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KING CHARLES III CORONATION STREET PARTY

Sunday 7 May 2023, 2-6pm

Following the pageantry of the Coronation of King Charles III on the Saturday, we are holding a street party to celebrate the crowning of our new King. A time to enjoy an afternoon in the company of your neighbours and embrace the afternoon of entertainment.

This event will be held in the Market Square and run from 2pm to 6pm on Sunday 7 May. The Village Events Committee has organised a fun-packed afternoon with lots for everyone to do and enjoy.

- Fancy dress competition for children – royal theme
- Live music – Peter Hepworth and Laura Wyatt
- Balloon twister and magician
- Refreshments, buffet table, ice creams and barbecue
- Face painting
- Mural painting – to go on the old garage site fencing
- Pony and trap rides with Alde Driving

In fact, everything you need for a right "Royal knees up" for all ages.

We are looking for donations for the buffet table of cakes, savoury bites and anything nice. It may not be GBBO, and it doesn't have to impress Masterchef, but anything you make would be gratefully received.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who has generously donated towards making this event work it is truly appreciated. With a big thanks to Hartog Hutton who have sponsored the barbecue.

If anyone is at a loose end and would like to help with the setting up or breaking down of the event, that would be great. We are only looking for an hour of your time. Drop Ian Ballantine an email thekingsheadorford@gmail.com, call in to the pub or contact Anne Macro on 01394 450741. Many thanks in advance.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day and hope you enjoy the celebrations.

Orford and Gedgrave Village Events Committee

CELEBRATION PAINTING AT THE MARKET SQUARE CORONATION PARTY, SUNDAY 7 MAY

One of the stalls at the party will be for young artists to paint a picture of their choice on a prepared wooden board. Paint and brushes will be provided but bring your own cleaning rags!

Entrants are limited to the first twenty-five artists to register on the day and each must be a present attendee of Orford School to qualify. At a later date, all entries will be hung along the railings in front of the old garage with the artist's name displayed.

Jeremy Rugge-Price

BART'S HALL SOUP ON FRIDAY

Bart's Hall is open for soup lunch on Friday 5 and 12 May, and then we close for the summer. All are welcome to join us for the final lunches of the

May dates for your diary

- Each Monday: badminton - Orford Town Hall - 10am-12noon
- Each Monday (except bank holidays): Coffee and Chat - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Each Wednesday: chair pilates - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 11am-12noon
- Each Monday and Wednesday: Methodist Chapel tea room, coffee, lunch, afternoon tea, 11am-4pm
- Each Wednesday: badminton - Orford Town Hall, 7pm
- Each Friday: Friday soup lunch - Bart's Hall, 12.30-2pm (5 and 12 May only)
- Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm
- Sunday 7 May: Coronation Street Party - Market Square, 2-6pm (more details on the left)
- Sunday 7 May: Coronation Evensong - St Bartholomew's Church, 6pm
- Sunday 14 May: Prometheus Orchestra concert - St Bartholomew's Church, 4pm
- Wednesday 17 May: Gardening Club trip to Orford Ness (members only)
- Saturday 27 May: Aldeburgh Music Club Concert - St Bartholomew's Church, 7.30pm
- Sunday 28 May: Orford Open Gardens - various gardens in Orford open from 11am-3.30pm, refreshments in the church 10.30am-3.30pm

season. Thank you to all the kind volunteers who served, washed up and provided cakes and special thanks to the staff of the Bakery who made us delicious soup each week and provided us with bread. Thank you too to all those who came along – it was fun and I hope we can start up again in the autumn.

Caroline Gill

MAY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

All are welcome to join us at St Bartholomew's, Orford for services in May:
Sunday 7 May Coronation weekend

9.30am All Age Communion and Baptism, with Rev Giles
6.00pm Festal Choral Evensong with full choir to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and The Queen Consort, with Rev Giles.

Sunday 14 May 9.30am BCP Holy Communion, with Rev Dr Stephen

Sunday 21 May 9.30am BCP Holy Communion with Rev Giles

Sunday 4 June 9.30am Sung Holy Communion with Rev Stephen

A CHURCH NEAR YOU WEBSITE www.achurchnearyou.com provides details of all church services and events in the local area. For further information contact the Team Rector: Rev Giles Tulk 01394 450610 revgileswtr@gmail.com

Events in Church – dates for your diary

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| Sunday 14 May | 4pm, concert with the Prometheus Orchestra |
| Saturday 27 May | 7.30pm, Aldeburgh Music Club presents Petit Messe Solennelle by Rossini |
| Sunday 28 May | Open Gardens event with coffee, tea and cake served in the Church |
| Friday 2 June | 8pm, Catherine Ennis Memorial Concert with Olivier Latry, organist at Notre Dame, Paris. Book through Britten Pears Arts website |
| Saturday 10 June | 11am Kreutzer Quartet – an Aldeburgh Festival event (book through Britten Pears Arts website) |
| Saturday 17 June | 3.30pm Bozzini Quartet – an Aldeburgh Festival event (book through Britten Pears Arts website) |

Revd Giles Tulk

MAY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

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| Sunday 7 May | Coronation Commemorative Service 10.30am, followed by Celebration lunch and Royal Pageant |
| Sunday 14 May | 10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland |
| Sunday 21 May | 10.30am Stephen Caley |
| Sunday 28 May | PENTECOST |

10.30am Rev Saul – Holy Communion

You will be very welcome to join with us Sunday mornings. Children stay in church with their own activity. Refreshments are served afterwards.

CHAPEL TEA ROOM

Open every Monday and Wednesday from 11am–4pm with a great menu of lunch food, cake and scones. There are plenty of art/crafts and cards available too! We also have a table of books which visitors to the tea room are 'picking-up', and for a donation are very pleased to take away – there's a wide range of topics from 'Grandma's Favourite Recipes' to 'All you need to know in Keeping Chickens.' We are always happy to receive your unwanted (in good condition) books. Do call in and enjoy good food and company – no bookings needed.

Holy Week and Easter Services were all well attended. After a reflective and moving service for Good Friday everyone gathered for lunch which was much appreciated. The Easter Sunday service welcomed several visitors with everyone receiving an Easter egg. Whilst the congregation enjoyed coffee, tea and cake after the service, children present enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt and went away laden with eggs large and small. Thank you to friends who contributed toward flowers for, and helped to construct the Easter Garden – again a wonderful focus for our Eastertide Services and beyond.

We are very grateful for an anonymous gift of £1300 for church funds.

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III our young people (and some a bit older) will present a 'Humorous look into Royal History' which follows the CORONATION CELEBRATION LUNCH on Sunday, 7 May – we are expecting some forty to attend for lunch – so a busy day is anticipated.

Stephen Caley

SUDBOURNE HALL CRICKET

Sadly, the incessant rains of late March and early April put a temporary hold on the Sudbourne Hall cricket club league season, but hopefully by the time you are reading this, we are up and running.

Nets began back in March followed by a lovely pre-season get together at The Froize in Chillesford. A big thank you to David Grimwood and his team for their excellent food and hospitality.

Exciting times at the club with plenty of events planned for the 2023 season. We will be introducing youth cricket with Allstars (5- to 8-year-olds) and Dynamos (8- to 11-year-olds) programmes set to run from early June onwards. We will be holding two taster sessions at the club on Saturday 6 May and Saturday 20 May, both from 11am until 12 noon. If you are interested in attending drop an email to either nick.joel@me.com or andyhalliday1@me.com or simply turn up!

We are also planning to run some all ability cricket sessions on Tuesday evenings through the summer, probably starting in June, more details to follow.

As a club, we are keen to get more involved in the village communities and believe cricket is a sport for all ages, genders and abilities.

For more details, visit sudbournehallcc.com

Sudbourne Hall CC May fixtures.

- Saturday 6 May, 1pm Yoxford (home)
- Saturday 13 May, 1pm Copdock (away)
- Saturday 20 May, 1pm Tendring (home)
- Saturday 27 May, 1pm West Mersea (away)

Andy Halliday, andyhalliday.co.uk

ORFORD OPEN GARDENS, SUNDAY 28 MAY

Orford Open Gardens will be on Sunday 28 May with beautiful private gardens to visit, refreshments, a plant sale and a raffle. Tickets with a

map of the gardens will be on sale in St. Bartholomew's Church from 10.30am to 3pm, and the gardens will be open from 11am to 3.30pm. Home-made cakes and hot and cold drinks will be available to buy in the church from 10.30am to 3.30pm, eat in or take-away, along with raffle tickets to win a £100 National Garden Gift voucher!

We would welcome donations of cakes / baked goods and plants for the plant sale. Please bring your cakes and plants to the church between 9.30am and 10.30am on the day, or we can collect from you in advance – ring Libby on the number below.

All proceeds from Open Gardens are for St. Bartholomew's Church. For any questions about Open Gardens or becoming a Friend of St Bartholomew's, call Libby Archer on 07713 413494.

Libby Archer

ORFORD SAILING CLUB TASTER SAILING SESSIONS

Orford Sailing Club will be offering Taster Sailing Sessions which are open to everyone.

No experience is required. However, children should be at least 8 years old and everyone must be able to swim and confident in water. These sessions are aimed at local families to create an opportunity to experience sailing on the river, and meet others who like sailing. There is no further commitment. We charge £5 per session.

Dates: Wednesday 31 May, Wednesday 7, 14, 21, 28 June and Wednesday 5 July all at 5pm. Also Sunday 18 and 25 June at 10.30am. Should you be interested please contact Sheena Barrow Sheenamargaretbarrow@gmail.com. 07867 978770

Sheena Barrow

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Unfortunately we have to cancel the event below as the owners are unable to host us but we hope to re-arrange at a future date:

Wednesday 17 May, afternoon car sharing trip – members only, 'Ramblers' Benhall Low Street courtesy of Mr and Mrs Brian Humphries.

BUT instead we will be taking a trip over to Orford Ness with a guided walking (or trailer ride) tour of its interesting flora on the same date

• Thursday 8 June, Open garden and tea – members only, The Old Rectory Orford courtesy of Tim Fargher.

We are delighted to be having the opportunity for our annual event in Tim's 4.5 acres of mixed borders and mature trees at this lovely time of year.

• Wednesday 21 June, afternoon car sharing trip, Ashe Park, Campsea Ashe courtesy of Richard Keeling

Saturday 1 April - Eddie Bailey 'Composting and the Soil Food Web - breaking it down!'

Eddie Bailey supported by his son Harry, led the workshop which was very well attended by members and guests, including a number of allotmenters! He began the workshop with a technical focus on soil structures and the elements to be found there. Then, using a lot of equipment, including his microscope and the ability to project samples of member's soil, Eddie analysed each one for all to see and to comment on. Eddie then demonstrated how to make his particular recommended compost which included all the elements need by our plants and lots of advice on creating our own garden compost.

I think we all took different messages and actions from this event depending upon our own approach to gardening...

New members are welcome all the year round so do contact me if you would like to join at £15 for the year

Coming in the Autumn...

- September: Penny Robertson, 'Helping Bees'
- October: Lou Nicholls, 'The Winter Garden'
- December: AGM and Social Supper

Polly Sharkey (Chair), creativefutures98@btinternet.com, 01394 450959

CELEBRITY ORGAN RECITAL

Following Thomas Trotter's concert on Orford Church's wonderful Peter Collins organ last summer, marking the first Catherine Ennis Memorial Recital, the event is now established as an annual highlight in our musical calendar. This year I have realised an ambition by persuading Olivier Latry to come over from Notre Dame in Paris to give the 2023 recital. Olivier is quite simply one of the world's greatest living organists. Cathy was the devoted and energetic Patron of the project which successfully rescued the neglected organ built originally for Southampton University's concert hall and brought it, fully restored, to Orford. I think Cathy would have been thrilled to know that Olivier is coming, and she would have been talking him up to everyone in Orford with that great, impish smile of hers.

Olivier's Orford recital (Friday 2 June at 8pm) includes two pieces by François Couperin, three major J S Bach works including the 'Dorian' Toccata and Fugue in D minor, and an improvisation – a skill for which Olivier is justly renowned throughout the world. This event is simply not

to be missed. Tickets £20 from the Britten Pears Arts website or from The King's Head.

Graeme Kay, Director of Music, St Bartholomew's Church

TEN hours of TENnis Fun Day Success

A huge thank you to all those who turned out to support the TEN hours of TENnis fun day at the Orford recreation ground, in aid of the huge local fundraising effort to resurface the multi-sport court.

Having been asked if we could raise awareness about the courts fundraiser and help in any way to reach the amount required, we decided to get everyone involved in hitting a tennis ball and having some fun. This introduced a lot of new people to the facilities, the courts, the recreation clubhouse and the amazing facility that we all have on our doorstep. Hopefully our little fundraising push has gone some way to reminding many that the facilities are there for all to enjoy for football, tennis and sports and helping ensure these courts remain for many more years of fun to come.

Thanks to all those from the village young and old (too many to mention here, but you know who you are) who kept the tennis ball going for TEN hours through all the April showers, baked delicious cakes for the bake sale, donated gifts and bottles for the tombola, bid in the secret auction, pit their luck in the lucky square, purchased Merman tennis caps, donated incredible raffle prizes and auction experiences, bought raffle tickets and sold raffle tickets (an enormous thank you here for the generous purchasing of tickets by so many and the herculean efforts of all the raffle ticket sellers)

Thank you too to the Orford Sports and Recreation Club for donating their fantastic clubhouse space to run the event and to ALL those who turned up on the day to staff the stalls, run the bar, and donate their valuable time to help set up and clear up on the day. It was a magnificent team effort and a whopping **£4,681 RAISED**.... With some further donations pledged on the day still to come!

Well done everyone! It really was a huge amount of fun! And a huge amount achieved along the way! A win win!

Jeannette Pearce (and an army of kind and generous volunteers, contributors, supporters – thank you x)

T4THOMAS – SUNDAY 4 JUNE, 11am to 4pm

Yes, it's that time of year again when the garden of Chantry Cottage is open to host TMEF's very popular annual main fundraising event of 'T4Thomas' which is now in its fourteenth year! Everyone is very welcome to come along and enjoy some delicious food in great company from one of the best garden views in Orford.

Starting from 11am there will be the usual stunning, mouth-watering array of homemade cakes to choose from, as well as bacon rolls and a selection of delicious light lunches. As well as tea and coffee, there will be wine, beer and soft drinks also available.

So put the date in your diaries and on your calendars and come along on the day with as many friends and family as you can muster, to help raise some much needed funds to help the disadvantaged children and young adults in rural Mozambique gain access to both education and training which will then enable them to improve not only their lives but the lives of their families and wider community.

We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday 4 June.

Wendy & Guy Marshall, (Thomas Marshall Education Fund - Reg Charity No. 1154635)

TMEF EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!

Important date for your diaries... Sunday 23 July 2023 is your chance to de-clutter your possessions and find unique bargains! It's a car boot sale, organised by the Thomas Marshall Education Fund (TMEF), and will be held on the Orford Recreation Ground in Munday's Lane Orford, IP12 2LX. Set up is from 8am with gates open to the public from 9am until 2pm. There will be refreshments served by the TMEF trustees throughout. Car boot pitches are £10, and there is free entry to the public.

Spaces are limited so to book a space please email contact@tmef.org.uk or contact 07745 433267.

TMEF's Trustees are very grateful to the Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council and the Orford Sports and Recreation Club for their kind permission to use their premises. Funds raised are used to advance the education, training and life skills of the young people of rural Mozambique to enable them to make a sustainable living and provide active support within their communities.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 23 July 2023

www.tmef.org.uk/

Katherine Silver-Murphy, TMEF Trustee

NO RESPECT

It's a shame, after over forty years, that someone decided to destroy the seat in memory of the late Sid Harper, my dad (who was licensee of The Jolly Sailor for thirty-three years). This is upsetting for the family and we have decided not to replace it. Although the wood may have been rotten in places the damage done was caused by vandalism.

Susan Worne and family

HOUSING IN ORFORD

I recently had a conversation with a second-home owner in the village who told me how she thinks the village benefits from second homes: that they bring money to the local economy along with a vibrancy to the village during the holiday season that is lacking the rest of the year. She also pointed out that there were jobs in the village with no one to fill them, surely suggesting that if there were more residents then those jobs could be filled by local people! I replied that surely houses that are occupied year round would be far more beneficial to the local economy than a house only occupied for some of the year, as well as this being more helpful to local businesses looking to find employees. Unfortunately houses coming onto the market are being snapped up for part-time use so the problem continues to get worse. As for the village being more 'vibrant' when filled with holiday makers, this person clearly wasn't around in the village 10-15 years ago when there was a predominantly full-time population of local people, and I can assure you the village was a busy and thriving place to live in without the rather pretentious feel one gets now in July and August.

Second home owners are not malign people. However they and everyone else (including Politicians) need to realise that our precious rural communities have reached a tipping point, rural life is being destroyed and it is time to put the brakes on the hollowing out of villages, hamlets and towns in the country of their long-term local populations before it gets worse.

As with everything second homes are fine in small numbers but too many are destructive and a luxury we cannot afford environmentally, economically or practically. Towns and villages with healthy full-time populations are sustainable, providing people for the local job market and for 12 months of the year contributing into the local economy. Businesses that are open year-round and not so reliant on holiday trade can keep prices (as well as jobs) affordable and local.

Mary Iliff

SAVE OUR SUFFOLK SWIFTS

Swifts are one of the most recognisable and iconic birds of summer, returning to the UK to breed in early May each year. But Swifts are disappearing from our skies - in the last 20 years the UK population has halved with a lack of nest sites considered to be one of the principal causes. However, you can help - Swifts readily take to nest boxes and for information and advice on putting up a Swift nest box or preserving the entrance to their natural homes under the roof tiles, please contact your Local Volunteer Swift Advisor – Mark Linsley on marklinsley60@gmail.com (for and on behalf of Save Our Suffolk Swifts, a joint Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk BIRD Group project).

Mark Linsley



01394 450235

We can help with any of the following:

Friendship and companionship, collection of medication, shopping, dog walking / feeding pets, form filling and help with technology, one-off garden tidy, minor household repairs, a healthy meal, transport to

hospital and GP appointments, provision of a personal care alarm and key safe, a Community Larder located in the entrance to the King's Head car park, weekly trip to Woodbridge (£2 charge), support for anyone who is impacted by a scam, other activities as requested and agreed

Thank you to the following local organisations who support us: The King's Head; Orford & District Surgery CIO; Orford General Stores, Orford Sports & Recreation Club; New Orford Town Trust; Pump Street Bakery; Saint Bartholomew's Church

ORFORD'S CORONATION PARTY

Sunday 7th May 2023, 2pm-6pm
Orford Market Square



COME & JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS WITH:

Mural Painting for Children | Refreshments: (Tea, Coffee, Squash) | Buffet Table
Barbecue | Live Music | Balloon Twister & Magician | Face Painting
Pony & Trap Rides | Royal Themed Fancy Dress for Children | Ice Creams

DON'T MISS IT, THE LAST ONE WAS IN 1953.
LONG LIVE THE KING!

St Bartholomew's Church, Orford

Sunday 7 May at 6pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Celebrating

The Coronation of The King
and The Queen Consort



*With three centuries of Coronation music
for choir and organ*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Aldeburgh Music Club Choir

Tom Appleton *Conductor*

Jonathan Rutherford
& Christian White *Pianos*
Ben de Souza *Accordion*

Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle

Saturday, 27th May, 2023
at 7.30pm

St Bartholomew's Church, Orford

Tickets available online at
www.aldeburghmusic.club,
from choir members and at the door.

Tickets £18 (half price for under 18s)



Aldeburgh Music Club

Founded by Benjamin Britten in 1952

Aldeburgh Music Club is a Registered Charity No. 1000999



MAY UPDATE FROM THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

| DAY | ALDERTON | ORFORD | ALDEBURGH |
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| Monday | 8.00 to 14.30 | 8.00 to 18.30 | 8.00 to 18.30 |
| Tuesday | 8.00 to 18.30 | CLOSED | 8.00 to 18.30 |
| Wednesday | 8.00 to 18.30 | 8.00 to 13.00 | 8.00 to 18.30 |
| Thursday | 8.00 to 18.30 | 8.00 to 13.00 | 8.00 to 18.30 |
| Friday | 8.00 to 18.30 | 8.00 to 13.00 | 8.00 to 18.30 |

Wednesday 17 May from 13.00: staff training. Alderton surgery will be open for booking future appointments, and the dispensary will be open for collections. Aldeburgh and Orford surgeries will be closed. All calls will continue to be redirected to 111 for this afternoon.

We offer an increasingly wide range of NHS services to our patients: Memory checks (if worried about dementia), Menopause management, Paramedic appointments, Same day physiotherapy for acute musculoskeletal symptoms, Ultrasound (by referral), Single skin lesion clinic, Mental health and wellbeing support, Insomnia support – SleepStation (a bespoke programme), Social prescriber – support for non-clinical health and wellbeing needs, Compassionate Companion service – to support end of life choices and care, Full contraception services (eg coils) and sexual health

Also available at our practice are non-NHS services (charged): Chiropractic and ear care – wax removal (see website)

Spring Covid booster vaccinations

We are well into our Spring Covid booster vaccination programme. If you have not booked yours yet and are over 75yrs old or have a condition causing immunosuppression, please call the surgery and we will arrange it for you.

Clinician and appointment availability

We continue to offer a wide range of appointments and try to prioritise patient choice. This includes face to face, video, telephone, online (eConsult), early morning, later evening and weekends (extended hours GP+) appointments. As a multi-site practice we will also offer the next available appointment even if it is not the closest site.

Please contact us as soon as you are unable to attend an appointment so we can offer it to other patients and reschedule your appointment.