

# VILLAGE VOICE

The newsletter for the community of Orford and Gedgrave

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## FROM ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

There are still a few days left for parishioners to stand for election to the Parish Council, as candidates need to ensure that completed nomination papers are delivered to East Suffolk Council (formerly Suffolk Coastal District Council) by 4pm on Wednesday 3 April. The election will take place on 2 May. More details and an application form can be found online on the SCDC website, or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 459172 on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

**Marie Backhouse, Clerk to Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council, tel 459172**

## HOUSING IN ORFORD

The New Orford Town Trust wishes to thank all those who responded to the letter in February's Village Voice regarding affordable housing. There was a very positive response, outlining the need for this in Orford.

If anyone meant to put their name forward but has not yet done so you are urged to contact the Town Hall and register your interest, in complete confidence.

We hope that villagers and others will share our hope that we can build up a sufficient fund to enable the Trust to provide more housing for people with a local connection. We believe that the best way to help sustain a healthy community is by keeping families together in the village, which in turn will help to secure the future of the school and other local amenities. In short our invisible 'big society' will still be at large.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so. Alternatively, gifts can be made to the New Orford Town Trust by will. In either case we suggest the gift is specially made for the benefit of the NOTT Housing Fund which will restrict the money for this purpose.

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

## APRIL AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 7 April – Passion Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 14 April – Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

10.45am Procession from outside village shop, followed by

11.00am Cluster Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch & Canon D Lowe

Friday 19 April – Good Friday

5.00pm Stations of the Cross – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 21 April – EASTER DAY

8.00am Easter Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Easter Eucharist – Bishop Mike

## April dates for your diary

- Wednesday 3 April: Citizens Advice sessions - Alderton Surgery, 10am-12noon
- Thursday 4 April: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Saturday 6 April: Joanna Eden in Concert - St Bartholomew's Church, doors open 7pm
- Monday 8 April: Flower Show open meeting - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 6.30pm
- Thursday 11 April: PCC AGM - Bart's Hall, 7pm
- Saturday 20 April: OSLOF Easter Egg Hunt - Orford Castle, gates open 9.45am

Sunday 28 April – Easter 2

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev R Alderson

10.30am Village Service – Mr G Marshall

**Rev. David Murdoch**

## APRIL AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 7 April 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 14 April PALM SUNDAY

10.30am SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 19 April GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at 11am

Sunday 21 April EASTER DAY

10.30am Rev. Stephen Yelland – COMMUNION

Sunday 28 April 10.30am Rev. Stephen Yelland

5pm Tea table service

SONGS OF PRAISE will be held at 10.30am on PALM SUNDAY – sorry, no Donkey!

GOOD FRIDAY Service is at 11am – followed by traditional hot cross buns and then fish and chip lunch.

The Easter Garden will again be constructed and created ready for EASTER MORNING.

EASTER SUNDAY – Celebrate with us – Easter Garden and Empty Tomb – Easter eggs – refreshments.

EASTER MONDAY – church open. Relax, enjoy, pray awhile amidst the Easter Garden. All day food available.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Monday Tea Room – open from 12noon to approx. 4pm – great for that meeting place and great food too!

Wednesday Lunch is at 12.30pm – a two-course meal for just £6 per head with best food and best price in the locality. Booking is necessary.

TEA TABLE SERVICE – come and share with us. We commence at 5pm on Sunday 28 April.

The first café worship for 2019 was a great time of fellowship – enjoying homemade refreshments – plenty of coffee and tea and with 'an invitation to write your name on the canvas'. And there was another opportunity to sing some favourite mission praise songs which included a delicious cream tea. Shove Tuesday and as many pancakes one could eat with a steaming bowl of homemade soup beforehand. Thank you to the donor of all the foods and prizes! We had a lovely lunch time together with much chatter and reminiscing. Thanks to Karen, Liovet and Pam who staffed the kitchen.

'Come and Dine the Master said' was the theme of a recent locally arranged service – and there was chocolate birthday cake too.

**Stephen Caley**

#### **ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB**

April sees the return of BIKE MEET NIGHT which is happening on Thursday 11 April from 6pm, burger and chips plus bar available. Come along for a chat and meet up (remember bike not essential). If you cannot make the April meet, remember they will be held on the second Thursday of the month until September, the next being Thursday 9 May.

The club is open for club nights every Monday and Friday evening from 8.30pm, with the exception of Friday 5 April, when the club will be closed. Bingo night is Friday 26 April from 8pm. So why not come along and give the club a look.

**Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358**

#### **ORFORD SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT 2019**

Orford Primary School are holding their SPEGGTACULAR Easter Egg Hunt at Orford Castle again this year on Saturday 20 April. Gates open at 9.45am for a prompt 10.30am start. There will be stalls including Chocbola, Raffle, Guess the name of the Bunny and a Refreshments stall. Entrance fee is £3 per child with all proceeds going to Orford Primary School.

If you are able to donate sweets or chocolate eggs for the hunt then you will find a donation box from 6 April at the newspaper kiosk (thank you Linda!) and you can also drop off donations during school hours into the School reception area. We would also welcome any cakes, buns or biscuits to sell on the refreshments stall on the day, if you need these collecting on Friday 19 April you can always ring Sarah Felton 01394 450409 or drop them off in the morning from 8.30am at the Castle. Thank you for your continued support - we couldn't do it without our wonderful community!

**OSLOF (Orford School League of Friends)**

#### **BISHOP AND ARCHDEACON AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**

Everyone will be welcome at the PCC AGM (Parochial Church Council AGM) on Thursday 11 April at 7pm. It will be held in Bart's Hall in Broad Street, where there will be a free glass of wine or juice beforehand from 6.30pm to meet PCC members. Everyone is permitted to speak, though only those on the Electoral Register are entitled to vote.

The Easter Sunday Service at St Bartholomew's (21 April at 11.00am) will be extra special this year, because Bishop Mike (Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich) will be presiding and dedicating the newly installed Collins organ. There will be an informal reception afterwards and we hope for a large attendance, especially from those who do not often come to church.

You will be similarly welcome at Archdeacon Ian's Visitation which this year is being held in St. Bartholomew's at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th May. This is the occasion when all the churchwardens in Woodbridge Deanery will be sworn in for the year ahead.

**Jacki Maslin**

#### **ORFORD, SUDBOURNE AND GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW**

There is an open meeting of the Flower Show on Monday 8 April at 6.30pm in the Sports and Recreation Club at the Recreation Ground.

#### **Not the 100th Flower Show**

The Flower Show Committee has been looking into the origins of the show and research has found evidence of some form of show recorded as far back as the 1500s and 1870s. Although we don't know much about these earlier times, we do know that around 1919 the show was nearer to what we know today. So, this year – 2019 – the Orford, Sudbourne and Gedgrave Flower Show will be celebrating its longevity. As part of these celebrations we have put together some special prize classes all taken from past schedules with a special prize of £100. The person with the highest number of points in the 10 classes wins the £100:

178	3 eggs
179	6 spring onions
180	3 turnips
181	12 desert plums
182	2 loaves of soda bread
183	3 brandy snaps
184	button hole or corsage
185	6 pansies
186	2 cauliflower heads
187	heaviest potato

We will also be displaying the memorabilia from the museum at the show this year. If anyone has photos of past flower shows please contact Sue Snowdon at Orford General Stores.

**Mike Redmond**

#### **ORFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB:**

**Next open event:** Talk topic: Shade Loving Plants

Speaker: Melanie Collins owner of Mickfield Hostas

Venue: Orford Town Hall Back Room

Date and time: Thursday 4 April 2019, 7.30pm

Melanie is a very enthusiastic and inspirational speaker on shade loving plants and owner of the National Collection of Hostas. She has also won RHS Gold Medals for her plants and is a member of Plant Heritage. She will speak to us about what plants will do well and thrive in which type of growing conditions and sites in our gardens and which companions they like to complement them. She will also talk to us about the amount of space shade-loving plants like to have around them. She will bring plants to illustrate her talk and for us to buy. She also has a very comprehensive website should we wish to purchase later. Do join us...

First Competition: Photo of winter in my garden

NEW in 2019 Prize of 2 complimentary tickets for the 2020 July Coach Trip

#### **Climbers, Creepers and Crawlers**

Michael Warren shared his knowledge of all types of plants which creep, climb or crawl and gave us much inspiration with which to cover our gardens and structures. He also gave us some tips on photographing gardens which we will all be putting into practice.

#### **What's next in our 2019 Programme**

- Wednesday 10 April, afternoon visit to Wyken Hall Gardens, car sharing trip. It includes a talk by the Head Gardener and tea and scones (Members only).
  - 2 May, Successfully growing Sweet Peas and Sweet Pea plants for sale – John Henson – long-standing specialist in Sweet Peas.
  - Thursday afternoon, 6 June, Members' Garden Party in a delightful and much-admired garden in Orford.
  - Wednesday 10 July, day-long coach trip to RHS Hyde Hall.
- IMPORTANT DIARY DATE: Bob Flowerdew 'No Work Gardening', Saturday afternoon, 9 November EVERYONE WELCOME!  
Hoping to see you soon....

**Polly Sharkey, Chair,**

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#### **ORFORD MUSEUM NEWS**

Would anyone have a use for a Canon iR3300 photocopier which is now surplus to requirements in the Orford Museum office at Unit 3, Potkins Lane? It is far from new and only does black and white copying but is in good working order and we are giving it away. The only stipulation is that whoever takes it would have to transport it.

If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please get in touch with Elizabeth Spinney, contact details below.

We are also looking for someone with secretarial/computer skills to help us in the office for a few hours a week so if you are interested in earning a little money helping us sort our extensive and fascinating archive, contact details below.

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

### **ORFORD TENNIS COURTS 2019**

Just a note to say that I am delighted to announce that bookings can now be made in the Orford Craft Centre. They are open from 10am–4.30pm every day except Monday. (In the summer months, this may change to include Monday.) You can also book the courts by phone on 01394 450678 when the Centre is open. Those without season tickets can play and pay £1 per hour for children and £2 for adults. They will lend you a key which must be returned when you finish playing. I am very grateful to Ian and Suzanne Ballantine for agreeing to take this on.

**Diana Grayburn**

### **ORFORD SAILING CLUB**

Will be offering 'taster' sailing sessions which are open to everyone. No experience is required, however, children must be at least 8 years old and everyone must be able to swim and feel confident in the water. These sessions are aimed at local families to create an opportunity to experience sailing on the river, and meet other people who like sailing, without any further commitments. We charge £5 per session.

#### **DATES**

WEDNESDAY: 5.30–6.30pm      SUNDAYS: 10.30am–12noon

5 June                                23 June

12 June                              30 June

19 June                              7 July

26 June

3 July

Should you be interested please contact Sheena Barrow, email sheenambarrow@btinternet.com, 01394 450737

**Sheena Barrow**

### **ORFORD ORGAN PROJECT: ORFORD ORGAN FESTIVAL 10-12 May 2019, Orford Church**

Orford's first Organ Festival celebrates the inauguration of 'Anna Magdalena' – our Bach-inspired name for the new Peter Collins organ which is under construction in the church. The Festival begins with an Inaugural Recital by the project consultant, Paul Hale: the organist emeritus of Southwell Minster will introduce the organ and will perform music by Leighton, Scheidt, Bruhns, Buxtehude, Bédard, Britten, Franck and Karg-Elert (Friday 10 May, 7.30pm).

In a free Family Concert narrated by BBC Radio 3's Catriona Young, William Saunders of RHS Holbrook will perform Iain Farrington's Animal Parade, with the participation of children from Orford School (Saturday 11 May, 1pm). Munich-based organ virtuoso Bernhard Haas will give an International Recital of music by Buxtehude, Scheidemann, Mendelssohn, Reger, Kurtág and Bach (Saturday 11 May, 8pm). And the Festival concludes with a Choral and Orchestral Concert featuring the Prometheus Orchestra conducted by Edmond Fivet: Orford Church Choir will perform Handel's Zadok the Priest; Jonathan Rutherford is the soloist in Handel's Organ Concerto 'The Cuckoo and the Nightingale', and Catherine Ennis, past president of the Royal College of Organists, performs music by Maurice Duruflé and Poulenc's Organ Concerto (Sunday 12 May, 4pm). Tickets £8-£15. Book online at snapemaltings.co.uk, or in person during business hours at Orford Craft Centre. For more details about the organ, and how to donate to our fundraising campaign, visit [www.orfordorganproject.com](http://www.orfordorganproject.com)

**Graeme Kay**

### **ORFORD ORGAN PROJECT: Welcome the WOOFYT**

What's in a name, especially when the name is 'WOOFYT'? The word has nothing to do with dog noises – it means 'Wooden

One-octave Organ for Young Technologists'. It's an inspired and original project bridging the gap between the arts and sciences, teaching about the different components of an organ and some of the basic science behind the 'king of instruments' in a completely hands-on way. The WOOFYT has been seen all over the country and is coming to Orford Church on Friday 3 May as part of the community programme for our new organ. Workshops for children from Orford School and Woodbridge are being held during the day, but there will also be a special workshop for adults – participants and spectators – at 6pm that day. You can find out more about the WOOFYT here – [www.woofyt.org](http://www.woofyt.org) – but just turn up and join the fun.

**Graeme Kay**

### **THE PENINSULA PRACTICE APRIL NEWSLETTER**

**SAVE TIME:** Did you know that once you have registered for ONLINE access to The Peninsula Practice website you will be able to book appointments, order repeat prescriptions, and view your medical record including information about your medications, allergies, vaccinations, diagnoses and test results. Plus you can also seek online advice from your GP with our newly launched eConsult service.

The Peninsula Practice website also has a wealth of information about the practice and links to local services and support groups. [www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk)

#### **GP & STAFF MEETING CLOSURE DATES**

The surgery will close on Thursday 4 April at 13.00 for training, and will be closed on Wednesday 17 April at 13.00 for Staff Meeting.

#### **CITIZENS ADVICE**

Advice sessions will be taking place at Alderton Surgery on Wednesday 3 April and Wednesday 1 May, 10am–12noon. Please speak to the reception for an appointment or just drop in on the day and speak to an advisor.

### **APRIL AT THE KING'S HEAD**

Over a quarter of the way into 2019 and it only seems like yesterday that we were wishing everyone a Happy New Year. We sincerely hope that it has been so far. It also means that we make that transition from our Winter Opening Hours to the Summer ones. This comes in to effect from Monday 8 April.

	Open	Food
Mon to Thurs	12.00 to 15.00 17.30 to 23.00	12.00 to 14.30 18.00 to 21.00
Fri and Sat	12.00 to 23.30	- as above -
Sun	12.00 to 22.30	12.00 to 15.00

Work has started on the area in front of Orford Craft Centre to landscape it and get it ready for the coming year. Whilst we are already a little on the drag, it is hoped that we can catch up and have it ready for the Easter weekend. Ever the optimist or glutton for punishment. The aim is to give a nice seating area for you all to relax, and have a drink or a bite to eat.

At the end of the car park Suzanne is busy planting out the allotment area, using the no dig method, as recommended by Nina and Steven from Hay Hay. Chef Dan is already looking forward to harvesting and using some of the products in the kitchen.

March saw a first for Suzanne and Ian – lunch at Orford School cooked by the budding chefs under the excellent supervision of Mrs Phillips. It was a treat to be shown around the school, fed and hosted by these charming young boys and girls. A really enjoyable treat for us – thank you.

Also during March, we were delighted to have the staff of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts staying with us and busy filming at Orfordness Lighthouse, Cobra Mist and around the village. These works go towards the final year exams for the students and we wish them the best of luck with this and their future careers.

In the pub we hosted the talented Silbury Hill, who gave us a good night of 'Prog Folk' which was a real blend of their own music, traditional folk music, covers from the 60s and 70s and general good fun. We hope that you enjoyed it. Staying on the

music front, Steven Lay Open Mic Night produced its eclectic array of talent for us all to enjoy and applaud.

Here is a list of what we have planned for April and into May:

*Saturday 20 April, 9pm - live music - The Black & Tan Dog Band*  
Fronted by Julia McCluskey the performance produces a wide range of popular covers spanning decades from the 60s through to current hits. Always a great party feel about the music and fun atmosphere, ideal for the Easter weekend. As with all live music entry is free and everyone welcome.

*Friday 26 April, 9pm - live music - Steven Lay Open Mic Night*  
Does what it says on the label. If you want to play, sing, recite or entertain then just turn up and let Steven know and he will slot you in to the programme. Alternatively, you can just be part of the audience and enjoy the evening, applauding accordingly.

*Thursday 2 May, 8pm - drama - Kiss Me, Help! I Hate You, by Jemima Foxtrot*  
Following the hugely successful 'Horses Horses' production in October, via Creative Arts East and Inncrowd we are delighted to bring you another evening of drama. Written and performed by Jemima the evening tells the story of three very different women in the same pub. It celebrates women, drinking and live performance where the lines between audience and action are blurred. According to The Observer 'the brilliant Foxtrot is one to watch'. So here is your opportunity at only £5 per person, on sale now.

As you can see there's always something going on at The King's Head and we welcome everyone along to come and enjoy themselves. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

**Ian & Suzanne Ballantine**, [thekingsheadorford@gmail.com](mailto:thekingsheadorford@gmail.com)

## THE ALDE & ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP: PROGRESS FOR ESTUARY CAMPAIGN

The East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board (ESIDB) presented their costs for the whole estuary upgrade scheme at the drop-in held by the Estuary Partnership at Snape Maltings on 27 February. The overall cost of £26.9 million includes a £5.1m contingency and covers some 44 kilometers of wall from Snape to Shingle Street, taking 7-8 years to complete. Costs are based on a design of an engineering and environmental standard, which is required to attract Government funding (Flood Defence Grant in Aid).

The ESIDB, who are responsible for project managing the upgrade, have been advised that potentially £10.5million of Government funds could be applied for in view of the national assets in the Alde and Ore Estuary. These include Snape Maltings and a wealth of internationally recognised wildlife habitats and, in the lower part of the Estuary, extensive grazing marshes which provide fresh water to irrigate this nationally important vegetable growing area. However, there is no guarantee, even if the Environment Agency (EA) confirm eligibility for Government funding, that it will be allocated.

With a local economy of over £100million per annum, there is a huge economic and environmental benefit to managing the estuary defences for at least another 30 years, making allowances for both climate change and sea level rise in the future. Detailed modelling by HR Wallingford (an independent flood risk consultant) has provided a robust model for the estuary since the 2013 surge and confirms that the works can be delivered in line with the Estuary Plan. This is a pioneering adaptive approach providing over-toppable but resilient defences which will give some 300 homes around the estuary a reduced risk of flooding.

Two years ago, the farmers and landowners raised a £3m loan to provide working capital for the project while other fundraising got under way. They have now resolved that in addition to being used as working capital this £3m will ultimately be donated in full to the fulfilment of the Estuary Plan. They have also raised £1million in cash and pledges. They also agreed, having discussed the issue with The Estuary Partnership and Trust, to withdraw their plans for enabling development as a mechanism for fund-raising for flood defences in the estuary.

The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust, the charity responsible for local fund-raising, is confident that they have identified how to raise the funds. Provided Government funding is achieved, it is anticipated

that £16 million needs to be raised locally over the next 7 years, of which over £4million has already been secured. This will include local levy funding, Community Infrastructure Levy, parish precept, local donors, landowners, charities and Heritage Lottery Fund.

Professor Jane Maxim, Trustee and Funding Group Chairman said "We are delighted that Garfield Weston Foundation has given us a grant of £500,000 of which £100,000 is for match funding. A further charity application will be made this Spring, and we are now beginning to explore a Heritage Lottery Grant application for the lower estuary. We are poised to raise considerable funds, but we will need further support, energy and commitment from the local community".

**Amanda Bettinson, Partnership Secretary**  
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## EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL

Monday 1 April will see the historic creation of a brand new local authority, replacing Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils. East Suffolk Council will deliver essential services to local people and communities, from Lowestoft in the north to Felixstowe in the south, and is the natural culmination of a partnership between Suffolk Coastal and Waveney which has seen them save a combined total of over £22 million.

The primary reason for creating this new council is to meet the challenges presented by a hugely pressurised financial and service-delivery environment. Compared with the other options considered, it is the most simple to implement and has involved limited transitional costs. It will enable the new council to grasp more opportunities and deliver its priorities for East Suffolk: financial self-sufficiency, economic growth, and enabling communities.

So what will you as taxpayers see that is different? First, the number of councillors is being reduced from 90 across the two authorities to 55 and the elections to the new council will take place on 2 May. A lot of work has gone in to ensuring that it will be 'business as usual' when the new council comes in to force on 1 April.

Residents will continue to pay their council tax in the same way, refuse and recycling will be collected by the same friendly and efficient teams and a range of important services from Planning and Coastal Management to Housing and Environmental Health will continue in exactly the same way.

There will of course be some changes. A new telephone number is being introduced for the Council's switchboard and customer contact centre: 03330 162 000. This will be a non-geographic number, meaning that callers will be charged at a local rate, no matter where they call from in East Suffolk. And of course, there will be new signs – from the largest logos on the side of our main buildings, to car parks and vehicles. These changes will be made gradually to keep costs down.

**New Council Programme Team**



**Joanna Eden**  
in concert

St. Bartholomew's  
Church  
Orford  
Suffolk  
IP12 2NZ

Songs by Joan Mitchell,  
Carole King,  
James Taylor  
& introducing her new album  
**truth tree**

Saturday 6th April 2019  
Tickets £12.50  
Doors open 7.00pm  
Performance starts 8.00pm  
Licensed bar all evening

"The UK's answer to Diana Krall & Norah Jones" Time Out  
"Melody, mystery & bite" Mojo  
"Seek her out!" Sir Michael Parkinson  
"The reason I sing" Sam Smith

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