



The newsletter for the community of Orford and Gedgrave

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FROM ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the piece in Village Voice last month encouraging people to get onto the housing list, several people have asked what they have to do. You should go to the *Gateway to Homechoice* website (www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk) and go through the process for registration. This will enable you to bid on any properties which may come up in the local area and further afield.

Anne Macro, Chairman, Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council

APRIL AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday, 2nd April - 5th Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday, 9th April – Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.45am Palm Sunday Procession from Orford General Store

11.00am Holy Eucharist & Passion Reading – Bishop Martin

Wednesday, 12th April – Wednesday of Holy Week

10.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Friday, 14th April – Good Friday

5.00pm Stations of the Cross – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday, 16th April – EASTER DAY

8.00am Easter Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Easter Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday, 23rd April – Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

11.00am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Sunday, 30th April – Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

APRIL AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, 2nd April 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday, 9th April Palm Sunday
10.30am Rev. Derek Grimshaw
5pm TEA TABLE SERVICE

Friday, 14th April

GOOD FRIDAY

11am MEDITATION & HYMNS *lunch follows*

Sunday, 16th April

EASTER DAY

10.30am RESURRECTION PRAISE
Easter Eggs, refreshments

Sunday, 23rd April

Local Preachers Sunday

10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland – Communion

Sunday, 30th April

10.30am Rev Martin Dawes

Sunday, May 7th

10.30am Stephen Caley

Refreshments are served after the morning services.

EASTER GARDEN – Church open on Easter Monday for refreshments - come and relax in church with the beautifully created Easter garden and enjoy light lunch / afternoon tea. MONDAY TEA ROOM open from 12 noon for lunch through Afternoon Tea **NO BOOKING NECESSARY**

WEDNESDAY LUNCH continues to be served WEEKLY at 12.30pm. JOIN with us – but you will need to let us know for your Wednesday meal!

Supporters enjoyed the Shrove Tuesday Soup & Pancakes. Thank you for donations & prizes given and to the 'staff' who kindly prepared and served.

A small number were present at the end of February Cream Tea and Sing – We were in good voice and thoroughly enjoyed those delicious cream cakes!

Our final 'season' of the monthly SUNDAY Soup & Pud lunch came to a happy conclusion. Thanks to Pam who has prepared these extra delights. We hope to resume these in the coming Autumn & Winter.

The long anticipated TEA TABLE SERVICES make a welcome return for the Spring and Summer – the first is on SUNDAY, 9th APRIL at 5pm.

ALWAYS A WARM WELCOME FOR FRIENDS & VISITORS TO SHARE WITH US

WISHING 'HAPPY EASTER' TO ALL

Stephen Caley

ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

Since the **Estuary Plan** was agreed last June there has been a great deal of activity on the flood defence front. The first phase of the Aldeburgh wall should be completed shortly. At the moment there is some ongoing additional work required to move water vole habitats prior to infilling a soke dyke to stabilise the new wall. We await further hydrodynamic modelling data for the whole estuary, due now in late July, before any further work can continue. Once the data is available it will then be possible for the business case to be constructed which triggers the Government funding and the flood defence consents. This does mean that it may be impossible to start further work this year at Snape and Aldeburgh as the consents may not be agreed before the autumn when wet weather makes it impossible to work on the marshy ground. A frustrating delay, but necessary, if what little Government funds we can get are to be accessed and consents agreed. Phase II and III on the Aldeburgh Wall should be completed simultaneously in 2018.

Enabling development plans are underway with the appointment of two firms of architects engaged to provide a feasibility assessment of the sites offered. Sketch plans will be discussed informally with parish councils in April and May before any formal planning applications are progressed. Your views are very important to us so please keep in touch with your parish council. The Enabling development team have spent a considerable amount of time and effort in ensuring we have architects designing good practical housing that will be as unobtrusive as possible, appropriate for the particular setting and give a range of housing from single to several houses per plot. If there are self builders who would be interested in purchasing plots please contact us. It is really important that every village community gives this their support.

THE ESTUARY TRUST FUNDRAISING LAUNCH

Since last September, Richard Davey, chairman of the Funding Group, has gathered a team who have agreed a strategy to raise £12 million to help defend the estuary. This will involve *everyone* who lives, works and visits the area. The fundraising launch will be in the autumn when we will show a recently made film presented by Nick Robinson. By then we will have received the results of the modelling data in the summer, be well on the way to an agreed programme of works and will have much more clarity on the final cost.

During the summer we will be attending a number of events starting with the Suffolk Show. The events programme will be posted next month.

Amanda Bettinson, amanda.bettinson@gmail.com

BETTER BROADBAND

A reminder to keep an eye on <http://www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com> for the latest news on local broadband activity led by Suffolk County Council. This includes information about:

- When better broadband will be available in your area
- Options for people with current broadband speeds of less than 2mbps
- Consultation on reinvesting to further extend coverage

Laura Sampson and Sandra Brown, SALC Admin

ORFORD SCHOOL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS: Easter Egg Hunt

With the spring upon us it's time to come out of hibernation and get back into circulation again, and what better event to start the spring off with than the annual Orford Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held in its usual stunning location at Orford Castle on Saturday, 15th April. Gates open at 10am and hunting begins at 10.30am. You can purchase your tickets on the gate for £2 per person and you will also be given a free admission ticket to the castle too, courtesy of English Heritage. There will be refreshments, Chocbola, raffle, jam tasting and more!

Also, we are looking for donations of raffle prizes, sweets, chocolate and eggs which can be donated at one of three donation stations. These are located at the school reception, with Laura at Friends Garage and with Sue at Orford shop. We are grateful for ALL donations big and small and we thank you in advance for your support and donations. We also would like to thank the shop and the Garage for letting us have donation boxes on their premises. Everyone is welcome and this makes a great family day out, little bunnies can hunt for treats and mums, dads, grandparents, family and friends can enjoy jam tasting and home baked cakes followed by a dose of local history inside the castle. We look forward to seeing you all and happy hunting to all those who take part.

A. Davis c/o all the Orford School League Of Friends fundraising team

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB – April Events Diary

Saturday 8th - Grand National and Steve Richardson Memorial Darts Competition. The bar will be open from 5pm, so come and join us to watch the Grand National. Following that there is the Darts competition which we hold each year for the Steve Richardson memorial cup.

Thursday 13th - Bike Meet from 6pm, which has been changed to the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Saturday 15th - 80s and 90s Disco from 8pm.

Friday 21st - Jimbo's Bingo from 8pm.

Friday 28th - ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB AGM from 7.30pm.

Saturday 29th - Race night, first race will be from 8.30pm.

We have our AGM on Friday 28th April and we would love to see as many people there as possible. Ideally, we would like to see more people come and join us on the committee. Come along with any ideas for events that you might like to see in our community, any offers of help in any way would be very much appreciated. We would especially like to see some of the younger people of Orford and find out what they would like to see going on at the club that would interest them. Thanks very much.

Dawn Phillips, OSRC secretary

ORFORDNESS LIGHTHOUSE VISIT DATES: Spring & Summer 2017

Orfordness Lighthouse Trust volunteers will be opening the Lighthouse to visitors on the following dates:

Good Friday, 14th April

Sunday, 30th April (Bank Holiday Weekend)

Sunday, 28th May (Bank Holiday Weekend)

Sunday, 25th June

Sunday, 30th July

Sunday, 6th August

Monday, 28th August (Bank Holiday Weekend)

To book your place and to join our mailing list, please email orfordnesslighthouse@gmail.com with the number in your party. Please see our website www.orfordnesslighthouse.co.uk for all the details including timing, ferry dues, visit advice etc. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Lydia Finney, Orfordness Lighthouse Trust

GARDENING CLUB

Date: Thursday, 6th April

Topic: Flowers for a Cutting Garden

Presenter: Frances Boscowan of Moat Farm Flowers

Venue: Orford Town Hall 'Back Room'

Time: 7.30pm

Frances started her business in 2013 because of her love of flowers, plants and gardening and the fact that many of the flowers we buy are grown in other countries. She grows and sells fresh flowers locally for homes, occasions and businesses. They are available throughout the seasons from the earliest Narcissi and Hyacinths through to the bright colours of Zinnias and Dahlias along with deliciously scented Roses and Sweet Peas to name but a few... These are supplemented with wild flowers and foliage from her farm.

She will talk about growing and organising a 'cutting garden' and give us tips for success.

Raffle and refreshments

Frances will be bringing along one of her bouquets to be raffled for the Gardening Club and this will take place whilst we have our refreshments after her talk...

Timothy and Garden Design (March)

Timothy of Timothy Garden Design showed us how he uses his artistic flare and design and engineering knowledge to interpret and deliver a very wide range of garden designs which he has successfully implemented around Suffolk and Norfolk. His very well illustrated talk demonstrated how he discusses requirements with the owners, uses existing trees, hedging, planting and views and vistas to advantage and then carries out the project. We had the benefit of seeing illustrated some very large projects and some much smaller – indeed some very local!

The event was attended by 45 members and guests of the club and Timothy responded to a huge number of questions across a range of topics.

First Competition for the Eric Mason Shield

The 'photo of a flower' competition had 8 entries and was judged by Timothy. The quality of entries was excellent and the winners were:

1st (4 points): Mike Sharkey with Chocolate Vine or Abelia

2nd (3 points): Bev Webster with Magnolia

3rd (2 points): Daphne Gardner

All other entrants receive 1 point. The points are totalled from all 3 competitions to gain an overall winner which is announced at the AGM and Social in December.

Second Competition

This will be a 'fragrant posy' to take place at the Garden Party this summer. We're hoping for lots more entries this time!

Car-sharing Trip to Blakenhall Woodland Garden, Wednesday, 19th April, leaving 12.45pm.

Members will be going to see the Bluebells and Magnolias of this beautiful woodland garden with its rare trees and shrubs, Chinese rocks and landscape. We will be shown around by David Hardwick, the Estates Manager, and then have wonderful cakes and teas made by Lady Blakenham's Housekeeper in the Party Barn.

Cost: £8

Contact: Polly Sharkey for booking as a passenger and/or to offer lifts to others.

Still to come in 2017...

Thursday, 4th May, 7.30pm, The Perennial Mr Potter – The Life of a Suffolk Gardener by Brian Thurlow

Thursday, 15th June, 2pm, Garden Party – venue tba and Second Competition

Wednesday, 5th July, all-day coach trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park

New members and occasional visitors very welcome

Polly Sharkey creativefutures98@btinternet.com, **01394 450959**

BOOK LAUNCH: 'Ten Footers and All That' A golden age of sailing revived

This is the title of a book which is due for publication at Easter, written by me to celebrate the character of the traditional wooden dinghies in which I and my generation were taught to sail and row in the 1940s and 1950s by the Brinkleys and others of that era.

By tracing the individual histories of these little boats I explain the special affection they inspired, and why at least 8 are still being sailed here, often by their original owners. The book also depicts the changing life of the riverside and its village over the decades and the unchanging magic of the river.

With a Foreword by Michael Morpurgo, the author of *War Horse*, 90 pages including 30 illustrations, it is priced at £10; all profits will go to the charities 'Farms for City Children' and 'The Nancy Blackett Trust'.

An informal Book Launch and book-signing will take place in the Jolly Sailor on Thursday, 13th April from 5.30pm to 7pm. To assist arrangements, if you wish to attend or to reserve copies, please phone 01394 450567 or email catpaw@phoncoop.coop or drop a note to Smithy Cottage, 29 High Street, Orford IP12 2NW.

Richard Roberts

PERFORMANCE: The Green Children of Woolpit

In March 2016, the Thomas Marshall Education Fund arranged for Rust & Stardust, a Sussex-based theatre and production company, to perform their outstanding sell-out production of *The Wild Man of Orford* in St. Bartholomew's Church in Orford.

The company's original work focuses on new writing, puppetry, animation and music. They are passionate about stories and storytelling, folklore and mythology, unconventional performance spaces and all things homegrown and handmade.

We are delighted to announce that the company is returning to Orford this April with a new production based on another Suffolk tale, the legend of The Green Children of Woolpit. The legend concerns two children of unusual skin colour who reportedly appeared in the village of Woolpit some time in the 12th century, perhaps during the reign of King Stephen. The Woolpit village sign shows the children.

If you were fortunate enough to see Rust & Stardust bring their puppets to life for The Wild Man of Orford you won't want to miss this tale, and if you missed that performance, then don't miss out this time. Suitable and enjoyable for children aged 6 to 96.

The company will also be offering a puppet workshop in the church for children on Saturday morning. This will be free of charge but must be booked in advance.

Show time is 6.30pm, licensed bar from 5.30pm, on Saturday 22nd April in St. Bartholomew's Church, Orford, IP12 2LN. Price is £7.50 for adults £2.50 for children and £20.00 for a family ticket.

Tickets are available from Wendy Marshall 01394 450090 or rogerhipwell@hotmail.co.uk.

NEWS FROM ORFORD GENERAL STORE

Amazingly, 8 months has passed since I took on the lease of Orford Village Store. This period has proved exciting, if at times challenging. However, you have all made me very welcome and it is lovely to feel a part of the community. I am pleased to report that, in the last few days, I have secured the purchase of the freehold from Penny. In my mind this secures the future of the shop and gives us the opportunity to build and develop a truly sustainable venture going forward. My team and I already have lots of exciting ideas about the way forward (and are open to receive more suggestions from you). We are committed to trying to provide all you need from your village store.

We will keep you posted with progress.

Sue Snowdon, Orford General Store.

KING'S HEAD NEWS

Firstly, many thanks to all of you who have put up with the disruption caused by the kitchen refurbishment. We are delighted to say that we are back to our normal opening hours.

The kitchen refurbishment is completed, not without one or two hiccups on the way. The kitchen team are enjoying the new space, the nice and light environment and new equipment they have gained. The only remaining element is the installation of the capping over the new extraction unit and this will be completed in the very near future.

The perimeter wall to the churchyard is in the process of being rebuilt. We did put forward the idea to Adnams of reinstating the wall with a lower profile so that the magnificent view of the church could be retained; and discussed the matter with the church wardens, who were in agreement. However, conservation have insisted upon reinstatement.

We hope you all enjoyed the music of Steve Boyce who yet again brought a great performance to Orford. This month we have the magnificent voice of S J Mortimer on Saturday, 8th April. If you would like to listen to some of her music before it is available on her website www.sjmortimer.net As always everyone is welcome and it is free entry. This will be followed on 13th May with Peter Hepworth so pencil the date in your diary.

Quiz Night in April is on the 23rd. Quiz starts at 8pm and entry is £1 per head. The winner gets to take the prize pot and roll a dice to see who gets to set the next quiz depending upon the position they ended up. As always a mixed bag of questions to muse over.

As spring progresses towards summer we look forward to seeing you all enjoying the pub and the garden.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine,
thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

CONCERT: Prometheus Orchestra Saturday, 6th May 2017, 7.30pm at St Bartholomew's Church, Orford

Aldeburgh's own Prometheus Orchestra returns to St Bartholomew's Church, Orford on Saturday 6 May at 7.30pm. The attractive programme conducted by Edmond Fivet features Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4 with up-and-coming young piano soloist John Paul Ekins. The concert begins with Rossini's sparkling Overture, *Il Signor Bruschino*, and ends with Mozart's Symphony No 41, 'Jupiter'.

Prometheus Orchestra, founded in in 2008, brings together the best professional musicians in Suffolk and wider East Anglia to give really enjoyable concerts, playing the greatest classical music with style and commitment.

Tickets are available now from Snape Maltings Box Office: Telephone 01728 687110

www.snapemaltings.co.uk, or you can buy at the door on the day. Tickets £15, under 18s £5.

ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Annual General Meeting & Memories of Aldeburgh

This will be held on Monday, 24th April at 7.30pm at Leiston United Church, High Street, Leiston, IP16 4EL. Following the short formal meeting, Charlotte Newson will give a presentation of a project she will be working on this summer with the Red House, Aldeburgh.

The project will involve two elements – one: audio about local people's knowledge, stories and memories of Aldeburgh; the other part would involve getting people to come to workshops to make a costume/ headdress/something to enter the carnival.

The meeting will be open to all, free of charge, although only paid up members may vote. So, if you have memories of Aldeburgh in days gone by, or want to get involved in the carnival, why don't you come along?

Entrance is not at the front of the church, but on the left hand side as you face the building. Parking is free in the Co-op/Solar car park which adjoins it, but you must sign your vehicle in at the tills in the supermarket or face a charge of £100.

Maggie Strutt

THORPENESS CROQUET CLUB

If you have ever wondered whether croquet could be your game, you can give it a try at Thorpeness Croquet Club, now well established on the Ogilvie Pavilion Sports Ground. The Club offers two free taster sessions before you decide whether you want to join.

Croquet is an increasingly popular sport enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. With its own club house, ample free parking and access to the nearby Pavilion, the club provides all the equipment you need to get started plus free advice and coaching.

If you can hit a ball, want some exercise without too much exertion and enjoy a bit of a mental challenge, croquet could be the game for you this summer.

To find out more, please contact Andrew Paris on 01728 833673 - andrewparis@tiscali.co.uk; Colin Hart on 07495 364399 - colinhart101@btinternet.com or visit www.thorpenesscroquetclub.onesuffolk.net