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### ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL AND NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

We are aware that there is often some confusion over the responsibilities of Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council (OGPC) and New Orford Town Trust (NOTT). OGPC comprises 12 individuals elected by parishioners. Elections take place every 4 years, and if vacancies occur in the intervening period new Councillors are elected or co-opted. All Parish Councillors are volunteers who give up their time voluntarily to help the village. The Parish Council is the most local form of government and has various responsibilities. It deals with issues relating to planning, highways, transport and traffic, community safety, housing, litter, rights of way, village greens (including grass cutting) and Orford Recreation Ground. The Parish Council is mainly funded through the Parish Precept, which OGPC requests each year. Every household pays an amount in their Council Tax to cover this, and the precept is paid to OGPC by Suffolk Coastal District Council.

OGPC as a body is the sole trustee of NOTT. NOTT's assets include Orford Town Hall, 1-6 Bakers Lane cottages, which are let out to local people, allotments in Bakers Lane and Gedgrave Road, Quay Meadow, Millennium Wood, Quay Street car park and toilet block, Orford Quay and riverside, and a stretch of the river bed from the river mouth to Pig Pail Sluice. NOTT is a registered charity whose area of benefit is the villages of Orford and Gedgrave, and it receives no public funding. Income received is used by the Trustee to pay staff, maintain NOTT assets and money is put aside to cover future expenditure. Some money is put into the Village Fund, from which local organisations can apply for grants.

OGPC and NOTT are administered separately; they have their own Clerks, and accounts and budgets are not linked in any way. The Clerks will be happy to let you know who is responsible for what if you have any queries!

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

*Ian Thornton, Chairman, New Orford Town Trust*

### NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

As you may be aware we have had a vacancy on the Parish Council for a number of months. At July's meeting a vote was taken and I have the pleasure of welcoming Terry Loveridge to the Parish Council. Terry has lived in Orford for over 30 years and has a wealth of knowledge from his previous employment with Suffolk County Council. We look forward to having him on the Council in the coming months. I would also like to say thank you to the other applicants

### August dates for your diary

- Sunday 5 August: Annual Quay Service - Orford Quay, 6pm
- Friday 17 August: Hitchin Concert Band concert - St Bartholomew's Church, Orford, 7.45pm
- 18-19 August: Sandlings Art Group exhibition - New Room, Orford Town Hall, from 10am
- Saturday 25 August: Orford, Sudbourne and Gedgrave Flower Show - Orford Recreation Ground, from 1.30pm
- Saturday 25 August: Village Feast - Market Square, Orford, from 6pm

for taking the time to apply, and I hope that they will continue to take a keen interest in the village.

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

### VILLAGE FEAST

The Village Feast will take place in the Market Square in Orford from 6pm on the evening of Saturday 25 August 2018 (after the Flower Show). It is a 'bring and share' event and tables and chairs will be set out, so please bring along some food to share. There will be a barbecue available so you can bring along sausages etc which can be cooked on the evening. It should be a great opportunity for people to enjoy the (hopefully) lovely weather and each other's company.

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

### AUGUST AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 5 August – Trinity 10

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

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6.00pm Annual Quay Service at Orford Quay  
(or at St Bartholomew's if wet)

Sunday 12 August – Trinity 11

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 19 August – Trinity 12

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 26 August – Trinity 13

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

Sunday 2 September – Trinity 14

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev J Andrews

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev Dr J Hare

*Rev. David Murdoch*

## **AUGUST AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday 5 August 10.30am Stephen Caley – *Picnic Lunch*  
6pm 30th ANNUAL QUAY SERVICE  
Sunday 12 August 10.30am SONGS OF PRAISE  
Sunday 19 August 10.30am Stephen Caley  
5pm informal TEA TABLE SERVICE  
Sunday 26 August 10.30am Rev Martin Dawes – COMMUNION

30th ANNUAL QUAY SERVICE on Sunday 5 August – hopefully with fine weather. Monsignor Tony Rogers from Aldeburgh Roman Catholic Church is the preacher with the Suffolk Phoenix Band to lead the singing. The Jubilee Sailing Trust will receive our support and donations. You are warmly invited to attend along with a comfy chair too! If the evening turns out to be a rainy one the service will take place in the Parish Church.

*All the usual weekly events continue:*

Monday's Tea Room open 12noon–4pm – visit with us – excellent food and much more – no need to book your table!

Wednesday Lunch served at 12.30pm – bookable for this meal – BUT PLEASE NOTE: the summer break will take place on Wednesday 15 and 22 August – resuming on Wednesday 29 August.

Inspirational Painting sessions will commence again early October.

There will be a picnic lunch provided after the Sunday Service on 5 August and 2 September – commencing the Autumn/Winter Soup and Pud on the first Sunday in October.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING – Sunday, 16 September – as always donations of grocery, produce & flowers greatly appreciated. The 10.30am service will be followed by Harvest Lunch to which you are invited.

We were delighted that many friends, *some 40 or so*, from near and far came together for our very first Summer Tea Party which was held on Sunday 24 June in Sudbourne Village Hall. The tables were laden with sandwiches, scones, cakes and much more – tea pots were filled and refilled and cooler drinks available too. A very belated 40th birthday cake (Liovet and Louise) was also shared. Children played whilst adults chatted away – and put their minds to the 'brain teasers' provided. In all a very happy, enjoyable and successful event. Our many thanks to all those who helped – Stephen Y, Karen and George, Laurian, Irene, Liovet, Angus, Louise, Pam and Stephen. Thanks too to Michelle who provided many of the cakes.

The July 'after Sunday service Picnic Lunch' was appreciated by all in attendance –with an opportunity to indulge in ice cream & strawberries!

POPPY FESTIVAL: alongside the amazing support received from Poppy Knitters it has been decided to hold a Poppy Festival to mark the 100 years of the end of the First World War. The Festival will be held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 27–29 October. There are lots of developing ideas and further contributions/ideas toward the Festival are most welcome. Proceeds together with the continuing sale of knitted poppies will go to The Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.

**Stephen Caley**

## **ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB**

Thank you to everybody who supported the club during the televised England world cup matches. That's what the club is best at - bringing people together (but it would have been much better if we'd won it!).

The club will be open for club nights on Sunday, Monday and Friday evenings from 8:30pm as usual during August.

- Thursday 9 August: Bike meet night, from 6pm. Come along for a burger and chips, drink and chat (as usual, bike not compulsory)
- Friday 24 August: Bingo night, 8pm
- Saturday 25 August: the club will be open for all facilities during the Flower Show.

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

## **ORFORD & GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW**

The 2018 Flower Show is coming, and as always we rely completely on kind offers of help to prepare the showground on the Friday, and to run the side stalls on Show Day itself. This year's show follows the tried and tested format, and I hope will include the Tug of War once again. If you can spare an hour or so helping set up the show ground on Friday between 0900 and 1500 it will be really appreciated. There is a whole range of activities from hanging bunting and painting white lines through to placing straw bales, so something for everyone! And if you have any members of the next generation of show goers around, they can have fun helping as well, bring them along!

We also need helpers to man the side shows on Saturday. I know from personal experience it is great fun to become a 'Showman' or 'Showlady' even if it is just for one shift! So, if there is a bit of 'extrovert' hiding inside you why not let it out for a while... roll up, roll up... volunteers this way please - the more the merrier!

So, don't be shy please get in touch if you can help.

**Stephen Worrall**, 450095, [stephen.j.worrall@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.j.worrall@gmail.com)

## **REFRESHMENTS AT ORFORD FLOWER SHOW**

At this year's Flower Show a group of volunteers will be working hard at the Recreation Ground Pavilion to provide refreshments on Saturday 25 August. We will be serving hot and cold drinks and a variety of delicious cakes. All money raised on the day will go to the Recreation Ground Charity towards the upkeep of the Pavilion and the tennis courts, so please do come and have a sit down and enjoy a break, and help us to raise some money for these valuable village amenities. We would be very pleased to accept donations of cakes, which can be dropped off at the Pavilion (in the kitchen) or Friends Garage on the morning of the Flower Show. Thank you!

**Anne Macro**

## **FLOWER SHOW TOMBOLA 2018**

As usual this year we will have the Tombola at the Flower Show and as usual it will help generate the income to enable the Flower Show itself to continue.

So please expect someone to be knocking on your door in early to mid-August, asking for your support in providing bottles and other prizes for the tombola, which year-on-year seems to have a never-ending queue of customers.

Additionally, can we also ask your help in this collection process. We need someone to collect in the Potkins Lane area and someone else in the Munday Lane area, but if you can help elsewhere, maybe Sudbourne or Iken or other parts of Orford, that would be great as well. It will only take a few hours of your time and at a time to suit yourself. Please call if you can or leave a message.

**Mike and Polly Sharkey**, 01394 450959

## **RNLI COLLECTIONS IN ORFORD ON SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 2018**

I am planning to run the collections in Orford again this year on Saturday 4 August. Last year we collected outside the Town Hall, Pump Street Bakery, Orford Stores and on the Quay. If anyone would be willing to do an hour's stint for me I would be very grateful if you could either email me on:

[dianampaterson@btinternet.com](mailto:dianampaterson@btinternet.com) or telephone on 01394 450771.

**Diana Grayburn**

## **SUDBOURNE HALL CRICKET CLUB**

It feels like a sparse month for cricket, however at the time of writing we haven't won a game in all of July, which sounds dramatic but we missed a weekend of league cricket due to fixture scheduling and had our annual Presidents game v Sir Edward Greenwell XI which was a wonderfully close match going to the last over. In the interest of landlord & tenant harmony, clearly, I engineered a result that would continue Sir Edward's benevolence

towards the club...! Jokes aside, it was a wonderfully supported day, with great weather and of course a fantastic tea. In league news, we have lost two games very closely recently after a great bounce-back win at the end of June against Gt Bromley at home.

We have a tricky end of the season with resurgent teams, making this league very difficult to predict with so many evenly matched clubs. We have home games on 28 July and 11 and 18 August, all starting at 1pm. We have more and more visitors on match days and it's really wonderful to see the increasing support of the club. At the next report, we will be at the business end the season and will know whether we're fighting for promotion or holding off for relegation – the league is getting that close. Wish us luck!

**Scott Hunt – Club Captain**

### **ORFORD TENNIS, SUMMER 2018**

At last, the tennis court is finished and looks wonderful. We are very grateful to all who donated generously and the final sum received from our County Councillor, Andrew Reid's allowances and locality funds helped enormously. We are now looking into getting the lights up and running again and sourcing netball posts and football nets for the multi-court, so that it can be used all year round.

The Ladies Tennis Tournament will be on Tuesday 14 August starting at 9 am. It's not necessary to sign in with a partner as we play as individuals. It will cost £3 a head to play. The Mixed Doubles Tournament will be on the following day starting at 4pm and this will be £5 for a couple. Please let me know by 10 August if you would like to enter.

**Diana (Paterson) Grayburn**

### **GARDENING CLUB**

#### ***The Flower Show, Saturday 25 August***

The Gardening Club will be having a stall at this event for the second year. Last year's was a huge success and enabled us to meet many new people with an interest in plants, gardens and allotments. This year we will be demonstrating how we can all be more environmentally friendly as well. We will also be having a Plant Stall and selling bunches of flowers, vegetables and fruit and any garden associated items – so please contribute what you can on the day or before, via Polly. If you are entering the Flower Show Competitions, we would appreciate any donations of items which weren't up to the standard on the day! We love everything. There will also be an opportunity for HALF PRICE MEMBERSHIP (£7.50) for the rest of 2018!

#### ***Coach Trip to East Ruston Old Vicarage***

On Wednesday 4 July, thirty-six of us travelled to Norfolk to visit this amazing and innovative garden. Some of us had been before and for some it was their first visit but without exception we were all impressed by the continuing development of this garden. Of course, we all took ideas home with us to implement – though perhaps on a less grand scale. Thank you to everyone who showed some much appreciation of the garden and to us for arranging the trip! This is definitely the kind of inspiration we want to share in our Gardening Club.

#### ***Tasters for the Autumn***

- Friday 7 September – Foraging for lunch at the Froize with Vivia Bamford and David Grimwood – a few places left for the talk and lunch but the foraging walk is full.
- Tuesday 18 September – Launch of our new 'Pop-up Open Garden' at Iken in the afternoon! Members sharing their gardens with other members. More info later.
- Thursday 4 October – Drought Resistant Planting with Ben Potterton of Blacksmiths Nursery. A must, considering this summer...
- Wednesday 10 October – Afternoon car-sharing trip to Orchard Barn Ringshill for members only. This is a social enterprise specialising in traditional building projects, large and small. We will have a tour of their site, look at their composting, planting and sustainable vegetable beds plus tea and cake of course!
- Thursday 1 November – Colour Theory for Gardeners with Neil

Ludmon and the Eric Mason Shield Competition.

- Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December – AGM and Social Evening Supper!  
Always great fun!

Thank you all for reading our articles and we hope to welcome you in the future to an event or as a new member!

**Polly Sharkey**

### **CARPET BOWLS**

Carpet Bowls is a game almost anybody can play and is very similar to the outdoor game with which most people will be familiar. It is an indoor game of course, played on a mat about 10 metres long by 2 metres wide with a circular disc placed in the centre of the mat. Ideally it is played with 2 teams of 4 players having 2 woods each, who bowl their woods alternately towards the jack, which is positioned at the opposite end to where the bowler is standing. The bowls are biased and when bowled have to go around the circular disc to reach the jack. As in normal bowls the wood nearest the jack is the winner of each end.

The game has been played in this area for about 30 years with a club meeting in Orford Town Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm from September to early April, and another club meeting in Sudbourne Village Hall on Wednesday evenings, also at 7.00pm, from September to the end of July with a break in August. All the equipment is provided, with both clubs charging a Green Fee of £2.00 per person for each evening, and both clubs have a policy of providing the first three evenings free of charge to new players. Although they are separate clubs, there are some people who play at both venues each week.

Orford play competitively in the Heritage Coast Carpet Bowls League and this coming season will be in the First Division after being promoted from the Second Division as champions last season. Sudbourne do not play competitively, only the occasional friendly match. Both clubs would welcome anyone interested in playing this enjoyable game, so when the new season commences on Tuesday, 4 September at Orford and Wednesday 5 September 5 at Sudbourne, why not come and give it a try. No experience is necessary as it is an easy game to learn and can be played by both young and those not so young.

For further details, the contact for Orford is David Emeny on 01394 450687 and Sudbourne is Terry Bugg on 01394 450543 (email gwenandterry@btinternet.com)

**David Emeny and Terry Bugg**

### **SAVE OUR SUFFOLK ESTUARY FUNRAISING EVENT:**

#### **An exhibition of paintings by Susanna MacInnes**

All are welcome to drinks on Saturday 11 August from 6-9pm at the Aldeburgh Gallery, 143 High Street. Preview paintings on the website [www.pindroppainting.com](http://www.pindroppainting.com) or Instagram Pindroppainter. 10% of painting sales and 50% of card sales on the day will go to the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust. The exhibition runs from 9-15 August 2018.

The Alde and Ore win hands down as Susanna's favourite location to paint. It's where she spent happy times as a child painting alongside her grandfather, Robin Forestier-Walker. Coining the name "Pindroppainter" Susanna drops a pin on a map and paints on location using oils. Reflected light and atmosphere are her inspiration.

**Clare Greenwell**

### **FAMILY CONCERT: HITCHIN CONCERT BAND ON TOUR**

A concert of light music for all the family with proceeds to go to St Bartholomew's Church. Programme includes *Spain* (Chick Corea), *Soirées Musicales* by Rossini/arr. Benjamin Britten, *South Pacific*, Holst Suite No. 2, *Elegy for Miles Davis*, *Tahiti Trot* and other short, fun pieces. Friday 17 August 2018, 7.45pm at St Bartholomew's Church, Orford. Entry by programme, £10 adult, £5 children over 5. Available on the door by phoning 07702 250123 to reserve.

**Jacki Maslin**

## CRICKET FANS

The Authors v Sudbourne Hall Cricket Club will be playing cricket in aid of the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust on Sunday 2 September. Some of our best-known authors including Sebastian Faulks, William Fiennes, Anthony McGowan, Richard Beard, Ben Falk, Matt Thacker, David Owen, Tom Holland, Jonathan Wilson, Jon Hotten and Andrew Lycett, captained by Charlie Campbell, will be taking on Sudbourne. All welcome. Afternoon tea, proceeds for Alde and Ore Estuary Trust. Anyone who would like to donate a cake or sandwiches would be very welcome.

Contact **Clare Greenwell**, 450440

## RAF CENTENARY

Older residents may remember my grandfather, Kenneth Pickthorn of Rose Cottage, Quay Street. His younger brother, Murray Pickthorn, was a WW1 fighter ace (i.e. shot down 5 times or more) before buying and then farming Richmond Farm from 1921 until his premature death in 1938. In March 1917, he shot down the German crown prince Friedrich, the second son of the Kaiser. For this and other exploits he received the Military Cross. In the last few weeks of the war he became squadron leader of 84 squadron, equipped with the SE5a, the then state-of-the-art British biplane fighter. On 10 November 1918, the last full day of the war, he shot down an enemy aircraft for the last time. Extraordinarily, his SE5a was not scrapped and survived the peace. It was restored at Farnborough in the 1950s and is in remarkable condition. You can see it at the Shuttleworth Collection of historic aircraft together with Murray's logbook and combat reports. It is one of just 10 airworthy British aircraft from WW1 and, in the summer of 2018, is over 100 years old.

**Charles Iliff**

## SANDLINGS ART GROUP – THIRD SUMMER ART EXHIBITION

You are warmly invited to the Sandlings Art Group's popular annual art exhibition on 18 and 19 August in the Town Hall in Orford, to see the new work of artists in the group, ranging from local landscapes to portraiture. Several talented new members have joined us this year, and we are sure you will find something to interest you. It will be open from 10am to 4.30pm on Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday. We look forward to welcoming you. (Sandlings Art Group meets every Tuesday from 10am to 12.30pm in Sudbourne Village Hall, and its members come from throughout the Sandlings area).

**Kay Briggs**

## PLASTIC ON ORFORD BEACH

We visited Orford Ness beach, on the sea side, opposite Havergate Island, one Sunday recently. I had taken a carrier bag with me and was shocked to find enough plastic waste within 50 metres of where we were to fill the bag. I do not think that the majority had been washed ashore because a lot of it was beside where people had obviously been having picnics with a fire and we found two large full bottles of lemonade – they would not have been washed up on the beach. Another find was a broken desk chair which we will take to the dump. Two possible suggestions: take a bag to put stray litter into, bring home and dispose of, and of course, don't leave any of our own litter there either. Sorry, not a happy story.

**Wendy Roberts**

## FAMILY HISTORY – A REQUEST

For quite a while now I have been researching my family history. My wife's maiden name was Downing and she was born and raised in Aldeburgh. It seems that all of the Downings lived and worked in Aldeburgh apart from one! Oscar Edward Downing was born in Aldeburgh in 1872. He was one of a family of 13 children. In 1897 he married a lady from Orford named Edith Caroline Knights. He then moved to Orford and they had at least six children. He died in 1944. Are there still any Downing

descendants living in Orford or nearby? If so I would love to make contact with them. Many thanks.

**John Martin**, 01394 382152, [jhm.foxf@btinternet.com](mailto:jhm.foxf@btinternet.com)

## EVENTS AT BLACKSMITH'S FORGE, SUDBOURNE PARK

*Townsend Art* is now open, so please come along to my Summer Open Day at Blacksmith's Forge on Saturday 18 August, 2pm to 6pm, to view antique frames bought at auction – repaired and refurbished – together with a selection of affordable works of art.

**Lyn Townsend**, 459437

*Bluebird Pottery* will also be having a Summer Open Day on Saturday 18 August and will also be open on 23 August at Blacksmith Forge at Sudbourne Park, offering a well-equipped ceramics workshop and classes for those with or without experience working with clay.

For information call 450532 or see the website [www.bluebirdpotteryshed.co.uk](http://www.bluebirdpotteryshed.co.uk)

**Christopher New**

## THE PENINSULAR PRACTICE APRIL NEWSLETTER

### *Staying cool in a heatwave*

Most of us look forward to the warmer weather and feeling some sun on our faces. But it's important to be prepared for hot weather as high temperatures can be dangerous to your health. Please go to the address below for health advice during this time.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/health-wellbeing/mind-body/staying-cool-in-a-heatwave/>

**Surgery Closures:** Bank holiday Monday, 27 August 2018

Surgery opening times:

	Orford	Alderton	Hollesley
Monday	8am-6.30pm	8am-2.30pm	1.30pm-5.30pm
Tuesday	CLOSED	8am-6.30pm	
Wednesday	8am-1pm	8am-6.30pm	
Thursday	8am-1pm	8am-6.30pm	
Friday	8am-1pm	8am-6.30pm	

**Linda Deabill**, Practice Manager



## The Band of The Royal British Legion Leiston in Concert at St. Bartholomew's Church Orford Sunday September 16th Doors open 2.00



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