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ORFORD QUAY WARDEN

After 14 years Philip Attwood, New Orford Town Trust's Quay Warden, is leaving. NOTT, ex Trustees, sailors and visitors greatly appreciate all his work over the years. We thank him for his service and wish him well in his retirement.

Matthew Smy will be taking over as Quay Warden from 4 April 2022, and from that date all questions and queries should be directed to Matthew who can be contacted as follows:

Quay Office: 01394 459950

Mobile: 07528 092635

Email: orfordquayuk@gmail.com

Matthew Smy has a wealth of experience having been a commercial fisherman for around 20 years, and knows the river like the back of his hand.

Ian Thornton, *Chairman, NOTT*

VILLAGE VOICE CIRCULATION

Households in Orford receive the monthly issue of Village Voice along with their copy of The Link magazine, and we are very grateful to those people who deliver these to make sure that everyone in the village knows what is going on.

For anyone outside Orford, copies of Village Voice can be found in the newspaper kiosk at Orford Town Hall, or it can be found on the New Orford Town Trust website: www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net

Kara Reed, *Clerk to New Orford Town Trust*

APRIL AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

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

- First Sunday: Sung Holy Communion with the choir 9.30am
- Second and Third Sundays: Holy Communion 9.30am (Second Sunday, Book of Common Prayer)
- Wednesdays at 6pm: Evening Prayer (BCP)
- Fourth Sundays: we join Sudbourne and Iken congregations for Holy Communion at 9.30am at **Sudbourne Church**.

Looking forward to April, there are the following special services at Orford and Sudbourne:

Easter at St Bartholomew's

- Palm Sunday, 10 April at 9.30am. Note: the service starts with the Liturgy of the Palms outside on the village green and

April 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
- Each Wednesday: chair pilates - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 11am-12noon
- Each Monday and Wednesday: Methodist Chapel tea room, lunch, 11am-2pm
- Each Wednesday: badminton - Orford Town Hall, 7-9pm
- Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm

- Various dates in April: Sudbourne Hall Old Garden open days (see back page for dates)

- Friday 1 April: Friday soup lunch - Bart's Hall, 12.30-2pm
- Thursday 7 April: Gardening Club, Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm

processes to the church for Holy Communion. (For further details see below.)

- Good Friday, 15 April at 2pm: The Cross of Christ – music and readings for congregation and choir, with organ.
- Easter Eve, 16 April at 8pm: Easter Vigil – Holy Communion and Service of Light with the choir.
- Easter Day, 17 April at 9.30am: Holy Communion at All Saints, Sudbourne
- Easter Day, 17 April at 10am: Easter Service for families led by Guy Marshall with Easter egg hunt.

Palm Sunday Procession on the village green:

On Palm Sunday, 10 April, we meet on the village green at 9.30am for the short service of the 'Liturgy of the Palms'. Palm crosses are handed out to people and blessed before we then proceed to Church. This helps us remember Jesus's entry into Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week, when the crowds shouted 'Hosanna' and laid palm leaves in front of him. At the Holy Communion Service in Church the Passion narrative is read as a play. This tells the story of the events of Holy Week, ending in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday. Please do come along to all, or part, of the Palm Sunday service.

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

CHURCH BOOK STALL Visitors to the church will have noticed that there are now second-hand books and jigsaws for sale. They are not priced – any donation is gratefully received and will contribute towards maintaining the fabric of the church. If you have any unwanted books, they can be left in the bags provided. Children's books are particularly welcome.

Friday Soup Lunch at Bart's Hall

Friday 1 April 2022, 12.30–2.00pm, all welcome

It is All Fools Day but we are not fooling around! Join us for our last soup lunch of the season for some good company and some delicious, healthy homemade soup (and bread and homemade cakes). If you need a lift to and from the hall, we will do our best to help.

Friday Soup at Bart's Hall is organised by St Bartholomew's Church and is open to absolutely anyone, locals and visitors alike, and regardless of beliefs. There is no charge – we just ask for a donation for your meal, if you can afford it. Any profit made will support our church funds. Volunteer soup makers, servers and washers-up would be welcomed.

Thanks Super Soupers on 4 March and 18 March – collection for Ukraine. Proceeds from donations at these soup events raised nearly £500 for the appeal for Ukrainian refugees. Thanks to all the diners who were most generous.

To find out more, ask about special diets, a lift to the hall or if you have any questions, please give me a call: **Caroline Gill** 01394 450302 or email caroline@tropic.org.uk

Concert at St Bartholomew's Church on 2 May at 4pm

The UK's top international concert organist, Thomas Trotter, comes to Orford to present a special recital in memory of Catherine Ennis, patron of St Bartholomew's magnificent Peter Collins organ. Tickets are £15 and are available through Britten Pears Arts. There will be a bar selling wine and soft drinks after the recital. (See Graeme Kay's article for further details.)

APRIL AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 3 April, Lent 5 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 10 April, Palm Sunday – Lent 6

10.30am Service arranged locally

Good Friday, 15 April: MEDITATION and HYMNS

11am followed by lunch

Easter Sunday, 17 April:

10.30am – Resurrection PRAISE – Easter Garden, Easter Eggs, Refreshments

Sunday 24 April
10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland – HOLY COMMUNION

Join with us – you will be very welcome.

Children stay in church for the service – refreshments are served after each service.

Chapel Tea Room – open as usual every MONDAY and WEDNESDAY serving a full menu – morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea. OPENING TIMES: 11am–2pm and from Monday 18 April, 11am–3pm.

Church open on Easter Monday with the EASTER GARDEN. You will be welcome to sit awhile and reflect in the calm of the surroundings, and perhaps enjoy coffee, tea and cake.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Hopefully (fingers crossed) by the time you read this, the club will have hosted its first live music night in quite some time, with the appearance of 'Handle with care' on 26 March.

Events coming up:

- Bike Night, Thursday 14 April from 6pm (bike ownership not compulsory) but bar and BBQ available.
- Bingo Night, Friday 15 April, first call 8pm.
- Live music from 'Shattered', Saturday 30 April from 8pm.
- Bike Night, Thursday 12 May from 6pm.

And don't forget regular club nights on Monday and Friday evenings.

Thank you for your support.

Mark Smy, Secretary, 450358

SUDBOURNE HALL CRICKET CLUB

A message for all cricket lovers! As the local snowdrops and daffodils come into blossom and spring is in the air, the 2022 cricket season is nearly upon us.

Sudbourne Hall Cricket Club are on the lookout for new players, supporters and sponsors.

The club has been an integral part of the local community since 1893 and currently plays Saturday league cricket in Division 6 of the 2 counties league with Sunday friendlies arranged throughout the summer.

Set in an idyllic spot on the Sudbourne Park Estate, a short walk from Orford, the ground sits in a unique and beautiful setting.

The season begins on Saturday 16 April with the team away to Worlingworth. Home games commence at Sudbourne Park on 23 April with the visit of Felixstowe and Corinthians CC.

Whether you are a player who fancies a few games through the season, interested in sponsorship or simply keen to support a friendly local community sports club, we'd love to hear from you.

Andy Halliday, Secretary, andyhalliday1@me.com, 07775 667129

ORFORD MEAT SHED

Orford Meat Shed is pleased to announce that for the second year running they have been chosen as the winner of 'The Butchers of the Year' in the London & South East England Prestige Awards.

Diane and Andrew would like to say a sincere thank you to all their customers for their continuous support and custom.

Diane Page

NATIONAL TRUST ORFORD NESS

After a record-breaking year in 2021, we're now fast approaching the start of the 2022 season here on Orford Ness.

We open on Good Friday (15 April) with our Easter Egg trail running throughout the Easter weekend, and then we remain open on Saturdays and Sundays until the end of June. July and August we'll be open 4 days a week (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday) before returning to weekend opening in September and October. As in previous years, we will also be open on Bank Holiday Mondays (and this year, the Platinum Jubilee weekends as well).

This year we will be holding our annual Community Day as part of the Suffolk Day celebrations (21 June) and will share more details soon.

After a two-year gap, thanks to the pandemic, we've also restarted our events programme. Events this year include a series of art workshops, a chance to experience the dawn chorus on the Ness and our ever-popular photography tours. Full details are on our website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/orfordness

Glen Pearce, National Trust Orford Ness

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our next event:

Anna Greenland – Ex Head Gardener for Raymond Blanc at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, 'Eating your way to good health'

Thursday 7 April 7.30 pm Orford Town Hall, Main Room

Anna, who is well known in the media, as well as having spent many years as Head Gardener for Raymond Blanc, will be talking to us about her time there and how to grow vegetables organically and choosing the best varieties for flavour and our health.

She has recently launched her new book 'Grow Easy' and this will be for sale too.

Neill Ludmon: Vertical Planting – wall shrubs, climbers and green walls

In March Neill, our favourite garden designer and plantsman, came to speak to a good turnout of over 30 members and guests. He spent some time explaining to us how various plants climb and their suitability for various vertical structures. He spoke to us about a wide range of climbers and shrubs including roses, wisteria, clematis and some more exotic plants. Neill talked to us about green walls and the person who originated the idea, how it works and how it has developed over time. It seems we need a trip to Paris if we'd like to see some great examples! We all went home thinking about where we could fit in one of the plants he inspired us to grow!

Welcome... please join us at any time of the year, for a single event or as a full member – no gardening knowledge required, just enthusiasm!

Fees: £15 pa, £4 guest

A taster of future events:

- 5 May, Peter Maddison, National Butterfly Conservation Society 'What to look for and plant in our plots and how butterflies play an important role in our gardens and in the wild'
- 9 June, afternoon – our annual garden party in a delightful Orford garden
- 5 July, afternoon – car sharing trip to Fullers Mill near Bury St Edmunds

We hope to see you soon!

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

ORFORD OPEN GARDENS 2022 – Save the date!

Open Gardens will go ahead again this year in Orford on Sunday 26 June. Please save the date in your diaries to visit a selection of beautiful gardens in the village and enjoy delicious homemade cakes, with a hot or cold drink, in the pop-up café in St Bartholomew's Church. Look out for further information in future issues of Village Voice.

The event is in aid of the Friends of St Bartholomew's Church, Orford. This charity raises funds to support the church, to help

maintain the fabric of the building and make improvements so that it can continue to be used as an asset for the whole community in years to come.

If you are interested in opening your garden, or have any questions about Open Gardens or becoming a Friend of St Bartholomew's, please call **Libby Archer** on 07713 413494

ORGAN VIRTUOSO TO VISIT ORFORD

The UK's top international concert organist, Thomas Trotter, is making a special visit to St Bartholomew's, Orford to present a recital in memory of Catherine Ennis, patron of Orford Church's magnificent Peter Collins organ.

Thomas Trotter is one of Britain's most widely admired musicians, reflected in Her Majesty The Queen awarding him The Queen's Medal for Music on St Cecilia's Day 2020. He has had a special relationship with the City of Birmingham in England since he was appointed City Organist in 1983 after Sir George Thalben-Ball, based at the city's renovated historic Town Hall where he is also Resident Organist of the magnificent Klais organ in Symphony Hall; he gave his 800th recital in these roles in 2020. Earlier in his career he was organ scholar at King's College, Cambridge, and he later continued his studies with Marie-Claire Alain in Paris where he took the Prix de Virtuosit  in her class. A regular performer with international orchestras and a prolific recording artist, Thomas performed at the fiftieth Anniversary Concert of the Organ at the Royal Festival Hall, the re-inauguration of the Organ at the Royal Albert Hall, and the re-inauguration of the Royal Festival Hall's organ.

Thomas's recital is at 4pm on Monday 2 May – the first May Bank Holiday weekend. He will perform a sparkling and entertaining programme of music by J S Bach, Mozart, Zsolt Gardonyi, John Gardner, J C Bach, Franz Danksagmuller, Kevin Volans and Marcel Dupre. Tickets are £15 (unreserved), available online from <https://brittenpearsarts.org/events/thomas-trotter-organ-recital>, or from the King's Head Inn, Orford.

Graeme Kay, Director of Music, Orford Church

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	
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	

BANK HOLIDAY & STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE DATES

The surgery will be closed for staff training on Thursday 7 April from 13.00.

Closed Bank Holiday Friday 15 April and Monday 18 April.

When the surgery is closed please call NHS 111

Travel Health

The practice offers travel advice and Alderton surgery is a registered Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre. Travel health advice is based on the individuals specific travel needs, not destination alone. Please book a travel consultation at least 8 weeks before your departure date. This initial appointment will determine your travel health and vaccination requirements. Any vaccinations needed will then be given at a subsequent appointment. Please note that some travel vaccinations will need to be paid for in advance, and that if a Yellow Fever vaccine is required, this can only be administered at our Alderton site. If you require a travel consultation under 8 weeks before departure, please contact MASTA on 0330 100 4106 who will be able to advise you.

www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk or 01394 411641

COMMUNITY

Coffee & chat

Every Monday
(Excluding bank holidays)
at Orford Sports & Recreation Club



Between 1.00pm-3.00pm

Re-starting on Monday 28th February

New to the area? Fed up with your own company?
Meet up with friends or come along and make new ones
Join us for a FREE tea or coffee and a friendly chat

ALL WELCOME

Pick up service available for Orford residents from
The Good Neighbour Scheme 01394 450235



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 Covid-19 vaccinations/boosters, hospital, and GP appointments
- * Provision of a personal care alarm with key safe, supported by the Orford & District Surgery Charitable Trust
- * A Community Larder and book swap, available round the clock in the entrance to the Kings Head car park. Thank you to everyone who donates to the larder; without you we would not be able to keep it stocked.
- * Other activities as requested and agreed
- * Support for anyone who is impacted by a scam

Sudbourne Park

Sudbourne Hall Old Gardens

Open Days 2022

April 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th

April 30th, May 1st & 2nd

June 3rd, 4th & 5th

Parking on grass (as signposted)

Please keep to path & take litter home!

Dogs must be on a lead & keep their owners under control

St Bartholomew's, Orford CELEBRITY ORGAN RECITAL Monday 2 May at 4pm



THOMAS TROTTER

The UK's top international concert organist
presents a special recital in memory of
Catherine Ennis, patron of Orford Church's
magnificent Peter Collins organ

Music by J S Bach, Mozart, Zsolt Gárdonyi,
John Gardner, J C Bach, Franz Danksagmüller,
Kevin Volans and Marcel Dupré

Tickets £15 unreserved
Online: <https://bit.ly/3CHF7Bv>
or from the King's Head Inn, Orford