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SEPTEMBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 3 September – Trinity 12

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 10 September – Trinity 13

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.30am Family Service – Mrs J Maslin

Sunday 17 September – Trinity 14

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 24 September – Trinity 15

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

6.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving – Rev D Murdoch

Harvest Thanksgiving

I'd like to extend a warm invitation to come to any of our six celebrations:

Sunday 10 September - Chillesford Evensong 6.30pm

Sunday 17 September - Sudbourne 11am

Sunday 24 September - Tunstall All Age Eucharist 11am with Harvest Supper the previous evening

Sunday 24 September Orford 6pm, followed by Supper

Sunday 1 October - Iken Family Service 9.30am

Sunday 8 October - Butley 11am followed by lunch

Bike & Hike Day, Saturday 9 September

I am going to attempt to walk between our six churches, starting at Butley and finally collapsing at Orford. I will put sponsor forms in all churches. Half the money goes to Suffolk Historic Churches and half to the church of the sponsor.

Rev David Murdoch

SEPTEMBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 3 September 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 10 September 10.30am Arranged Locally

Sunday 17 September HARVEST THANKSGIVING

10.30am Rev. Stephen Yelland

Sunday 24 September 10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes – Holy Communion

Sunday 1 October 10.30am Stephen Caley

MONDAY'S TEA ROOM – open every Monday from 12noon to 4pm.

Great food served from lunch and afternoon tea – no need to book! Did you know that we have a large selection of greeting cards, preserves and art, these are always available? Pop in to buy!

WEDNESDAY LUNCH is served at 12.30pm –but you will need to book for this meal.

September dates for your diary

- Saturday 16 September: Four ferries bike ride
- Friday 29 September: Macmillan Cancer Care coffee morning - Bart's Hall, 10.30am-12noon
- Saturday 30 September: Black and White Ball - Orford Town Hall, 7pm

NOTE: Wednesday Lunch celebrates its 18th year on Wednesday 11 October when there is a special invitation to join us.

We celebrate a Traditional Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 17 September at 10.30am –refreshments afterwards and lunch follows. Gifts of flowers, produce etc. welcome for the display. Informal Tea Table Service 5pm on Sunday 24 September.

INSPIRATIONAL ART & COLOURING: The next session will be held on Thursday 28 September, 10am–12noon, including coffee & scones.

It was great to see many friends and visitors from the area and churches at the Annual Quay Service held on 6 August. Many thanks to those involved in helping the success of the service ie. sound amplification, chairs, Quay closure, refreshments. Also thanks to the Revs Stephen Yelland, Ruth Hatchett, Michael Hatchett and Martin Dawes with Andy Malcolm from the Fishermen's Mission.

A wonderful total of **£500.** was collected for the Fishermen's Mission. The 30th Annual Quay Service will take place on Sunday 5 August 2018.

Friends and visitors are always welcome at any of our services and weekly events.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB – September Events

- Saturday 9 September: Live Music, Midnight Road will be making a welcome return to the club from 8pm
- Thursday 14 September: Bike Night from 6pm, burger and chips available, and no bike required.
- Friday 15 September: Bingo Night from 8pm.
- Every Friday night, club night. Come and have a drink, play pool/snooker, table tennis, darts or chat.

Looking further ahead:

- Saturday 28 October: Halloween Disco. It is planned to hold a children's disco at 7:30 pm, with an adults' disco to follow (further details will follow).
- Saturday 4 November: The club will be open after the village bonfire, and live music will be provided by The Random Blues Company (again, further details to follow).
- Saturday 23 December: Live music from Flaming Cheek.

As always, many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary (450358)

BLACK AND WHITE BALL IN ORFORD TOWN HALL

It's time to get out your party frocks and dancing shoes for an evening of fine food and live music in Orford Town Hall. Saturday 30 September is the date for this year's Ball organised by the Thomas Marshall Education Fund. The theme is Black and White and we can guarantee an evening of fun and frolics from 7pm 'til late with food from The Crown Inn at Snape and music from The Alibi Club, a fun and entertaining 4-piece function band, playing a mix of classic and current pop, rock, & rock n roll hits from the 50's to Now!

Ticket price of £50 per person includes food and wine and all proceeds will be used to Advance the Education, Training & Life Skills of the Young People of Mozambique in memory of Thomas Marshall.

Some tickets are still available from Wendy Marshall at 01394450090 or rogerhipwell@hotmail.co.uk

Roger Hipwell – Thomas Marshall Education Fund

GARDENING CLUB

Still to come in 2017 ...

Thursday 5 October - 'Ornamental Grasses for Garden' with Neil Ludman from Woottens of Wenhaston

Thursday 2 November - 'Vegetable Growing and the Potager' with David Keeloe 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.

Do join us!!!!

Polly Sharkey

ORFORD WEA – Autumn and Spring courses 2017/18

We have two exciting new courses running through the coming year. Anyone is eligible to sign up and we are encouraging you to enrol online at www.wea.org.uk. Subject to status you may be exempt from course fees. Please check on the WEA website for details. The venue for both courses is Orford Town Hall, Market Hill, Orford, IP12 2NZ. For more information on either course contact Daphne Gardner 01394 450955 or Elisabeth Cooper 01394 450934.

Course reference: C2224642 Philosophy: Adventures in Philosophy, Susan Pine

Monday 18/9/2017 14:00-15:30 10 weeks £54.00

This exciting and engaging course explores the development of Western thought from the time of the ancient Greeks up to the present day. There will be plenty of discussion and there will be chance for students to develop both their own critical thinking and their discussion skills. Expect to join in and to be challenged in a friendly way. The philosophers we discuss will include: Plato; Aquinas; Machiavelli; Hume; Kant; Rousseau; Marx; Rawls and Nozick. If your group has a particular philosopher whose ideas you would like to discuss, the tutor will be happy to include your favourite.

Course reference: CC2224643 History: The Friendly Invasion – USAAF in East Anglia 1942-45, Ian Mclachlan

Monday 5/2/2018 14:00 - 16:00 7 weeks £50.40

This course explores the build-up of American personnel in East Anglia and studies the development of US air-power in the region. It examines the social and cultural impact of over 400,000 young men on mainly rural communities – race relations; crime; GI Brides etc. It will encompass the establishment of airfields dwarfing nearby villages; the aircraft and weaponry; how the vast aerial armadas were assembled plus strategy and tactics. The big picture will be interspersed with personal accounts and stories illustrating the heroism, drama and tragedies affecting families and lives both here and in America.

Daphne Gardner

THE FOUR FERRIES BIKE RIDE

Come and join in on an unusual bike ride on Saturday 16 September and raise much-needed funds for the Alde & Ore Estuary Trust. The ride can be 46 miles long or less if you want to do fewer ferries. Start either in Harwich or Walberswick, in a party or on your own. Cost of entry is £30 whether you do one or all four ferries. Registration form and full details of the day can be found on <http://www.aldeandore.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/downloadable-bike-ride-registration-form.pdf> - fill in as soon as possible and start getting fit for this challenge!

Vicki Bingham

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER CARE

10.30am–12 noon, Friday 29 September in Bart's Hall, Orford. There will be a bring-and-buy stall and a raffle.

Elizabeth Cooper

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HOLLESLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Flower Festival on the theme of Harvest on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments served all day. Light lunches 11.30am-2.30pm. There will be raffles and a book and produce stall. At 4.30pm on Sunday we are holding a service of Harvest Praise.

Juliet Johnson

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 1 and Friday 3 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 for ever. 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). 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 1 November at 7.30pm and Friday 3 November at 8pm.

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

ORFORD AND SUDBOURNE W.I. Day Trip to Norwich

Thursday 16 November 2017. Pickups in Sudbourne, Orford and Snape to arrive outside John Lewis about 10.30 and depart from there at 4pm.

Cost: £13.00 per person and **everyone** is welcome to join us. To book a seat contact **Louise Schofield** 01394 450108, louiseschofield0104@gmail.com

ORFORD TENNIS TOURNAMENTS 2017

We had a beautiful day on Monday 14 August for the Ladies Doubles Tournament. Eight players took part and with our unique format we were all able to keep playing through the morning. The final was won by Lizzie Carr and Jeanette Pearce.

This year we had fourteen players for the Mixed Doubles on Wednesday 16 August, which meant that a table had to be devised so that every couple could play each other. Luckily, I have married John Grayburn who is very keen on complicated mathematical problems and he organised the running order so that each pair only had one game off the court between each change of players with five games in each combination. It proved very close but finally the winners were Peter Beaumont and Wendy Marten, who had never met before! We all had a very jolly time and my thanks to all the participants.

Diana Paterson (Grayburn)

NRLI COLLECTION IN ORFORD 2017

Now that we are not permitted to do house-to-house collecting I organised to collect in the street this year, outside the Town Hall, The Pump Street Bakery and Orford Stores. The afternoon was supposed to be in the Car Park and on the Quay, but heavy rain storms made this a very limited affair. However, as the morning was warm and sunny I am happy to report that we raised £418.30 towards the Aldeburgh Lifeboat. This was a very pleasant surprise as I had no idea how the event would work. I would like to say a very big thank you to the team that masterfully manned the collecting boxes and I intend to repeat the collection again in 2018. In the mean time I await the result from my stall at the Flower Show which will be over when this is printed.

Diana Paterson (now Grayburn)

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

Another busy Bank Holiday Weekend over, as we head in to September.

The Flower Show was a first for Suzanne and I getting asked to taste and judge the wines and spirit entries. Congratulations to all those who took part and made our job of selecting so difficult. We hope you all enjoyed continuing the party after the Flower Show, after the Village Feast, in The King's with Paul Pryce singing his heart out to entertain. As always, he gives it everything and gets you up dancing.

It was also great to host, in August, an impromptu acoustic set by Neil Nathan (from the USA), who happened to be on holiday in Orford and was persuaded after a couple of drinks to put the show on for us. Neil and Leah have promised to return to Orford again in the future and hopefully we can get both of them singing.

Also on the music front, we have some great stuff lined up for the next few months. Starting with Peter Hepworth on Saturday 23 September, those of you who came to Suffolk Day will remember he is the one that organised the music for that evening and was the final act on stage. Peter is a real entertainer and covers tracks from 70/80/90s as well as some of his original tracks. Then on 21 October we have the return of the, ever popular, Steve Boyce. Make a note in your diary for 25 November when we have S J Mortimer returning to play for us.

September heralds the return of our food nights with "A Taste of Suffolk" on Friday 22 September. Our Head Chef Dan Bunce and his team will wow with a selection of produce on our doorstep. These events are always popular and we strongly recommend booking in advance. October will take us slightly further afield to the Mediterranean on the 27th.

Quiz Night was won in August by a team of visitors "Assorted Nuts", who have taken up the challenge to set the next set of questions and teasers for Sunday 17 September at 8pm - everyone welcome and only £1 per head entry.

Just to remind you that we still have our Wildlife Photography Exhibition by Oscar Dewhurst on in the dining room with prints available for sale. Some fantastic shots by this talented young photographer. Call in and have a look.

Sadly, the cricket season has finished for our valiant team. Huge thanks to Stuart Moss for his outstanding job as Captain, doing his utmost to make sure everyone got a chance to fully participate in the games, not an easy task in an individual sport like cricket. The spirit and attitude of the team has been fantastic and our thanks for giving up your time to play and your effort and pain you experienced during and after. We will organise a players and partners supper and let you know as soon as possible the date.

A couple more advance dates to book in your diary, both of which are firsts for us at The King's Head:

- 2 November – Martin Figura performs "Boring The Arse Off Young People." Entry for the evening will be only £3 per head and there will be a pre-performance menu should you wish to dine with us before the performance.
- 23 November – Alde & Ore Estuary Partnership Quiz – a chance to test your knowledge against those participating in the pub and at the same time take on other pubs and venues up and down the estuary. Innovative approach to raise funds is organised by Clare Greenwell and we hope that you choose our venue to come along and participate in.

As you can see a busy schedule for the winter months offering some different events as well as some of our regular events. Your support is always appreciated and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine, thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

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 Wednesday 4 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.

Surgery closure: Thursday 7 September 2017

THE ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY TRUST

Many thanks to you all for supporting Estuary Trust events during the summer, which received excellent coverage. Our main launch of the fundraising campaign starts in October and we hope everyone will manage to come to one of the film shows we have arranged.

Launch Dates

- Saturday 14 October, Orford Town Hall at 6pm, Reception and Premiere of the Save our Suffolk Estuary film presented by Nick Robinson. Libby Purves will chair a panel for a Q&A after the film.
- Saturday 21 October, Snape Village Hall at 6pm, chaired by Paul Heiney
- Saturday 28 October, Aldeburgh Cinema 11am, chaired by Nick Robinson

Please let us know which date you would like to attend so we have an idea how much wine to provide! Email aoetrust@gmail.com

Are you ready for the Inter Estuary Pub Quiz?

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

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ALDE-ORE ESTUARY PLAN: FUNDRAISING THROUGH ENABLING DEVELOPMENT

NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2017

Introduction

We are fortunate to live in an area that is enjoyed and loved by those who live here and by numerous visitors throughout the year, sustaining a strong local economy and high property values. Our generation now needs to play its role in that long unbroken chain of stewardship, ensuring that the landscape we love in this area is preserved, the sailing can continue, the 60 km of footpaths round the walls can still be walked, and the area will remain as popular for residents and visitors as it is now.

A key part of our programme is upgrading the estuary walls so that they will be able to withstand overtopping in a 1:200-year surge for three hours... a severe and rare event. It is estimated that we need a total of £12million to achieve this.

There are three broad strands to our fundraising: Public funds such as Environment Agency grants; donations from all other sources, charitable, public and private; and £5m from farmers and other landowners. This £5m will be raised by applications for small residential developments on donated land. This would be 'Enabling Development' so that any uplift in value is used only by The Estuary Trust to fund the upgrading of the flood defences.

The District Council has agreed to consider development proposals submitted on this basis subject to compliance with strict criteria that can be seen here (<http://aoep.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Appendix-10-Enabling-development-criteria.pdf>)

This first newsletter is intended to summarise progress on site selection and public engagement and to set out key contact information.

Site Selection

Phase 1 of the enabling development process started on site selection in June 2016 after the Estuary Plan was passed by all the statutory bodies. It is already agreed that we need many fewer plots than the 80-100 originally estimated in the Alde-Ore Estuary plan. There are currently 9 possible sites with a total of 15-17 houses being formally considered in the parishes of Iken, Sudbourne, Orford, Chillesford and Tunstall. Provided outline planning is agreed by SCDC, plots will be transferred to the Estuary Trust and sold with outline planning permission. The Estuary Trust will not be involved in building any houses.

These potential sites are:

1. Orford: Three x 1-acre sites each with a single house at Newton Broadway, Raydon Lane and Mill Broadway. One site with 2 starter homes (low cost) on Orford Road at start of village on the left.
2. Chillesford: Single site, with 2 pairs of small semi-detached houses (4 x 3 bed houses in total) opposite The Froize Inn.
3. Sudbourne: Single site in the village with two (or three) houses on south side of School Lane. 1 acre site with one house on corner of Ferry Road and High House Farm Road.
4. Tunstall: Single site on edge of village in School Road – House numbers still to be agreed.
5. Iken: Single 3-acre site with one house north of the left-hand bend by the High Street (discussions continuing on other sites).

We have taken immense care to appoint architects with a track record of good low-energy design and careful and sensitive consultation; Wincer Kievenaar have a long-standing reputation for bespoke projects of a practical nature, but with high quality design, while Charles Curry-Hyde specialises in sensitive sites, many of which are in Conservation Zones.

Public Engagement

There will be a number of opportunities for everyone to make comments, both before and after the submission of any formal application. The initial sketch plans have already been presented to Parish Councils and/or public meetings for open consultation.

So far, we have met with Iken, Sudbourne, Orford, Tunstall and Chillesford Parish Councils. Issues raised have included the landscape, access, services, the impact on neighbours and the housing balance required by the local community. We have already amended several of our initial proposals in response and we have started a list of "frequently asked questions" which we will add to as comments are submitted. All sites will be marketed in the normal way by agents and when formal plans are drawn up they can be available on the website for everyone to see.

Next Steps and contact details

Formal submission of the first application is likely to be around November/December. The relevant Parish Councils are all aware of these sites so you can contact them instead if you prefer. We plan to issue regular updates every few months and comments can always be sent in via email to aoepcontact@gmail.com. Our website is www.aoep.co.uk and you can follow us on Twitter: @SOSestuary

In October, The Estuary Trust will be launching an appeal for funds to raise £5million over the next few years from all other sources than public funds and the farming community. They will be 'telling the story' of our estuary and how its flood defences came into being over the past 800 years. Over that period every generation has maintained and improved the clay walls, and rebuilt them when the elements have destroyed them.

Comments, suggestions and offers of help for fund raising in cash or in kind, at any time can be sent to The Estuary Trust (aoetrust@gmail.com).

Amanda Bettinson

ENABLING DEVELOPMENT SITES

We are aware that the above article has already appeared in The Link Magazine and would like to set the record straight. As owners of 3 of the 4 aforementioned sites in Orford, we were surprised to see that the site in Ipswich Road (Orford Road) has been included in the list. Although this site was originally considered, it was dismissed early in the process as being too problematic and we had agreed to proceed with the sites in Raydon Lane and Mill Broadway only. It was therefore as much of a surprise to us as it was to you. I can confirm that this site should not be included in the current list of potential sites.

John Grimsey and Judith Golder

GALA CONCERT AT WOODBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

Rachael Tecklenberg