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FROM ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting this year will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 16 May 2018 in Orford Town Hall. At the meeting reports and accounts will be presented by Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council and the New Orford Town Trust, and other local groups, such as the church and school will also present their reports for the year. It is also an opportunity for parishioners to raise questions and make comments on village issues. Light refreshments will also be available.

Thank yous

On behalf of the Parish Council and many of the population of Orford I wanted to express a huge thank you to all of those who went above and beyond during the recent spells of cold weather, especially Orford General Store, Friends Garage and Ron and Linda Scarce for continuing to provide a lifeline to a lot of people within the village. Thanks must also go to John Cheney Junior and Senior who continued to grit the junctions and made sure the village was as safe to navigate as it could be (despite a VERY limited supply of grit from Suffolk County Council!). Finally, thank you to all those with shovels and tractors who helped clear roads and free stranded cars. Despite rumours to the contrary, most of this was carried out voluntarily and free of charge.

Village Greens

We are aware of some damage to the village greens, especially around Broad Street. Rest assured any damage made by the builders will be rectified once works have been completed.

Michelle Golder, *Chairman, Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council*

MILLENNIUM WOOD

Further to the article in the March issue of Village Voice regarding NOTT's decision to gauge interest in possible plots for sheds in Millennium Wood (at the rear of Quay Meadow), several people expressed an interest in plots, and the Trustee received some letters from parishioners concerned about the loss of this green space in the village and the possible effect on wildlife. It was also pointed out at the meeting that planning permission was granted in 2000 for the area to be made into an informal park/nature area, and that this might cause issues getting planning permission for any sheds. A parishioner has offered to take on the management of the area and after much discussion the Trustee agreed to take the parishioner up on his kind offer to look after the wood and agreed not to proceed with plots on the site.

Kara Reed, *Clerk to New Orford Town Trust, tel 459172*

April dates for your diary

- Thursday 5 April: Gardening Club - New Room, Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Saturday 7 April: The Children's Society Coffee morning - Bart's Hall, 10am to 12 noon
- 7-12 April: The Great House open house and gardens, 10am-4.30pm
- Saturday 14 April: AOEP Annual Community meeting - Snape Maltings Recital Room, 11am
- Friday 20 April: Black Shuck - Orford Church, 2pm. For tickets call 01394 450090
- Friday 20 April: Orford and Gedgrave Flower Show meeting - Rec Hut, 7pm, all welcome
- Saturday 21 April: Black Shuck - Orford Church, 7pm. For tickets call 01394 450090

APRIL AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 1 April – EASTER DAY

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

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Sunday 8 April – Easter 2

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 15 April – Easter 3

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 22 April – Easter 4

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Sunday 29 April – Easter 5

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Rev. David Murdoch

APRIL AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 1 April – EASTER DAY 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 8 April – Local Preachers Sunday

10.30am Service lead locally

Sunday 15 April 10.30am Stephen Caley

4.30pm Informal Tea Table Service

Sunday 22 April 10.30am Rev Martin Dawes – COMMUNION

Sunday 29 April 10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland

Sunday 6 May 10.30am Stephen Caley

Monday's Tea Room – open from 12noon – closing 4pm, serving lunch and afternoon tea.

Easter Monday Church and Tea Room open from 11am to view and relax with the Easter Garden – tea room serving light refreshments only.

Weekly Wednesday Lunch served at 12.30pm.

Thursdays, 12th and 26th April: 10am – 12 noon, inspiration art, colouring & knitting and coffee and scones too!

Informal tea table service will be held on Sunday 15 April at 5pm.

We sang several Mission Praise songs before and after the informal toast and jam service/sing. It was good to have friends from Framlingham United Free Church share with us as several of our people were unable to attend due to illness. Warming toast and jam consumed and cake too on a chilly afternoon – *no tea needed back at home!*

Mothering Sunday Service, themed on and reading Colossians 3: 12-14 reminded us all that whatever we do to do it with love for each other. New songs with older hymns helped our thinking and gifts of 'flowers' were given out to all present. After the service we all enjoyed scones, cakes and a birthday cake for a next day birthday!

The Easter Day Service will, once again, feature the created Easter Garden and Easter eggs and refreshments too!

With the 'Beast from the East' our weekly activities were cancelled, however now that Spring weather is with us, we are 'back on track' and looking forward to the Summer timing for the Monday Tea Room which commences on Monday 9 April and continues until the Autumn!

Stephen Caley

NEIL MAITLAND

I was so touched by all your lovely letters, kindness and support after Neil died. It meant a great deal to me. Thank you.

Sylvia Maitland

ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Hopefully the cold weather is behind us now and we can look forward to some warmer days and nights. Just the sort of weather you need to make full use of the outdoor seating area at the club, either on a club night on a Sunday, Monday or a Friday evening from 8.30pm onwards, or at one of our functions. Coming up we have:

- Thursday 12 April, the return of the Bike Meet Night, from 6.30pm. Come along for a chat, drink, burger and chips (bike not essential)
 - Saturday 21 April, 80s and 90s Disco, 8pm onwards
 - Friday 27 April, Jimbo's Bingo night, 8pm onwards
 - Saturday 5 May, live music from 'Shattered', 8 til late
- So give the Club a look, and thank you for your support.

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358

ORFORD MUSEUM: Help Wanted!

Orford Museum is looking for more volunteers to join the team whose members, during the summer months when the Castle is open every day, go up to the Museum on the first floor to do various jobs such as check the temperature and humidity monitors in the cases, clean the glass, fill up the leaflet holders, empty the donations box and report back on any problems that may have arisen. Each volunteer is allocated a week when they may go just once on whichever day or time suits them best. It usually works out at four visits from Easter to the end of October and takes about half an hour. If you feel you could help with this, please contact:

Elizabeth Spinney, Chairman, Orford Museum 01394 450622 or a.spinney43@btinternet.com

THE GREAT HOUSE ART SALE, APRIL 2018

We are planning an exhibition of art for sale at the Great House in Orford. We intend to feature the work of Andrew King and Mike Flint. These works will be commercially for sale, with any profits to the artists and the Great House.

The Great House will be open for an exhibition preview, with music and wine on the evening of Friday 6 April by invitation at £10. The house and gardens will then be open from the 7th to the 12th April at no cost for entry from 10am to 4.30pm. Tea,

coffee and home-made brownies will be for sale. Profits from the sale of preview tickets and our hospitality will be donated to the Alde and Ore Estuary trust.

Chris Gerard

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW

There will be an Open Meeting at the Recreation Ground Hut at 7.00pm on Friday 20 April. Please come - everybody is welcome.

Mike Redmond, Chairman

FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

Orford Fire Station will be holding an open day at the station on Saturday 5 May from 10am until 2pm to celebrate thirty years of the 'new' Orford fire station. This is your chance to have a look around the fire station. We are hoping to have 'special' appliances attend on the day (subject to operational availability) and displays.

Neil Jacobs

ORFORD TENNIS COURTS

We are proposing to resurface the main tennis court on the Recreation Ground this summer and are currently fundraising to cover the cost of this.

If anyone would like to have a season ticket to play it costs £60 per annum and covers the whole family playing. This will entitle you to a key. Currently bookings can be made through Friends Garage from Monday – Saturday, but I hope that the Sunday bookings will resume again when the new Craft Shop opens. Unfortunately this arrangement ended last year when the old shop closed. I have helped some tennis players over the past months when they telephoned me and I was at home and able to collect their fees, lend a key and even balls on one occasion.

If there is anyone who does not want a season ticket but would like to contribute towards the cost of the upkeep of the courts, please contact me. We want to attract new players to the courts which are a valuable village asset.

Diana Paterson tel 01394 450771 or dianampaterson@btinternet.com

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH APPEAL: GARDENS OPEN ORFORD

Sunday 27 May 2018, 11.30-4.00 p.m.

Collect tickets and map in church. Teas and refreshments served all day. We need help to make cakes and serve teas.

Contact: Diana Grayburn, 01394 450771 dianampaterson@btinternet.com Sally Walton, 01394 450656 sallywalton@gmail.com

GARDENING CLUB

Date: Thursday 5 April

Topic: 'Planting for Honey Bees'

Presenter: Dale Gibson – Bermondsey Street Bees www.bermondseystreetbees.co.uk

Time: 7.30 pm meeting start

Venue: Orford Town Hall 'Back Room'

Dale is a member of Leiston and District Beekeepers Association where he has become a key player in their education programme, including running an event on 'Preparing Honey for Shows'. His bees are winners of many awards, including, most recently, 2016 Great Taste Awards 'Small Artisan Producer of the Year' and 2017 'Best Honey in London' at the National Honey Show.

Dale and his wife Sarah know Suffolk well, her having been to school here. They have a home in Orford where they also keep bees and have many friends and business acquaintances in the area. These include William Notcutt at Loudham Lane Solar Farm who is a very eco sensitive plantsman and has great experience of planting for pollinators, including bees.

Sarah has recently published a book 'Planting for Honey Bees' which is about to launch and Dale will bring some copies for us to purchase if we wish, but is also providing a free leaflet on this

topic being the mainstay of our talk.

Dale will cover the things we need to know and how to get a feel for bee-friendly planting. His talk will range from planting in windowsills and small containers, through gardens of all sizes and roof terraces and green roofs. So something for everyone! Bermondsey Street Bees has its base in their London rooftop apiary overlooking The Shard and looks after around 100 in London, at Lambeth Palace, in Essex and Hertfordshire as well as Suffolk!

We are also hoping that Dale will bring some honey for us to buy even if he's currently out of 'Suffolk Honey'!

The Eric Mason Shield Competition: this will take place at this meeting as last month's had to be cancelled owing to the snow! The topic is: 'Three Assorted Spring Flowers'. All entries gain a point towards winning the shield so please join in!

Raffle: we have some exciting prizes, so come and join in. It's all in aid of the Gardening Club – donation of more prizes welcome!

2018 Tasters:

- 3 May: Roses Choosing, Planting and Pruning – Darren Brooks from Notcutts – he will also be bringing roses for us to buy!
- 7 June: Members' Garden Party at a delightful local garden with tea and cakes and plants to buy
- 4 July: Coach Trip to East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden in Norfolk
New members and visitors always welcome...

Polly Sharkey

THE PENINSULAR PRACTICE APRIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our new GPs: As you may be aware Dr Nanayakkara has been with us since August last year. He replaced Dr Dudgeon in August, working six sessions. This February the surgery employed an additional GP working eight sessions. We would like to welcome Dr Noone. They will both be supporting Dr Crockett and Dr Hobday. If you would like to see more about the new GPs please see our website.

Surgery Closures: GP Training Closure: Wednesday 25 April 13.00-18.30; Easter Closure – Easter Monday, 2 April 2018.

KING'S HEAD NEWS

Well, we survived the "Beast from the East" with the log burner doing overtime in the bar. Despite this we completed a busy and enjoyable March programme. With live music from the very entertaining and talented folk-based duo of Silbury Hill, another varied and inspiring set of performances at Steven Lay Open Mic Night and another great performance from vocalist Serena Grant. On top of that we had two great food nights: Cheese & Wine Tasting with Slate Cheese & Provisions and Adnams Cellar & Kitchen which was informative, tantalising and professionally presented; then Chef Dan Bunce and his kitchen team got inspired and cooked a fabulous Chinese food evening.

Also in March, we were delighted to welcome a new member to our team: Bradley Jones as Head Barman. Many of you will know Bradley from previous roles and we are sure that his input will be a great addition to our front of house team.

For your entertainment in April we have the following events: *Quiz Night* – Thursday 5th at 8pm – only £1 per head and wide spectrum of questions to tease you with.

Live Music – Gary Hall – Saturday 14th at 9pm – a man described by The Guardian as a "Celtic soul man, infused with the epic sweep of Springsteen". New to us at the King's, Gary brings his brand of Americana music based on a long and interesting career. If you want to pre-listen, visit his website www.garyhallmusic.co.uk. As always free entry and everyone welcome.

Live Music – Steven Lay Open Mic Night – Friday 27th at 8.30pm. Proving to be a massively popular evening, who knows what you will get to listen to, but it will be varied and fun, orchestrated by the talented Steven Lay. It must be good, we even got a mention in the Sunday Times.

With Easter out of the way we revert to our Summer opening hours:

Monday to Thursday

Bar 12.00 to 15.00 Food 12.00 to 14.30

Bar 17.30 to 21.00 Food 18.00 to 21.00

Friday & Saturday

Bar 12.00 to 23.30 Food 12.00 to 14.30

Food 18.00 to 21.00

Sunday

Bar 12.00 to 22.30 Food 12.00 to 15.00

Our dining room is getting very busy, so if you plan to come to eat with us we suggest that you make a booking in advance.

As always, we appreciate your support of the events and activities we undertake and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine, thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

ORFORD CRAFT CENTRE

Well, Easter will come and go without us opening. That is due to a couple of things including other calls on our time, the cold weather inhibiting decorating and more. However, we are delighted to advise you that the water is now connected and decorating is under full swing, with a new target date of first May Bank Holiday Weekend.

Anyone looking to provide items to the Craft Centre for sale or wishing to hire The Old Hayloft should get in touch with us so we can start furthering these elements. We already have some bookings for the Old Hayloft and a few suppliers already signed up.

We will be programming a couple of Open Evenings for people to come along and see what we have done – dates to be published in the near future. One event will be for locals to come along and have a nose at what we have done, another for suppliers and another for potential hirers of the Old Hayloft.

Everybody who has offered support and enthusiasm for the project we really do appreciate this and it encourages us to drive onwards with what we hope will be an asset to the community.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine, orfordcraftcentre@gmail.com

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S – NEW CHURCH ORGAN:

I write this as a member of the choir, which at its full complement is 18 strong and produces some beautiful music, and which is almost unanimous in wanting the new organ installed.

After consideration, the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) in its wisdom has decided to turn down, subject to final adjudication, the proposed installation of the new organ. The present organ was given to the church 100 years ago as a temporary measure, and, with its limited number of stops, does the job of accompanying hymns but it's not suitable for a full repertoire of fine organ works and is hardly adequate for this fine large church that we have. Weddings, funerals and the like are greatly enhanced by fine music which the present organ cannot properly provide. Nor does it do justice to the fine music the choir produces.

The case of the new organ stands impressively in the NW corner, a place hardly used before except for storage and display, but with the full instrument as yet uninstalled. If you haven't been to view it you should, it is an impressive sight magnificently framed as it is by the west wall and the first column of the nave.

However, the DAC have seen fit to refuse permission. Why they would wish to go against the wishes of the PCC, the choir and many members of the congregation, I don't know. Certainly, funds are not an issue as the church was left a legacy sufficient to cover the cost of installation.

It seems they are concerned about the impact on the aesthetics of the church. But is this the most important issue? And what about the aesthetics and the elation of the music that such a fine instrument can produce? In any event, is it possible to compare music to architecture: Rembrandt to Bach or Renoir to Saint-Saëns? Indeed, it has been said that architecture is like frozen music! I believe that great organ music can be every bit as uplifting as the medieval building. Is there a prejudice in favour

of architecture? If a large Titian that covered the same space were to be presented, would it be turned away because it upset the general aesthetic of the building? I doubt it. And from a liturgical point of view if music is in church to enhance worship and glorify God then surely the finer the music the greater the glory.

In any case churches are not there just as heritage buildings to be left undisturbed and admired. Built and used principally for worship, they also bring in the community at large with exhibitions, bazaars, recitals, concerts and theatre, and a new organ would enhance the numbers coming to the church.

If aesthetics are the key then the north aisle is already spoilt by the position of the Vestry, and some say the screen spoils the Nave, but there is no move to change these. Nothing is perfect, can we not have a beautiful church and beautiful music? So I ask the DAC to think again and let us go forward to complete the installation of this fine and historic instrument to enhance, not spoil, the church.

Chris Gill

ESTUARY UPDATE ON FLOOD RISK MODELLING

The AOEP works closely with the Internal Drainage Board (IDB), a unique partnership nationally in fact, who commissioned a hydrodynamic model of the whole estuary which has recently been completed by HR Wallingford, funded by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. This assessment highlights the flood risk in a number of scenarios (various wall heights and surge events) and provides the information required to apply for consents to upgrade the walls. Part of this modelling was funded by Tidal Lagoon Power (TLP) as they are looking at east coast estuaries for potential intertidal habitat creation opportunities to offset their tidal energy projects in the Severn Estuary. TLP's modelling has considered potential managed realignment (MR) options (breaching of defences to create new mudflats) with various local land-owners.

As previous modelling had suggested some localised flood risk while the walls were being raised, there were a number of discussions that centred on needing a flood release valve. Partly generated by Tidal Lagoon Power's exploration as to how compatible their needs dovetailed with our plans, MR in the Iken flood cell became an option under discussion. However, although TLP's MR option could temptingly save the Partnership £2-3 million pounds by reducing the upgrading costs (i.e. less wall to upgrade), the land

owners' first objective is to have the Iken wall consistent with the rest of the estuary. This prompted 3 further modelling runs to understand the implications. The initial assessment of the report (draft received late on 5th March) suggests that it will be possible to have a height of 3.3 metres throughout the estuary (including at Iken) although some flooding mitigation to a small number of houses in Iken and Orford will be necessary as a temporary measure until all the walls are upgraded.

Currently, therefore, the AOEP are proceeding with the agreed estuary plan. It may well be that areas of managed retreat will be needed in future. There is a monitoring programme in place with Natural England to assess the 'coastal squeeze' issues our Estuary Plan may create in time.

The AOEP are working with the IDB to develop a fully costed and phased programme of works for the whole estuary which will include all management costs to provide a more refined funding total.

The Annual Community Meeting will be held on Saturday 14 April 2018 at Snape Maltings Recital Room at 11am. Everyone is very welcome.

Amanda Bettinson, Partnership Secretary

GARDEN WASTE SCHEME

Local people can now sign up to the new Garden Waste Collection Scheme being provided by Suffolk Coastal District Council. Suffolk Coastal District Council is introducing a £43 a year charge for collecting garden waste this financial year (2018/19).

The scheme is optional, with the first paid-for collections scheduled to start from the beginning of May 2018. If you have not joined the scheme by the beginning of May, your garden waste will not be collected by Suffolk Coastal District Council.

It's quick and easy to sign up, either:

Go online at: my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/MyServices. You will need to register, or login to, your My Eastsuffolk account and then complete the form for garden waste

Call Customer Services on 01394 383789, and choosing option '0'. Or, pop in to see our Customer Service staff in the Customer Service Centre in Felixstowe and Woodbridge Libraries.

You will need a debit or credit card to pay. The fee for one bin is £43 for a year (the equivalent of paying about £1.65 per fortnightly collection). You can place your order now and don't forget to say 'YES' to the upgrade.



Rust & Stardust
present
The Legend of Black Shuck
in collaboration with
Orford Primary School
Friday 20th and Saturday 21st April
St Bartholomew's Church Orford
details from contact@tmef.org.uk

"To witness the characters coming to life in the hands of these skilled puppeteers is a magical experience and something not to be missed"
Suitable for all ages.



Committed to helping the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in the country

COFFEE MORNING
Bart's Hall
Broad Street, Orford
Saturday April 7th
10am - 12noon

Stock up on lovely greetings cards from Jill's stall

Come for coffee, cake and a chat with
♪ piano accompaniment ♪

Children's Society Moneybox Holders:
"Please bring your box for emptying"

Contact: Fiona Raison 450494