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ORFORD AND GEDRAVE PARISH COUNCIL AND NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

Village Fund

The New Orford Town Trust has already made grants to several local organisations from its Village Fund. The next applications will be considered in February, and should be submitted to the Clerk by 10th February 2016. Please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form.

Kara Reed - CLERK

Telephone 459172 orfordtrust@btconnect.com

JANE LENNOX

Ann and Sue would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and letters following the sad loss of their mum just before Christmas.

Sue Hunt

FEBRUARY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 7th February - Sunday next before Lent

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

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Sunday 14th February - Lent 1

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev S Affleck

11.00am Family Service - Mr G Marshall

Sunday 21st February - Lent 2

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Sunday 28th February - Lent 3

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Village Service - Mr G Marshall

Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Ashing & Taize Chants at Iken 10th February 7.30pm.

Lent Course for Woodbridge Deanery starting on Tuesday 16th February at St Felix, Rendlesham at 7.30pm. Five sessions on the five marks of the Church's Mission: tell, treasure, tend, teach, transform.

Further details in 'The Link' and on posters.

Rev David Murdoch

FEBRUARY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 7th February 10.30am Stephen Caley

Soup & Pud Lunch

Sunday 14th February 1st in Lent

10.30am Roger Theobald

Sunday 21st February 10.30am Stephen Caley

3.00pm - 4.00pm Afternoon Tea Service

Sunday 28th February 10.30am Rev Martin Dawes

Communion

Sunday 6th March Mothering Sunday

10.30am Stephen Caley

MONDAY'S TEA ROOM/CAFE - open from 11.00am - 2.00pm(ish) serving a selection of good food for lunch and morning coffee too!

WEDNESDAY'S LUNCH - 12.30pm every Wednesday

SHROVE TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY - PANCAKES FROM 12noon - 2.00pm

February Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 4th February: **Gardening Club** - Orford Town Hall back room from 7.30pm

Thursday 11th February: **Landfill Harmonic** - Orford Town Hall 7.00pm

Saturday 13th February: **Anthoy: Revenge of the Red Fury** - Orford Town Hall 3.30pm

Saturday 13th February: **Jefferson County** - Recreation Ground Pavilion

Friday 19th February: **Bingo** - Recreation Ground Pavilion

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany services were very much appreciated and 'enjoyed' - there was 'something & style' for everyone, young and old. It was good to have friends and visitors joining with us especially for the Candlelight Carol Service and Tea and Christmas Day Service - some local and not too far away, others from Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Dorset and Cambridge. Our many thanks to those who decorated the church and Wesley Room which once again looked wonderful - so too was the Christmas Banner of '3 D'Angel announcing 'Glory To God In The Highest'. Collections benefitted 'Children in Distress' and 'Action for Children' - also generous donations gratefully received for Church Funds.

The Wednesday Lunch Christmas Meal was much enjoyed by nearly 30 people including the cooks. The atmosphere was jolly, the food excellent, the crackers went with a bang and the Carols sung as best could be after such a wonderful meal and the fun raffle was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all who were involved in making this meal such a success.

After a two week break over Christmas from the Monday Tea Room/Cafe and Wednesday Lunch we returned early January with a full complement of diners for Lunch and as busy as any summer month at the Monday Cafe sessions. Why not wander over to Orford and join us. You will need to book for Wednesdays - but not for Monday's. You won't be disappointed and even pleasantly surprised!

Stephen Caley

NEW HEADTEACHER FOR ORFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Christmas we said a sad farewell to our lovely head, Debbie Gayler, as she left us for a new school in Essex. In just 18 months she made a huge difference to Orford Primary School and we were extremely sorry to see her go.

However, I am delighted to announce that Orford has appointed a worthy successor. In January Vanessa Wells, our Class Two teacher, took over the reins as acting headteacher for two terms, with our Class One teacher, Lara Davey, as her acting deputy.

Mrs Wells joined Orford a year ago and is a vastly experienced senior teacher, having taught all over the Farlingaye pyramid of schools including Rendlesham, Melton and Grundisburgh. This is in fact her second spell at Orford, having spent two years here in the 1990s.

She was also judged an 'Outstanding' teacher during Ofsted and Suffolk County Council inspections last year and is committed to our school ethos of fulfilling each child's true potential through her inspirational teaching style.

Both Mrs Wells and Mrs Davey are determined to continue the wonderful work Mrs Gayler began here, and make the transition as smooth and successful as possible. We are extremely fortunate to have two such committed and talented teachers taking care of our school for the next two terms.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year from everyone at Orford Primary School!

Caroline Bailey - CHAIR OF GOVERNORS, ORFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEW GOVERNORS NEEDED FOR ORFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Back in the old days, school governors could turn up to meetings knowing that the most challenging issue they faced was how many custard creams to have with their cup of tea.

In 2016 the role is considerably more demanding with governors tackling complex educational issues and getting to grips with greater responsibility than ever.

Governance in church schools such as Orford's comes with its own special set of challenges given that the governing body, rather than the local county council, is actually the employer.

Orford Primary School is currently seeking new governors, preferably with a background in finance, business, law, HR or other applicable workplace skills.

School governors make up the country's biggest voluntary workforce, and there is no disguising the fact that this is a genuine commitment. It can also be an extremely rewarding one. Orford Primary School is a wonderful place and, as governors, we are very proud to be making a positive difference there.

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering as a school governor, we would love to hear from you. Please email or call me and I will do my best to answer your questions. carolinebailey287@gmail.com 01394 461055

Thank you, and a very happy new year!

Caroline Bailey - CHAIR OF GOVERNORS, ORFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

KING'S HEAD NEWS

January has just flown by and here we go in to February.

Fun and games were had by all during our charity games night, with all the huffing and puffing, cheering and cry of desperation as the Jenga stack tumbled, or the table football goal was scored, or suckered on Connect Four, we enjoyed ourselves and raised more monies for East Anglia's Children's Hospices. Many thanks to Chris Dolan, from Mightymast Leisure, for providing a lot of the games. We look forward to getting them all out again.

The fusion cooking of Scotland and Australia created some fantastic food for "Burns meets Aussie Night", from Kangaroo Burger to Haggis Bonbons, something different to try. Thanks to those who supported the evening. The next theme night is Greek Night and that is on Friday 19th February, remember to book early as spaces are limited and it is bound to be a smash.

Remember Pie, Pint & Pud for £13.00 continues every Wednesday evening.

The rattling of the grey matter continues with our monthly quiz night on Sunday 21st February. Everyone welcome and only a £1 per person to enter.

For all the latest events don't forget to look out for Hannah's signboards or on our website www.thekingsheadorford.co.uk.

Great success continues on the Darts front with a big move to upper middle table in January following two wins, including 6:3 against Orford Sports & Recreation Club. Even better news for one of our players, Ryan Mickle, who qualified to play on the PDC Tour at the recent Q School, which included over 400 participants from around the world. At the age of 19 this makes him one of the youngest professional darts players in the country, we wish him all the best in his future. Well played and hard luck to another of our players Aaron Fairweather who also tried out at the same Q School, making the final 64 on Day 3 but just failed to get his tour card. Better luck next time.

Real Orford FC also made an impressive return after the Christmas break and sit in the top half of the table, looking to continue to improve throughout the rest of the season.

Our wood burner is in full flow and contributing to the warm welcome at The King's Head. Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine thekingsheadorford@gmail.com
GARDENING CLUB

New day of the week and week of the month: Thursday 4th February 2016 – first Thursday in the month

Speaker: Graham Procter of Crown Nurseries on "Unusual trees and ornamental shrubs that grow well in this area - their care and maintenance"

New venue: 'The Back Room' at Orford Town Hall

Time: 7.30pm

Graham will be giving us an illustrated talk about the above and the care and maintenance of trees and shrubs around here. He is a great source of knowledge so do take the opportunity to ask those questions to which you've always wanted the answers. He will also be bringing some along for us to buy so bring your purses and wallets!!

Our first event of 2016 was the AGM. We welcomed our new President Dr Ken Yates and Roger Cooper who has been our Chair and member of the Gardening Club for many years,

retired. Thank you very much for all your work in keeping the Gardening Club going Roger.

The following new committee was elected:

Maureen Ballentyne - Chair

Sue Bellegarde - Programme Secretary

Pauline Caswell - Treasurer

Polly Sharkey - Publicity

Susanne Hasting

Caroline Gill

Christine Bromley-Martin

Sue Johnston

The Eric Mason Shield was presented to the person who has gained the most points in our competitions in 2015 which was Sue Bellegarde - congratulations Sue!

Many new members have joined us and we hope that more will continue to do particularly when they see our exciting programme for 2016!!

Here is a trailer for the next few months to inspire you to join us either as a full member or as a visitor:

3rd March - Sarah Cook of Malmaison with an open forum of questions and answers

7th April - Elaine Heeler at Valley farm Vineyard talking about vines and bringing some for sale and offering us a tasting - tickets will be on sale for this event!!

5th May - Ben Potterton talking about Iris and Peony

2nd June - Member's open garden

13th July - Visit to Clare College Gardens in Cambridge

If you have ideas or suggestions about what you would like the Gardening Club to plan or offer, please do let me know ...

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01394 450959

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

Time to make a difference!

Are you keen to make a real difference in 2016?

The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) is in need of volunteers in Suffolk to join our Community Fundraising Team and help to make every day better for the 25,700 people in the area living with sight loss or blindness

Every day 100 people in the UK are told they may lose their sight. Right now RNIB can only reach one in three of the people who need our help most. Join RNIB's Community Fundraising Team and help us reach them all.

From setting up a fundraising group with friends to arranging and helping at collections, speaking about RNIB to potential supporters to placing sooty boxes in your local area we will have something to suit you.

You will receive all the support you need to ensure your volunteering experience is enjoyable and rewarding while helping us to raise vital funds.

To get involved or to find out more please call us on 0345 345 0054, visit www.rnib.org.uk/fundraisingvolunteers or email communityfundraising@rnib.org.uk

Claire Coupland - AREA FUNDRAISING MANAGER EAST ANGLIA
ORFORD NESS NEWS

The National Trust and Cobra Mist are delighted to report that an agreement has been reached for the repair of the breach in the "American Wall" section of the River Alde estuary defences. This will mean that the Cobra Mist site will no longer be permanently flooded. The plan, which is under discussion by Cobra Mist with Natural England and the Environment Agency, is to repair the breach and to install a sluice and a reinforced section in the "American Wall" to cater for future tidal surges by allowing overtopping and temporary flooding of the Lower Lantern Marshes section of the Ness owned by the National Trust and Cobra Mist in order to relieve pressure from surge flooding elsewhere in the estuary.

Nicholas Gold - COBRA MIST

Luke Potter - NATIONAL TRUST

THE ORFORD MEAT SHED

How pleased we were to welcome Andrew and Diane Page back to Orford with their new business venture "The Orford Meat Shed". It is so good to have our butchers back again. We have been delighted with all our purchases and of course the very friendly and polite way we are served. Nothing is too much trouble, good old fashioned service, something which is sadly lacking in many retail shops today.

Elizabeth Newman

JOIN THE BIG HOSPICE SEWING BEE

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for local crafters to join the Big Hospice Sewing Bee and compete to turn a used item of clothing into a cutting edge masterpiece.

The competition will run from Friday 12th February to Monday 14th March, giving you just over a month to perfect your upcycled garment. You can change the item into a completely different garment, or upcycle it, transforming it with embellishments, or adding/taking away pieces of material and haberdashery accessories.

The finalists will be chosen by a panel of experts at an awards event and those with the best designs will then compete live on Saturday 19 March to win the overall title of the Big Hospice Sewing Bee Champion - and a fantastic prize!

Fiona Ginn, St Elizabeth Hospice's partnerships fundraiser, said: "The Big Hospice Sewing Bee is a fantastic opportunity for you to use your creative, sewing and haberdashery skills in this exciting new event, whilst supporting your local hospice.

All the money raised from the Sewing Bee will help go towards improving life for local people living with a progressive illness such as cancer, motor neurone disease or heart failure in East Suffolk."

Entry is £10, with £5 of that given back to you in voucher form to spend at one of St Elizabeth Hospice's 26 shops to buy the material to upcycle.

Sign up for the Big Hospice Sewing Bee online now at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/sewingbee or to request a paper form, please call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

Sophie Johnson

THE CHARPENTIER CONSORT

Creator of the Stars of Night

On 12th December in St Bartholomew's Church, Orford, we were treated to a wonderful concert by The Charpentier Consort which included music from the sixteenth to twentieth centuries, by composers hailing from Italy, England, Liechtenstein, Austria, Slovenia, Germany, Norway, Spain, and Belgium. The second half of the concert featured Britten's A Ceremony of Carols.

The Charpentier Consort is a flexible choir consisting of singers from across London and the South-East, a majority of whom were choral scholars at universities or cathedrals. Cordelia Williams, Piano Winner of BBC Young Musician 2006 performed with the Consort.

A wonderful amount was raised for the church, and as people left, the comments "an unforgettable, magical evening" were repeated.

Jacki Maslin

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE EMERGENCY GROUP

The Group met recently to review the Emergency Equipment that has been procured with grants from our County Councillor and the New Orford Town Trust.

The equipment includes blankets, torches, loud hailer, whistles, first aid kits, hi-vis vests, camping stoves, kettles and hazard tape. Radios will be provided by Eastern Fire Services (John Backhouse) enabling communication throughout the Village and immediate surrounding area.

In the event of an emergency the Group has ready access to this equipment.

Details of the Emergency Plan together with contacts are posted on the notice boards inside and outside the Town Hall.

Mike Pearce - CHAIRMAN - EMERGENCY GROUP

ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

DRAFT ESTUARY PLAN CONSULTATION

The consultation at the end of last year was attended by well over 200 members of the public and the overwhelming weight of views received was in full agreement with the thrust of the plan. A number of very useful comments were made, in particular regarding any potential breach at Slaughden by the Martello Tower as defending this area of the coast is absolutely crucial to maintaining the estuary shape and the defences. The Partnership is very aware that any breach would alter the velocity and volume of water entering the estuary which would not only wreck safe sailing but put excessive pressure on the defences, and this will be reflected in the final plan. The present Shoreline Management Plan policy on the coastal defences is to 'hold the line' south of the Martello Tower only until 2025 and the Partnership will be instigating discussions to ensure that a longer term view is adopted for this stretch of coast. The Partnership will now take account of all the comments when preparing the final document which will be submitted to the

County and District Councils and Regional Flood and Coastal Committee for adoption hopefully by Easter.

COASTAL DEFENCES AT SLAUGHDEN

Due to the recent poor weather the delivery (by sea) of rocks for the area north of the Martello Tower has been delayed and mid-February is a more likely start date. The Environment Agency will be holding a public drop in session in Aldeburgh Church Hall on Thursday 21st January (2-6pm) to explain the scheme.

UPGRADE SCHEMES FOR ALDEBURGH TOWN MARSH AND SNAPE

The Partnership has had a number of useful discussions on upgrade projects for both Snape (both sides of the river) and the repairs to the Aldeburgh Marsh wall to slacken the very steep landward wall which will give very much better flood defence protection. Both schemes are intertwined in terms of wall levels and will need to be considered simultaneously. Other improvements may also be possible on the Aldeburgh Marsh wall, such as a cycle path in addition to the public footpath. Also, while digging out clay to use on the landward wall, creating ponds or scrapes for wildlife is a possibility, while still allowing summer grazing to continue. This will inevitably increase the overall cost of the scheme and further discussions with all concerned (all landowners, Town/Parish Council, community etc.) will be needed before costing, sourcing the required finance and agreeing final options can take place. The main aim is to not only improve the defences for the people of Snape and Aldeburgh but also to provide an exciting recreational and wildlife habitat on Aldeburgh Marsh for everyone to enjoy.

Please look at our website www.aorp.co.uk which will keep you up to date with news and meeting dates. You can contact us via the website for any ideas you have to raise funds or even photos you would like to circulate of the estuary.

Mandy Bettinson

THE WILD MAN OF ORFORD

"The Wild Man of Orford" returns to St. Bartholomew's Church on Saturday 19th March with an exciting multi-discipline performance by Rust & Stardust Productions. The production was staged at the Brighton Fringe and the Edinburgh Fringe during 2015 and we can promise you a very enjoyable evening. The cast will also be providing some workshops for the local schools and English Heritage have agreed to these being held in Orford Castle.

Proceeds will go to the Thomas Marshall Education Fund and we can promise an evening of fine entertainment with a licensed bar from around 6.30pm.

Further information at villagevoice@live.co.uk or 01394 450090

The Thomas Marshall Education Fund

presents



*a story of freedom, kindness and the
strange wild song of the sea*



St Bartholomew's Church Orford

Saturday March 19th 2016

Details available

villagevoice@live.co.uk

01394 450090

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

We have a busy few months ahead of us with several events coming up. Starting in February with local country and western band Jefferson County on Saturday 13th, Bingo Friday 19th, Quiz will be the beginning of March date to be confirmed. On March the 19th we have our annual darts competition for the Steve Richardson memorial cup, Bingo Good Friday 25th March. On Saturday 2nd April Purple Star karaoke, May 21st we have another local band Flaming Cheek. Please remember we are a family club and always welcome new members, the club is run by volunteers and if you would like to help in the running of the club or join the committee please come and give us a look. We are open Monday evenings and Friday evenings and Wednesday evenings when darts is at home and some Saturday's when we have an event on.

Julie Thacker - CLUB SECRETARY

All ages are catered for from three years upwards with a programme specially designed to be entertaining, fun and inspirational.

The festival is the major highlight of an ongoing Audience Development Project in the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) programme and takes place in February 2016 at a variety of venues and schools in the region including two films at Orford Town Hall, Market Hill:

landfillharmonic

The world sends us garbage. We send back music.



Landfill Harmonic (10+) Thursday 11th February at 7:00pm

An uplifting and inspiring film that follows a Paraguayan musical youth group who make instruments from recycled rubbish found in one of South America's largest landfills, and form an unlikely orchestra that is catapulted into the global spotlight through social media.

Antboy: Revenge of the Red Fury (8+) Saturday 13th February at 3:30pm

Extremely smart and funny take on the 'superhero' genre. Bitten by a mutant ant, 13-year old Pelle gains superpowers but begins to struggle to have a normal teenage life. Following his defeat of the arch villain Albert (aka The Flea), Antboy is the toast of the town and something of a celebrity. But Pelle, the boy behind the ant mask, is finding it very hard to balance his everyday life with his superhero responsibilities.

Tickets £2 on the door.

orfordtrust@talktalk.net 01394 459172

Full festival details can be found in the printed programme which is available from Aldeburgh Cinema, the regional venues and participating schools. A digital version is online at www.aldeburghcinema.co.uk Call 01728 454884 or email info@aldeburghcinema.co.uk for more information.

Louisa Thorp

Aldeburgh Cinema

Coastal
Communities
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THE ALDEBURGH & SUFFOLK COASTAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S FILM FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 2016

ALDEBURGH CINEMA BRINGS FILMS TO ORFORD TOWN HALL

The Aldeburgh Cinema Trust has initiated and organised the first Aldeburgh and Suffolk Coastal Young People's Film Festival as part of an ongoing project to develop the provision of high quality film and creative activity offers for children, young people and their families in the Suffolk Coastal area.

