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## STEVE RICHARDSON

Local food luminary and champion of age-old curing techniques has been affectionately remembered following his death aged 69.

Steve Richardson was well-known throughout Suffolk and further afield for the traditional methods he perfected over almost three decades in a tiny but celebrated Orford smokehouse.

He rekindled his grandfather's business after being made redundant from Ipswich-based lawnmower manufacturer Ransomes, and started out by smoking mackerel on Fridays to sell in local pubs.

About a year later he was joined in business by Veronica Buckley, who is also the mother of Steve's 29 year-old son, Tim. She said: "Steve was such a character. He was very popular and it will be hard for everyone to get used to him not being around. It's a real shock."

"He always said exactly what was on his mind and could sometimes be downright cantankerous - but I don't think he had a bad bone in his body. He was just easy to be with."

Mr Richardson died of a heart attack on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. He was admitted to hospital the previous afternoon and had been unwell since the turn of the year.

Over the years, Richardson's Smokehouse developed a loyal crowd of customers who revere its selection of meat and cheese and fish.

The shop has also garnered lofty praise from food experts and chefs, including journalist and broadcaster Nigel Slater who wrote fondly about his visit in 2010 for The Observer Food and Drink Magazine.

Steve's funeral took place at St Bartholomew's Church on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

The smokehouse reopens on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tom Potter** (COURTESY OF ARCHANT PRESS JANUARY 28, 2013)

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

### Quality of Place Awards 2013

Suffolk Coastal District Council is currently inviting entries for the Quality of Place Awards. This scheme is designed to recognise and credit high standards of design that contribute to the environment of the District. The restoration of Orford Quay won the award in 2010.

Nominations are currently being accepted in the following four categories:

## March Dates for Your Diary

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March: **Richardson's Smokehouse reopens**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: **Table Top Sale** - Recreation Ground Hut 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March: **Cakes and Puddings Stall** - St. Bartholomew's Church 11.30am

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March: **Quiz Night** - Recreation Ground Hut

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: **Gardening Club** - Sudbourne Village Hall 7:30pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March: **St. Bartholomew's AGM** - Bart's Hall 7.30pm

Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March: **Kiss karaoke Night** - Recreation Ground Hut

## Building Conservation

### Design

### Landscape and Nature

### Community Project

Any projects or schemes, residential or commercial, completed within the last two years (or five years for Landscape & Nature) will be eligible for nomination. Applications to be received by Friday 26th April 2013.

The guidance notes and application form are available at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/policy/qualityofplace/>

## Mobile Police Unit

We have been informed that the Police are considering discontinuing the Mobile Police Unit that currently visits this village and all those in the Suffolk Coastal area once a month. We understand that some parishioners may have concerns about this and might want to voice those concerns to the Suffolk Constabulary. The Mobile Unit is a contact point for people to speak to the Police about any non-urgent Police matters and to seek advice.

Anyone who wishes to write in about this should contact Tim Passmore, who is the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner at Suffolk Police Headquarters, Portal Avenue, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3QS.

**Anne Macro** - CHAIRMAN PARISH COUNCIL

## FROM THE NOTT CHAIRMAN

### RECYCLING BANKS

Please note that the clothing recycling bank has now been moved from outside the fire station in Orford down to the Quay Street car park, where it is with the other recycling facilities. This should make it easier for you to do all your recycling at the same time. Please note that the paper recycling bank does not accept cardboard, which can be put in the blue-lidded household recycling bins.

**Michael Pearce** - CHAIRMAN NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

## ORFORDNESS VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am there will be an open morning on the Ness for potential volunteers. Anyone interested should telephone Orford Ness National Nature Reserve 01394 450900 in advance to register their interest. On the 13<sup>th</sup> they need to be dressed in warm/waterproof clothing and assemble on the quay at 9.30am and they will be returned to the quay around 12.00pm - 12.30pm

**Duncan Kent - SENIOR RANGER**

**ORFORD NESS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE & SUTTON HOO**  
**01394 450900**

## COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



The Telephone Befriending Service is designed to benefit older people who are socially isolated, offering regular contact and friendship. For some older people, their befriender may be the

only person they hear from that day or even that week.

Telephone befrienders are volunteers and can live anywhere in the county - it doesn't matter where they live in relation to the person they are befriending. We are keen to extend this service to older people across the Waveney area and need more volunteers to help us to do so.

Would you be able to give about twenty minutes of your time each week to make a call to an older person - sharing stories and news, having fun and making a real difference? If you would like to know about being a telephone befriender or any other volunteering opportunities with Age UK Suffolk, contact us at the volunteer office on 01473 298684. Alternatively you can email us at [volunteer@ageuksuffolk.org](mailto:volunteer@ageuksuffolk.org) or look at our website at [www.ageuksuffolk.org](http://www.ageuksuffolk.org).

Age UK Suffolk is a local independent charity working with and for older people across Suffolk. We'd love to hear from you.

## URGENT – CLOTHING NEEDED FOR AGE UK SUFFOLK CHARITY SHOPS

Age UK Suffolk are sending out a plea to ask for unwanted clothes (both second-hand and new) and other goods that can be sold in their charity shops in Suffolk.

Carl Day, County Retail Manager said "our Age UK Suffolk shops are all very up-to-date and we have a wonderful team of staff and volunteers who are always looking at new ways of attracting customers as well as encouraging donations of stock."

He continued "We want to highlight the fact that we particularly need donations of clothes and textiles. We welcome both second-hand and new items of clothing, and we want to encourage people to look in their wardrobes and donate clothes (especially designer makes as our customers are often looking for particular garments).

We also want to ask large companies to think about organising collections on certain days and ask staff to bring stock into work for collection or delivery to their nearest Age UK Suffolk shop". We also take bric-a-brac, books, music, small electrical items and need furniture (which we can collect from Ipswich and surrounding areas) for our shop in Carr Street, Ipswich".

The income from the Age UK Suffolk shops is vital to cover the costs of the services we provide for older people in Suffolk.

There are shops in Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Lowestoft, Stowmarket, Sudbury, Felixstowe and Mildenhall.

It is also really important that people recognize that we are in competition with not only other charities (who all do good work) but also other organisations.

We are particularly concerned with the welfare of older people in the present climate - so please think of Age UK Suffolk when you are next having a big sort out in your

home, or perhaps you could arrange for your employer to have a 'bring a bag to work' day. We can arrange for bags to be collected from a business or individual bags can be delivered to our nearest shop or office.

**Karen Howman - VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND REWARD OFFICER**

## ORFORD GENERAL STORE

Orford General Store has just been crowned the Village Shop & Post Office of the year for the Eastern Region, fighting off tough competition across several Counties.

Orford General Store resides in the peaceful village of Orford on the Suffolk Coast. On site are the Village Store, Delicatessen, traditional Butchers Shop, Post Office and Café. The business was taken over by Penny Teale at the end of 2010 and immediately regenerated to what you see today, servicing Orford and the surrounding villages, plus a thriving tourist trade. Penny Teale puts down the success in the competition to a number of factors; 'running a vibrant Village Shop is hard work and to become successful we took a good look at the ranges we sold to make sure we provide all the products that our locals would expect in a small supermarket. We then overlay this core - with a special range of locally sourced and speciality items. We aim to source as much as possible from local producers, so that we know where the products are grown or made, as well as supporting the local rural economy'. 'We must ensure we remain competitive against the supermarkets, so we regularly conduct price checks against Waitrose who in turn price check against Tesco; offering good value is important to our customers. As a small business we take a keen interest in our overhead costs and fight against continual increases in electricity, business rates and other running costs. The key to survival in a rural community is to be profitable'. 'Finally and most important, it is the personal service we can give to our Customers. All of the Orford General Store team live locally and are keen to help. Without the great team, we would not have won this prestigious 'Rural Oscar'. Orford General Store is now entered into the National Final to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at the House of Lords and is amongst 10 finalists.

**Penny Teale**

## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for St Bartholomew's Church in Orford will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in Bart's Hall, Broad Street. This meeting is open to everyone, whether you are a regular churchgoer or not. The Parish Church Council members will be there early to offer a glass of wine or juice before the meeting, anytime from 7.00pm onwards. You are welcome to ask any questions, about plans for this year, or the proposed building work etc.

**Guy Marshall and Jacki Maslin**

## BUTLEY FERRY REOPENS

The Butley Ferry will reopen again for the summer. If you haven't been on it yet, it is an absolute MUST!!

The wonderful calm of the Butley River, the volunteer ferrymen who are from all walks of life and careers, and the uniqueness of such a ferry (which has been restored to working order for the last few years, having originally run in the 18th century) is definitely worth a visit. There are a few walks which encompass the ferry, see our website, [www.butleyferry.org](http://www.butleyferry.org) for more details. Opening Easter Saturday and every Bank Holiday, Saturday and Sunday until the end of September 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. Prices: Adults £2.00, Children under 12 £1.50, Bicycles £1.50, dogs free. Sponsored by the Alde & Ore Association. Telephone: 07913 672499 (but no bookings taken)

**Vicki Bingham**

## **CATS PROTECTION FRAM & SAX HOMING FAIR**

### **23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

Cats, like humans, have many different characteristics. Some are home loving; others prefer the great outdoors. There are felines who love to be fussed over and stroked; some are playful; others like nothing better than curling up on a cushion to preen. Cats Protection Framlingham and Saxmundham branch is sure to have the type of feline companion for you.

We have the ideal opportunity for you to see some of the many cats in our care at the first of our Homing Fairs of 2013 on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Halesworth Rifle Hall, London Road, Halesworth, between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. Entry is 50p or donation of a tin of quality cat food.

We have cats of every variety of colour and age from kitten to mature. Some are shy, some are bold. They may have been abandoned or come from a home no longer able to support them. All share the same need which is a loving and suitable home. The feeling of giving a cat a second chance is a rewarding experience for both you and the lucky feline.

As a branch we do not have an adoption centre so our Homing Fairs are a great way of seeing some of the cats in our care and to talk to us about what we do. Experienced volunteers are on hand to answer questions about the care of cats and kittens and the suitability of the type of cat for you. There is also an opportunity to purchase accessories for the care of your cat and many moggie themed gifts.

**CATS OF THE MONTH:** Jasper is a gentle young ginger boy who loves to be brushed. Jessica, a tiny tabby, is an affectionate, playful young lady. They are just two of a dozen cats recently found abandoned. Could you give either or both of them a home?

If you would like to know more about the Homing Fair, any of our cats, are interested in volunteering as a fund raiser or fosterer, or would like more information about the branch please see our website [www.framandsax.cats.org.uk](http://www.framandsax.cats.org.uk) or call us on 01728 723 499.

**Sara Turley - PUBLICITY OFFICER**

### **ESMOND HOUSE DAY CARE CENTRE RESIDUAL FUNDS**

Last year the residue of the Esmond House Day Care Centre Charity funds was transferred to the Orford & District Surgery Charitable Trust (ODSCT) for the benefit of the elderly and disabled of the Parishes of Butley, Chillesford, Iken, Orford & Gedgrave and Sudbourne.

The ODSCT Management Committee has been in discussions with Dr Ball and Sarah Gaffer and is pleased to announce that a process has been agreed whereby the Surgery and the District Nursing Team will identify the needs of individual Parishioners. The funds are to help with the provisions of facilities, equipment, services and practical support to help enable people to maintain their independence in their own homes. The allocation will be dependent on certain criteria that has been dictated by the terms of transference.

**Sue Johnston - CHAIRMAN ODSCT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **MARCH SERVICES AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**

3<sup>rd</sup> March - Lent 3

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev S Affleck

10<sup>th</sup> March - Lent 4: Mothering Sunday

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Family Service - Rev D Murdoch

17<sup>th</sup> March - Lent 5

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

24<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Cluster Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch  
& Rev L Spendlove

29<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday

1.30pm Liturgical Performance of Haydn's 'Seven Last Words from the Cross'  
Rev D Murdoch & Rev Dr J Hare

31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Day

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

As always a warm welcome awaits you at all Services, especially for Holy Week and Easter. Full details of all Services that week including my other four churches in the Easter Card with the 'Link'. Look out also for some special concerts at Orford on Good Friday and Easter Eve.

**Revd David Murdoch**

### **GARDENING CLUB**

March is the month of our Annual Social Evening, with refreshments and a light-hearted quiz. On this occasion non-members are invited as our guests. Why not come along and make new friends? At Sudbourne Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm.

**Lorna Davis**

### **LOCK UP YOUR FUEL TANKS**

It has been reported that there have been local thefts of heating fuel recently.

A leaflet that has been produced by Suffolk Constabulary, 'Heating Oil, Security Advice; Don't Become a Victim, Protect Your Oil Tank' outlines all the insurance and safety measures that can help protect heating oil supplies across the county. There are a few simple steps that households and businesses can take to protect their tanks.

Details can be found on the Orford website at [www.orford.org.uk](http://www.orford.org.uk)

**Roger Hipwell**

### **WANT A CAKE OR PUDDING FOR MOTHER'S DAY?**

Come and support the work of Christian Aid, working with families in need around the world

### **CAKES AND PUDDINGS STALL**

In St. Bartholomew's Church, Orford

Approximately 11.30am - 12.30pm

### **SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

(This follows the Mothering Sunday Family Service at 11.00am, which you are also welcome to attend)

Donations of cakes/puddings welcome on the morning - or if you need them collecting beforehand, please contact me.

**Christine Murdoch - TEL. 450336**

### **EASTERN ANGLES**

Following previous successful visits Eastern Angles will be returning to Orford Town Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013 with their new production of The Long Life and Great Good Fortune of John Clare. The play focuses on a man who believes he is John Clare. His psychiatrist, Melody, is busy swotting up on the poet trying to fathom the reasons behind her patient's delusion. Meanwhile, Melody's partner, writer and literature graduate Rafe, is fixated on his own version of the Clare legend. In their search for the real story all three characters reveal some startling truths about themselves. The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets are available from the New Orford Town Trust office, telephone 01394 459172.

**Kara Reed - CLERK TO NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST**

## RECREATION GROUND HUT

We were all very saddened by the death of Steve Richardson, a great friend and supporter of the club. We all miss him a great deal. We are hoping to get a bench with a plaque in his memory to be put in front of the club.

### Dates for your diary:

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - table top sale 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Quiz night

Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Kiss karaoke night

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Bingo/raffle

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Mike Solo

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June - In memory of Steve Richardson night. Fundraiser for re-build fund. Details to be arranged. Possibly Dave Taylor, BBQ, raffle, bar etc.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July - our annual fun day. Tombolas, raffle, face painting, BBQ, classic bikes and vehicles, bouncy castle, archery etc. Disco and money raffle in the evening. Some of money raised to go to re-build fund

To hire the club is £30 with or without the bar. Contact Tina Moss at 6 Peacocks Pyghtle, Orford (01394 450226) or Mark Lambert via the garage to book.

To become a member contact Tina or Mark at the club. Membership fees are: Adult £10, 16/17 years £6, 12-15 years £2, for a full year from when you pay. Membership renewal reminders will be sent out when due.

**Tina Moss** - SECRETARY

## THE UNBEARABLE PLEASURE OF BEING A WOMAN



Following our outstanding success with an evening of fine music with Janet Seidel at St. Bartholomew's Church in Orford last March, Jazz at The Pavilion is delighted to announce an evening of fun music on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April this year. The Unbearable Pleasure of Being a Woman performed by our 2007 Picnic Jazz headliner Joanna Eden with Leigh McDonald promises to be an evening not to be missed. Joanna wowed the audience with her skill as a Pianist, Singer and Wordsmith in 2007 and this show combines Joanna and Leigh's own compositions with musical theatre and jazz repertoire. Premiered to a sell-out audience on 16<sup>th</sup> February in Saffron Walden we can expect an evening full of fun and surprises in the church.

Doors will open at 6.30pm and there will be a licensed bar before the performance and during the interval.

Proceeds will go to the Thomas Marshall Education Fund and the Recreation Ground Hut Appeal.

Tickets are priced at £12.50 and are available from orfordjazz@wellassociates.co.uk or 01394 450276.

Cheques should be made payable to Jazz at The Pavilion and sent with a stamped self addressed envelope to Aspen House Mallets Lane Orford IP12 2NA

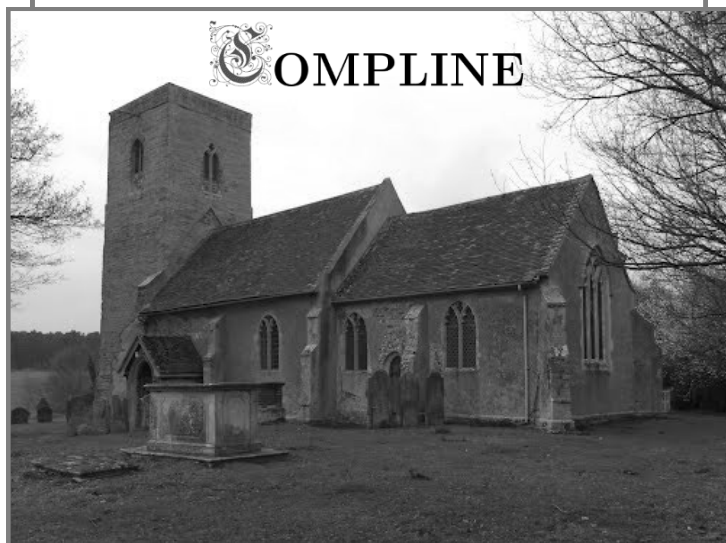
**Roger Hipwell** - JAZZ AT THE PAVILION

## RICHARDSON'S SMOKEHOUSE REOPENS



**Richardson's Smokehouse in Baker's Lane reopens on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March for all your favourites.**

## LOVE TO GO TO CHURCH BUT SHORT OF TIME?



**COMPLINE**

### TRY COMPLINE

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH CHILLESFORD**

**7.00PM TO 7.15PM**

**15 MINUTES OF PEACE AND CALM**

**TRADITIONAL**



**SPIRITUAL**



**ANCIENT**

**RITUAL**

**LEAVE CHURCH WITH A SENSE OF WELLBEING**

**NO TIME FOR CHURCH?**

**DON'T COMPLAIN**

**COME TO COMPLINE**