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NOVEMBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

All are welcome to join us at St Bartholomew's, Orford for the following services in November:

- First and third Sunday: Holy Communion 9.30am (Second Sunday, Book of Common Prayer)
- Wednesdays at 5pm: Evening Prayer (BCP)
- Second Sunday (13 November) Remembrance Service in the Churchyard 10.45am (See below)
- Fourth Sunday: we join Sudbourne and Iken congregations for Holy Communion at 9.30am at Sudbourne Church

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

Remembrance Service, 13 November 2022

All are welcome to the Remembrance Service which will be held around the War Memorial in the churchyard. Wreaths will be laid and the names of the fallen of Orford and surrounding villages read, with a minute's silence observed. Please assemble in the churchyard from 10.30am to be in time for the start of the service at 10.50am. If the weather is inclement we will hold the service in church.

New heating for the Church – Making St Bartholomew's carbon neutral

On Monday 7 November the works to install our new electrical heating will begin. About a quarter of greenhouse emissions in the UK come from central heating and to meet the Church of England's aim to be carbon neutral in 2030 we are replacing our oil-fired boiler with a more cost-effective electric system. We estimate saving the cost of oil and boiler servicing will quickly cover the installation costs of the new system. Historic England were consulted and gave their approval for the project to go ahead. The new custom-made chandeliers, with heating and lighting units affixed, can be switched on individually and it will take only minutes to make the church feel warm and comfortable. The flexible, easy to use system will not only benefit worshippers, but also make the Church space more inviting for concerts and community events. We are very grateful to both the Friends of St Bartholomew's and a local donor who have shared the cost of the new system with the Church. The installation work will only take five days. Please bear with us if, for safety reasons, access to the church is limited at this time.

November 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, 1-3pm (part of Warm Rooms)
- Each Wednesday: chair pilates - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 11am-12noon
- Each Monday and Wednesday: Methodist Chapel tea room, serving lunch, 11am-2pm
- Each Wednesday: badminton - Orford Town Hall, 7-9pm
- Each Friday: Bart's Hall Warm Room - Bart's Hall, 11am-4pm
- Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm
- Thursday 3 November: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Saturday 12 November: The Abba Show - Orford Methodist Church, 2pm
- Thursday 17 November: Orford Business Association meeting - Riverside Tearoom, 7pm
- Tuesday 29 November: Orford Museum talk - Butley Priory, 6pm

Looking ahead...

- Saturday 3 December, Christmas Bazaar 2-4.30pm
 - Sunday 4 December, Brass Band Concert
 - Sunday 11 December, 6pm, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Church
 - Friday 16 December, evening event in Church arranged by the Friends
- Revd Giles Tulk**

NOVEMBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

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| Sunday 6 November | 10.30am Stephen Caley |
| Sunday 13 November | Remembrance Sunday
10.30am Traditional Service of Remembrance with 2-minute silence |
| Sunday 20 November | Christ the King
10.30am Locally Arranged Service |
| Sunday 27 November | 1st Sunday of Advent
10.30am Rev Saul Tadzaushe – Holy Communion |

There's always a great welcome. Children stay in church for the service. Refreshments served afterwards

CHAPEL TEA ROOM – open every MONDAY and WEDNESDAY from 11am–2pm (winter hours) – a great way to enjoy coffee and cake or lunch. You will find a great choice of food on offer. Shop with us for those early Christmas presents – locally woven scarves, bags, bookmarks, dog leads, knitted hats, art and cards always available. Come along and visit us – enjoy a coffee or a light lunch, meet new friends.

THE ABBA SHOW – starring Ellen and Sofia supported by the Tea Room Ladies. Saturday 12 November at 2pm at the Methodist Church. Free entry – donations for Children in Need. Pudsey Bear raffle. Come and join in the fun and sing along.

Thank you to friends who gave generously toward the Harvest Thanksgiving display – The Salvation Army Food Bank, Woodbridge were delighted to receive the many items of food, assisting those in need.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Haven't been yet? Why not give the Friday club night a look? The club is open from 7.30pm onwards for pool (new table on the way!), snooker, darts, table tennis, Wi-fi, TV, chat, bar and social company etc. Keep an eye open for the monthly Friday Bingo night (dates may vary to fit in with the darts team).

Dates for the diary:

- Saturday 10 December, OSLOF Christmas Fayre
- Saturday 17 December, annual children's Christmas party
- New Year's Eve, live music with 'Flaming Cheek'

Mark Smy, Secretary, 450358

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A thank you to all those who donated items and those who donated their time to come along and help on the day and to those who baked us such lovely food, and also not forgetting everyone who turned out to support us on the day (we were very busy for the first 2 hours). We were also blessed with amazing sun again so many people got to enjoy their tea and cakes outside as well as indoors. Our total was £1020 which was amazing and has now been sent off to Macmillan.

A huge thank you again.

Sharon Andrews

FLOWER SHOW THANK YOU

I'd like to say a big thank you to those who donated delicious cakes for the refreshments at the Flower Show, and to all those who helped on the day. A total of £920 was raised for the Recreation Ground Charity.

Anne Macro

TWO WARM ROOMS OPEN – EASING THE SQUEEZE THIS WINTER

Part of East Suffolk Council's 'Ease the Squeeze' programme is to develop a network of warm community spaces open in the winter. The aim is to bring the community together, to help people to connect and prevent loneliness and isolation in the dark winter months. Bart's Hall warm room opened last month and, in spite of the mild weather, attracted a good crowd. Coffee, tea, soup and homemade cake were enjoyed. The hall is open from 11am – 4pm on Fridays and all are welcome. Thanks to the volunteers, the Bakery for soup and rolls, and NOTT for providing equipment and stores. You have helped us get off to a good start.

On Mondays, the Coffee & Chat warm room in the Sports & Recreation Club is open from 1pm to 3pm for hot drinks, cake and socialising. There is no charge for using any of the facilities and this includes refreshments and transport to the warm rooms.

For further information you can contact the Good Neighbour Scheme 01394 450235. For information about Bart's Hall, or to volunteer contact Caroline Gill 01394 450302.

Caroline Gill

ORFORD MUSEUM TALKS AT BUTLEY PRIORY

The next Friends of Orford Museum talk at Butley Priory will take place on Tuesday 29 November 2022 at 6pm. Gary Battell, Woodland Advisor at Suffolk County Community College, will talk about the trees and woodlands of Suffolk. There will be a follow-up walk through Staverton Thicks in the New Year which is included in the price with your ticket to the talk. The date for

this will be subject to the weather and will be confirmed at a later date. Numbers will be limited to 60.

'A famous and awesome place of Tolkienesque wonder and beauty' and 'one of the best-preserved uncompartimented medieval parks.' Oliver Rackham, *The History of the Countryside*, 1986

Cost: £15 for Friends of the Museum, £20 for non-Friends.

Payment by cheque or bank transfer. Please email info@orfordmuseum.org.uk to book.

Come and enjoy a fascinating evening with mulled wine and log fires in a wonderful location.

Elizabeth Spinney

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER, 2-4pm

The popular annual Christmas bazaar will be held in the Church from 2pm on Saturday 3 December with proceeds going to both the Church Fabric and the Thomas Marshall Education Fund.

ways a great start to Christmas, come along with your family and friends and have some fun on the bottle tombola, the raffle and 'Guess the weight of the cake' and grab bargains galore from the bric-a-brac and games/toy stalls. Pick up those 'must have' gifts from the Christmas stall which will be full of edible Christmas goodies and other Christmas fare.

Have a go on the hilarious Human Christmas Machine and try to get three in a row!

If you liked *No! Said Rabbit*, don't miss Marjoke Henrichs reading the new sequel *Ready! Said Rabbit*.

Refresh yourselves with delicious mulled wine, mince pies, teas and cakes and listen to Nick Raison playing your seasonal favourites on the piano.

Raffle prizes, cakes, mince pies, bottles for the bottle tombola, jigsaw puzzles and any items of good quality and working order that you can offer to be sold would be greatly appreciated. NO BOOKS please as there will not be a book stall this year.

All items can be brought to the Church on the Friday afternoon (2nd) and on the morning of the bazaar, or alternatively contact the people below.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 3 December!

Bottle tombola	Suki Pearce	450011
Cakes	Libby Archer	07712 413494
Bric-a-Brac	Paula Kerr	459865
Christmas Stall	Wendy Marshall	450090
Raffle	John and Veronica Bevan	450631

Wendy Marshall

ORFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION – INVITATION TO SAVE THE DATE

The re-launch of the Orford Business Association is well under way and it is hoped that many more local businesses will sign up to be members. The website created over ten years ago is being completely overhauled and migrated to a new contemporary platform. Content will be concise and easy to navigate with links to businesses' own websites. It will also be fully compatible with current world wide web technology including smartphones and devices.

For more information about the Association and what it can offer to your business either contact Daphne Gardner (obatreasurer22@gmail.com) or come to the RIVERSIDE TEA ROOMS on Thursday 17 November at 7pm where we will be showcasing the new website and serving free drinks and nibbles on arrival.

ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES WELCOME

Ali Watson

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our next event: George Gillespie of George's Gorgeous Gardens Earsham Hall 'Why are some people green-fingered and some not?'

Thursday 3 November, 7.30pm in Orford Town Hall.

Our Programme Secretary found George whilst exploring a different part of our county and is very excited about him coming to speak. George will talk about our relationship with plants and illustrate it using house plants which will be for sale. You may remember that we were due to have a talk from Notcutts about house plants in January, but they cancelled at the last minute. He will also talk about propagation and growing of plants and take your many questions!

Guests welcome at this talk – £4 each

Thursday 1 December AGM and Social Supper – always good fun and great food! Members only.

Matt Tanton-Brown 'Plants for the Dry Garden'

Last month Matt lived up to his reputation and gave us a very well-informed talk about the plants that we should be growing in our gardens in these dry summers and illustrated it with examples from his own experience. We all came away with fresh ideas about our gardens of the future.

A Trailer of some of what is to come in 2023! Still in the planning...

- Simon White from Peter Beales on Roses
- Neill Ludmon on Sensory Gardens
- Benton End Trip to Cedric Morris' old home and art school where he bred irises
- Saturday Workshop about our soil
- Trip to a Benhall garden to see Rhododendrons and Azaleas
- Penny Robertson of Suffolk Beekeeping Association
- Lou Nicholls on the Winter Garden
- Xa Tollemache of Helmingham Hall

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

BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

The trustees of the Thomas Marshall Education Fund (TMEF) are pleased to announce that the talented Band of The Royal British Legion Leiston will be performing another of their popular Christmas Concerts in St Bartholomew's Church, Orford on Sunday 4 December at 3pm with all proceeds going to TMEF. This promises to be a fun filled event for all the family, so come and be entertained and get into the Christmas spirit. Refreshments will also be available.

Ticket price: adult £7.50. Accompanied children free

Contact and bookings – Wendy Marshall on 01394 450090 or contact@tmef.org.uk

Wendy Marshall

THE ANCESTRY OF YOUR LABRADOR

At my recent exhibition in the Watch House Gallery I probably spent more time talking about Labradors and their ancestry than

I did on my paintings - people were fascinated by the story. Seeing as how many Labradors there are here in Orford I thought perhaps others my wish to know also.

Labradors originated in Newfoundland around the fourteenth century, the Inuits in the northern Barren Lands of Canada had two types of Labs, the first was the smooth haired dog which was used for hunting, while the other had wavy ridged hair on top of its back going down to the tail, these dogs were known as 'fishermen'. They would run into the water and catch live cod in their mouths with little or no effort.

In the late 1700s, fishing schooners from Britain and coastal areas of Europe began cod fishing in and around Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, where the huge shoals of cod abounded. Each schooner had six to eight little rowboats, known as 'dories' and when they reached the Grand Banks, these dories were lowered into the water with a two-man crew who spent the next six hours long lining for cod.

This area is infamous for rolling fog banks that obliterate everything within minutes and so schooner captains couldn't see their dories, but if they had a Labrador on deck, as many did, the skipper would watch the dog sniffing the air. Then, pointing the bow in the direction the Labrador's black nose was aimed, he would stay that course and soon find his dory men, but more importantly, the cod in the dory!

Labradors were introduced to this country by these British fishermen when they came back and entered fishing ports like Poole to unload their dried cod. There were alleyways and streets in Poole called Labrador Way, Labrador Street etc.

Jeremy Rugge-Price

PANTO IS BACK!

After a 2-year break because of COVID, Hollesley Players are busy rehearsing *Puss in Boots* which will be staged at Hollesley Village Hall on 2, 3 and 4 December 2022. It's a brand-new script with jokes, singing and dancing. A lot of new people have joined the cast which is fantastic. Please come and support us by buying tickets and telling your friends! Tickets are on sale while we rehearse at the hall on Sunday afternoons 2-5pm or you can email hollesleyplayers@hotmail.co.uk.

Performances are at 7.30pm on 2 December, 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 3 December, and 2.30pm on 4 December. Tickets are £9 for adults, £8 for pensioners and £6 for under 16s but you'll save £1 per ticket if you buy them in advance. We are also looking for raffle prizes and people to help with front of house/refreshments during the performances so please email if you are interested Thank you from the cast of *Puss in Boots*.

Kate Hayward



01394 450235

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

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
- Orford Warm Rooms: Mondays at Orford Sports & Recreation Club 1-3pm; Fridays at Bart's Hall 11am-4pm
- Other activities as requested and agreed

NOVEMBER UPDATE FROM THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	ALDEBURGH	HOLLESLEY
Monday	8.00 to 14.30	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 18.30	13.30 to 17.30
Tuesday	8.00 to 18.30	CLOSED	8.00 to 18.30	CLOSED
Wednesday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 13.00	8.00 to 18.30	CLOSED
Thursday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 13.00	8.00 to 18.30	CLOSED
Friday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 13.00	8.00 to 18.30	CLOSED

STAFF TRAINING DATES

Aldeburgh and Orford surgeries will be closed for staff training on Thursday 10 November from 13.00. Alderton surgery will be open for booking future appointments only, and Alderton pharmacy will be open. All calls will continue to be redirected to 111 for this afternoon.

This means that there will be no clinical staff available during this afternoon at any site.

When the surgery is closed please call NHS 111.

Please see our website for details on different appointment types.

Missed appointments

Between April 2022 and June 2022, a total of 216 appointments were missed, which resulted in 43 hours of wasted clinical time that could have been available to other patients. These appointments are precious and costly. Please contact the surgery as soon as you know you are unable to attend, and we will work with you to find another appointment time, or support you in a more appropriate way.

www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk or 01394 411641
<https://www.facebook.com/ThePeninsulaPracticeGPSurgery/>

The ABBA Show

Starring ELLEN & SOFIA

Supported by the Tearoom Ladies



Free Entry Donations for CHILDREN in NEED

Saturday 12th November @ 2pm.

Orford Methodist Church/Tea Room

Come & Join in the Fun & Sing Along

Pudsey Bear Raffle

Christmas Bazaar

St Bartholomew's Church Orford
Saturday 3rd December from 2.00pm



Refresh yourselves with delicious mulled wine, mince pies, tea and cakes and
enjoy Nick Raison playing your seasonal favourites on the piano
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