author and illustrator, Emma Chichester Clark. Booking can be made online via the Trust's website, or in person at any of the participating venues. Full details can be found at [www.aoetrust.org](http://www.aoetrust.org)

A detailed, costed programme of works by the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board shows £26.9 million is needed to upgrade the river defences throughout the Alde & Ore Estuary over the next 6 to 8 years, with £12m to be raised through voluntary donations from the local community, applications to charitable foundations and the support received from local businesses.

## ALDE & ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

*Pioneering collaboration for flood prevention*

### Therese Coffey MP convenes utility infrastructure companies for unique meeting

Some of the most senior utility directors in the UK gathered at the Snape Maltings on Friday 6 September to hear the latest plans of the Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership's pioneering £26.9m flood programme to upgrade vital river walls. The gathering was hosted by Suffolk Coastal MP, the Rt Hon Therese Coffey, the then-Minister of State for the Environment before her promotion two days later to Work and Pensions Secretary.

The pioneering collaboration of the Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership is being watched carefully by other estuary communities of the UK, as a role model of how statutory, voluntary and charitable organisations can work together with communities, Parish Councils and landowners to agree a shared vision and programme of works to make the estuary landscape of homes, businesses and protected wildlife resilient to a 1-in-200 year tidal surge.

The meeting was attended by some of the most senior executives of the UK's utilities that have infrastructure or areas of interest in the identified flood cells, to hear detailed plans from the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board (IDB) who have been commissioned to complete the upgrading of the river walls. Representatives from Anglian Water, Essex and Suffolk Water, EDF and UK Power Networks joined the discussion with the Environment Agency, East Suffolk IDB, New Anglia LEP and CEFAS, along with venue host Harry Young of Snape Maltings. The Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership and the fundraising charity Alde and Ore Estuary Trust had called for the meeting to ensure that all stakeholders in the region with interests in areas at risk of flooding were fully aware of the proposed works and to understand opportunities for partnership working and funding bids.

Chairing the meeting, the Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership's Alison Andrews said, 'We were delighted that the utility companies attended with such a positive attitude to listen, collaborate and share ideas and plans. We now have a plan to move forward with the team from the Coastal Partnership East to keep the momentum of collaboration going, which is the only way that we can all benefit from the resilience we need to build to avoid the disastrous floods of 1953 hitting the region again. We thank the Minister for her time and contribution and wish her congratulations on her new role as Work and Pensions Secretary.'

After the meeting, Dr Coffey said, 'I was delighted to bring together key figures from the Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership, and the utility companies with infrastructure in the area. The community and local land owners are really engaged in how best to protect this amazing area from flooding. I thought we had a good discussion on how to work with large companies with key infrastructure assets. I was pleased such senior executives attended and I am confident that further detailed discussions will follow.'

The Partnership ask that if **you** value this very special place and want to help protect the economy and all the wonderful amenities on offer in the estuary, please help by making a donation or giving your time to support us via the Trust website [www.aoet.org.uk](http://www.aoet.org.uk). For more information about the Estuary Plan, please visit the Partnership website at [www.aoep.co.uk](http://www.aoep.co.uk)

**Amanda Bettinson**

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

My name is Graham Wood and in the late 60s/early 70s I lived in Iken and went to Orford Primary School. I am looking for any

information... photos etc for the Sports day held on the sports area behind the School (this is village sports day not school sports day). I believe I actually won a race so any information about this would be great. My email address is [105graham.wood@gmail.com](mailto:105graham.wood@gmail.com). Many thanks.

**Graham Wood**

## ALDEBURGH MUSIC CLUB PERFORMS VERDI'S REQUIEM

Aldeburgh Music Club Choir will be performing Giuseppe Verdi's Requiem at Snape Maltings Concert Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 23 November.

A musical setting of the Catholic funeral Mass, one of the major choral works in the repertoire and composed for four soloists, double choir and orchestra, the Choir performs with the Prometheus Orchestra and Singers under the baton of Edmond Fivet, the Club's Music Director. Soloists Marlina Devoe (soprano), Samantha Price (mezzo-soprano), Mark Wilde (tenor) and Stephen Gadd (baritone) complete the line-up of performers.

This concert marks Edmond Fivet's penultimate performance at Snape Maltings as Aldeburgh Music Club's Music Director and his fourteenth year in that role before he steps down in May at the end of the 2019-20 season.

Tickets priced £22, £27 and £30 (students half price) are available from Snape Maltings Box Office on 01728 687110 or via the club's website [www.aldeburghmusic.club](http://www.aldeburghmusic.club)

## THE SURVIVING WINTER APPEAL SAVES LIVES!

In Suffolk 310 vulnerable people died from causes attributed to cold and poor living conditions, and it is estimated that 43,330 households in Suffolk live in fuel poverty. The Surviving Winter Campaign is led by the Suffolk Community Foundation with the East Anglian Daily Times, CAB and other partner charities and businesses, and last year the Suffolk Surviving Winter Campaign heated over 700 homes of older vulnerable people.

This year's campaign will be launched in early November. Together we will achieve even greater success if we encourage people in Orford and the surrounding area, who need help, to contact their local Citizens Advice Bureau for help with their fuel bills, or, for those who can afford it, the donation of all or part of their winter fuel payment to help another. To donate to the campaign visit [www.suffolkcf.org.uk](http://www.suffolkcf.org.uk) or call 01473 602602. Anyone can make a donation too.

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