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ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL AND NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

The Parish Council and New Orford Town Trust would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Please note that the Town Hall office will close at 11am on Thursday 22 December for the Christmas break, and will re-open at 9am on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

Marie Backhouse and Kara Reed

Children's Party

The annual Children's party is to be held on Saturday 17 December between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Thanks go to NOTT for use of the hall, and to the Flower Show for supporting the event.

Afternoon Tea

The afternoon tea will be held on Wednesday 14 December between 2.00pm and 5.00pm in the Recreation Ground Hut. For more information about this or the children's party please contact Anne Macro on 01394 450741.

HAVE YOU SEEN FATHER CHRISTMAS???

Father Christmas is needed for the children's party on Saturday 17 December, and we're not sure where to find him. If you know where he might be please contact Anne Macro on 01394 450741.

CAROLS ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

There will be carols round the Christmas tree on the green outside the village shop at 7pm on Monday 19 December, with the Woodbridge Excelsior Brass Band. There will be hot chocolate, mince pies and sausage rolls. This event is kindly supported by Orford General Store, the King's Head, the Mixing Bowl and Orford Primary School.

DECEMBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 4 December - Advent 2
08.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch
11.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch
Sunday 11 December - Advent 3
08.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

Saturday 3 December: St Bartholomew's Bazaar - St Bartholomew's Church 2.00pm
Sunday 4 December: Orford School Christmas Fair - Orford Town Hall 1.00pm-4.00pm
Wednesday 14 December: Afternoon Tea - Recreation Ground Hut, 2.00pm-5.00pm
Saturday 17 December: Children's Christmas Party - Orford Town Hall 2.30pm-5.30pm
Monday 19 December: Carols around the Christmas Tree - outside the Village Shop, 7.00pm

11.00 Family Service - Mr G Marshall
Sunday 18 December - Advent 4
08.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch
11.00 Carol Service (joint with Sudbourne) - Rev D Murdoch
Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve
4.00pm Crib Service - Mr G Marshall
11.30pm Midnight Mass - Rev D Murdoch
Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day
11.00 Christmas Morning Service - Mr G Marshall
Sunday 1 January 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas
08.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev S Affleck
11.00 Holy Eucharist - Rev S Affleck

Rev David Murdoch

DECEMBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4 December ADVENT II
10.30am Stephen Caley - Soup & Pud Lunch
Sunday 11 December ADVENT III
10.30am Bryan Nichols
Sunday 18 December ADVENT IV
10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes - Holy Communion
4pm CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS TEA
Sunday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE at 10.30am
Sunday 1 January 2017 NEW YEARS DAY SERVICE at 10.30am No Soup & Pud today

MONDAY TEA ROOM - PLEASE NOTE: The only Monday the TEA ROOM is open in DECEMBER IS MONDAY 5th from 11.00am - 2.00pm Re-open on MONDAY 9 JANUARY 11.00am - 2.00pm

WEDNESDAY LUNCH - serving Lunch as usual at 12.30pm on WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER and CHRISTMAS LUNCH on 14 DECEMBER followed by CAROLS. NOTE: NO

WEEDSDAY LUNCH ON 21 & 28 DECEMBER – resume on WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2017

The final CREAM TEA & SING of the season was well supported and enjoyed by everyone - rousing singing of Mission Praise hymns and delicious scones and cream and shortbread washed down with plenty of Tea! Don't miss the next Cream Tea & Sing to be held on SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY at 3.00pm - *2017 Diary ready??* - We shall also recommence our Tea Table Services in the New Year, however, a great way to commence Christmas is to join with us for the **Candlelight Carol Service** on 18th December when we shall also enjoy a **Christmas Tea** afterwards.

A very moving Remembrance Day service with London's Big Ben via BBC Radio 4 to chime the 11th Hour brought us to the 2 Minute SILENCE – after which we were all presented with large handmade paper Poppies on stems to take home *made during the service* – many thanks.

Don't forget the CHRISTMAS LUNCH on Wednesday 14 December – the bookings are gathering pace for this well anticipated meal! - we really do need to know a week in advance if you intend joining us.

Another chance, as the year ends, to **THANK** the many friends who support our church through prayer, time, talent, money and attendance Sundays and/or weekly events.

WE GREET YOU ALL WITH BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS WITH A JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

Stephen Caley

TREASURER WANTED

We need a new Treasurer for the Recreation Ground Charity Committee. This is only a small charity with a limited budget which meets about three times a year. It is not an onerous job and is very simple to administer. If you think you could help please contact Anne Macro on 01394 450741 or Diana Paterson on 01394 450771 for more information.

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Club nights, Friday nights, from 8.30pm

Sunday 11 December, 2.00pm – 4.00pm: Children's Christmas party, a plate of food would be very much appreciated,

Saturday 17 December from 8.00pm: Flaming Cheek, free entry, to say thank you for all your support for a successful year so far

Friday 23 December from 8.00pm: Jimbo's Christmas Bingo, a plate of food would be very much appreciated.

Monday 26 December from 7.00pm: Boxing night get together, Christmas raffle drawn, a plate of food would be very much appreciated.

We would like to wish all our members and everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to your continued support in 2017

Dawn Phillips, Club Secretary

ORFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you have an hour or two to spare? Then please join us for our end-of-term tidy-up.

Ground Force morning at Orford Primary School

Saturday 10 December, 10.00am

We would love some volunteers to help us smarten up the school garden and do a few odd jobs. FREE TEA, COFFEE AND BACON SANDWICHES FOR THE WORKERS! Please bring your own tools if possible. For more information please call the school on 01394 450281

ORFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS A VOLUNTARY MINUTE-TAKER!

The school governors are seeking an experienced minute-taker for their committee meetings. If you are free to help out with three meetings each term, we would love to hear from you. Please call the chair of governors, Caroline Bailey, on 01394 461055 or email carolinebailey287@gmail.com

ORFORD EMERGENCY GROUP

The Emergency Group met recently to review procedures ahead of the winter months. Once members' contact details have been confirmed the notices on the Town Hall notice board, showing procedures and members' contact details, will be updated.

A comprehensive set of emergency equipment is stored in the Town Hall to which members have access – the Group also has access to radios and telephones.

Michael Pearce, Chairman

ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET

Come and join us in celebrating our 10th anniversary on Saturday 17 December 2016, from 9.30am to 1.00pm.

Free refreshments, mulled wine, mince pies etc. Raffle in aid of Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital drawn at 11.30am

Christmas opening:

Saturday 24 December: CLOSED

Saturday 31 December: CLOSED

Saturday 7 January: OPEN 9.30am to 12.00pm

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

GARDENING CLUB

Date: Thursday 1 December 2016

Activity: AGM and Social Evening with Supper and presentation of the Eric Mason Shield

Venue: Orford Town Hall 'Main Hall'

Time: 7.00 pm

The evening will begin with the AGM Chaired by our President, Ken Yates and include the presentation of the accounts, annual report and election of the committee. This will be followed by a social evening for members to include supper, followed by a quiz and the final competition for members to win the Eric Mason Shield.

We will also be open for members and new members to register and be sharing the 2017 Programme which is very exciting!!!

Wreath making demonstration

In November, Alan Smith who is a well-known member of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies and demonstrates internationally, showed us all how to make a holly wreath using various styles and methods. He also sold us the requisite materials for making our own. At the end of the evening whilst we had our refreshments, we raffled the wreaths!! We are now inspired to make our own!!

Launch of the 2017 Programme!!!

As a taster:

Thursday 5 January: Bulbs for Autumn colour... evening event 7.30pm, Town Hall 'back room' Chance for new members to join!!!!

Thursday 2 February: Pruning Apple trees... afternoon event, time and local garden tba

Make 2017 the year you join our Gardening Club... many of your friends and neighbours are doing so...

Polly Sharkey – creativefutures98@btinternet.com
01394 450959

KING'S HEAD NEWS

Well it is that time of year again with the season of goodwill to all and we hope it is festive for everyone. Details of our opening hours are included in this edition of the Village Voice.

We are delighted to be supporting the Christmas Carol Singing on Monday 19 December, which is to be held on the village green outside Orford General Store. We will be supplying nice warm drinks to keep you warm and make sure the singing voices are in fine fettle.

Keeping with music, Serena Grant did a fine solo performance after the other half of Soul Serenity, Richard, unfortunately could not make the gig. We have more music for you on Friday 23 December with Three Steps to Heaven performing, featuring our very own Teresa Knights. They are sure to get you in the mood for the Christmas festivities and the long celebrations ahead.

As always we are running our Christmas Draw with tickets on sale at the bar at 50 pence per square. All the monies collected will be used to purchase prizes and the draw will take place during the music on 23 December.

If you fancy a Christmas Party we are taking bookings for groups of 6 or more for the period 5 December through to Christmas Eve. Call in for a menu and the price is £25.00 per head, pre-bookings only.

On New Year's Eve we have an exciting five course menu at £39.50 per head. Again this is for pre-bookings only and a copy of the menu is available from the bar. As there is limited space available we would recommend booking early.

Once again we are pleased to say we have Dave Taylor playing live for us through to the early hours of 2017. Free entry and everyone is welcome.

Thank you to the Old Ale Pensioners for setting the November quiz. The next one is on Sunday 18 December at 8.00. Everyone is welcome and it is a £1 per head entry. Winners take all and the pleasure of setting the first quiz of 2017.

We would like to publically thank Roger Hipwell for the support he gave us during his tenure as Editor of The Village Voice, it is much appreciated. Especially, the

reminders to submit copy for submission. We wish the new Editor equal success in this important role.

Suzanne, Ian and all the staff at The King's Head wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all over the festive period to wish you all the best in person.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine
thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

CANDLELIT CONCERT OF FESTIVE FAVOURITES

Pat Naysmith directs Sally & Lucy Watson & Friends.
FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER, 7pm, St Peter's Church, Chillesford
Tickets £5, includes mulled wine and mince pie.
All proceeds in aid of St Peter's Church fabric fund

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas Concert by the Sutton Heath Singers and friends on Saturday 3 December at 7.30pm in Sutton Memorial Hall. Tickets £6. To book phone 01394 411793 or 384659. Refreshments during the interval and a raffle.

GO WACKY IN WOOL FOR THE HOSPICE THIS CHRISTMAS

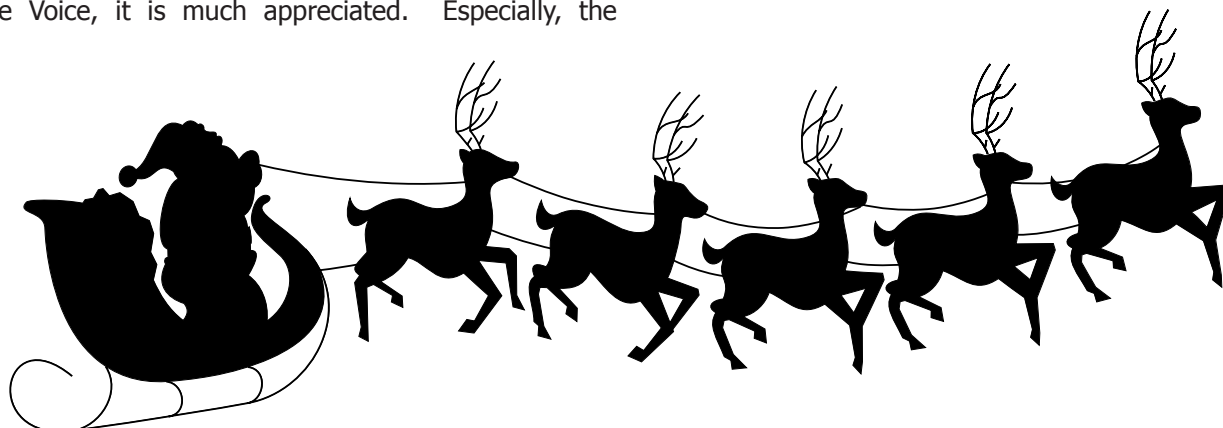
St Elizabeth Hospice is urging friends, colleagues and classmates to go wacky in wool this December, as part of their Woolly Pully Week. Following from last year's success, the local charity is holding this year's event on the week between 12 – 16 December, and is appealing for local schools, businesses and groups to pull on their craziest knit and do their bit for their local hospice. Organisations choose a day during the Woolly Pully Week and on their nominated day, everyone has to wear their silliest sweater and donate £2 to St Elizabeth Hospice.

This year the hospice also has a fabulous, fluffy mascot, the very lovable 'Woolly' the sheep! Woolly is also available to request for a special visit to local schools and organisations who sign up to the week.

Felicity Rook, St Elizabeth Hospice's head of fundraising, said: "Christmas jumpers have become such a popular phenomenon in recent years, nearly everybody has a festive top, and Woolly Pully Week is a great excuse to get yours out and wear it to work, school or wherever.

"Holding a jumper day is sure to get you in the festive spirit in the run up to Christmas and is an easy and fun way to raise vital funds for your local hospice and help ensure nobody has to face their illness alone this Christmas."

To find out more or to request your Woolly Pully Week festive fundraising pack, visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/woollypully or call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES



ORFORD GENERAL STORE AND POST OFFICE

The shop will be open normal hours (ie Monday-Saturday 8.30am-5.30pm, Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm) apart from the following:
Monday 19 December: open until 7.30pm

Sunday 25 December: CLOSED
Monday 26 December: CLOSED
Tuesday 27 December: CLOSED
and

New Year's Day: CLOSED
Monday 2nd January: CLOSED

The Post Office is open whenever the shop is.

LAST POSTING DATES 2016

International airmail

Saturday 3 December: Africa, Middle East
Wednesday 7 December: Cyprus, Asia, Far East (inc. Japan), Eastern Europe
Thursday 8 December: Caribbean, Central and South America
Saturday 10 December: Greece, Australia, New Zealand
Wednesday 14 December: Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland
Thursday 15 December: Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA
Friday 16 December: Austria, Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland
Saturday 17 December: Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg

UK

Tuesday 20 December: 2nd class and 2nd class signed for
Wednesday 21 December: 1st class and 1st class signed for
Thursday 22 December: Special Delivery guaranteed

FRIENDS GARAGE

Saturday 24 December: 8am-12noon
Sunday 25 December: CLOSED
Monday 26 December: CLOSED
Tuesday 27 December: CLOSED
Wednesday 28-Sunday 1 January: usual hours
Monday 2 January: CLOSED



PUMP STREET BAKERY

Saturday 24 December: 9am-1pm (pre-paid collection from shop)
Sunday 25 December: CLOSED
Monday 26 December: CLOSED
Tuesday 27 December: CLOSED
Wednesday 28 December: 9am-4pm

Thursday 29 December: 9am-4pm
Friday 30 December: 9am-4pm
Saturday 31 December: 9am-4pm
Sunday 1 January: CLOSED
Monday 2 January: CLOSED
Tuesday 3 January: CLOSED
Wednesday 4 January: normal hours resume



ORFORD MEAT SHED

Friday 23 December: 9am - 4pm
Sat 24 December: 9am - 1pm
Sunday 25 December: CLOSED
Monday 26 December: CLOSED

Tuesday 27 December: CLOSED
Wednesday 28 December: CLOSED
Thurs 29 December: 9am - 4pm
Fri 30 December: 9am - 4pm
Sat 31 December: 9am - 1pm
Sunday 1 January – Thursday 5 January: CLOSED
Friday 6 January: normal hours resume



THE KINGS HEAD

KING'S HEAD, ORFORD

| Date | Open | Food |
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| Friday 23 December | 12.00 to 23.30 | 12.00 to 14.30 18.00 to 21.00 |
| Saturday 24 December | 12.00 to 23.30 | LIVE MUSIC & CHRISTMAS DRAW 12.00 to 14.30 18.00 to 20.00 |
| Sunday 25 December | 12.00 to 14.00 | No food service |
| Monday 26 December | 12.00 to 17.00 | 12.00 to 14.30 |
| Tuesday 27 December | 12.00 to 22.30 | 12.00 to 14.30 18.00 to 20.30 |
| Wednesday 28 Dec to Friday 30 December | NORMAL HOURS | |
| Saturday 31 December | 12.00 til late | 12.00 to 14.30 18.00 to 20.00 |

NYE MENU (PRE BOOKED ONLY)

| Date | Open | Food |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday 1 January | 12.00 to 17.00 | 12.00 to 14.30 |
| Monday 2 January | 12.00 to 22.30 | 12.00 to 14.30 18.00 to 20.30 |
| Tuesday 3 January | Normal hours resume | |



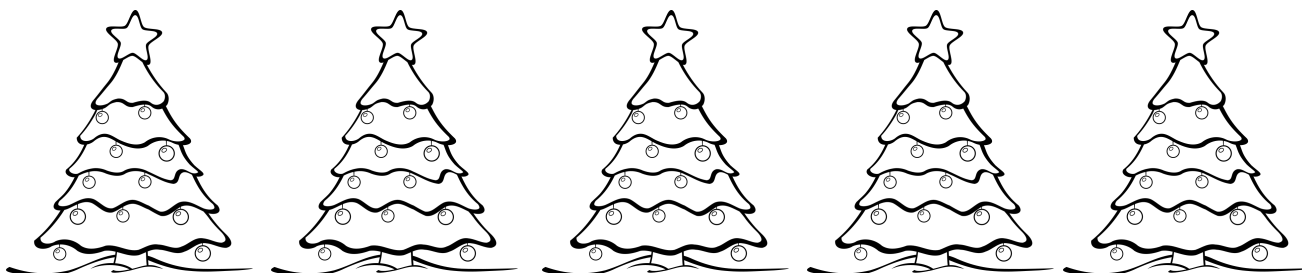
RIVERSIDE TEA ROOM

Open from 26 December to 2 January 2016



ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET

Closed on 24 and 31 December.
Open on 7 January 2017 from 9.30pm until 12pm.



A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all the readers of the Village Voice from the Editor and all at Leiston Press