



The newsletter for the community of Orford and Gedgrave

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FROM ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL Village Feast

The Parish Council is holding the Annual Village Feast after the Flower Show on the Market Square. This takes place on the evening of Saturday 24 August 2019, starting at 6.30pm with music by 'Flaming Cheek', BBQ by the 'Meat Shed', and ice creams from 'Lisa-Marie'. There will also be a BBQ for you to bring along your own food to cook, if you wish. Please see posters around the village for further updates.

Councillor Vacancy

A reminder that the deadline for applying to become a new councillor is fast approaching: 12 noon on Wednesday 4 September. All applications will be discussed at our next Parish Council meeting on 11 September, when the new councillor will be co-opted onto the Parish Council, also becoming a member of the Trustee of the New Orford Town Trust. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk, Marie Backhouse, at the Town Hall (01394 459172) for further details.

Hedges

At a recent Parish Council meeting it was brought to our attention that there are many overgrown hedges around the village. If you notice that your hedge is growing over the road or the footpath, please could you give it a trim.

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

ALLOTMENTS IN ORFORD

We may soon have a vacant allotment or two at the Gedgrave Road site in Orford. If you are interested in taking one on, please contact me to add your name to the waiting list.

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

August dates for your diary

Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm

- Friday 2 August: mobile library in Orford
- Sunday 4 August: Quay Service - Orford Quay, 6pm
- Friday 9 August: Orford Town Hall - chamber music concert, 12 noon
- Monday 12 August: tennis, ladies doubles tournament - Recreation Ground tennis court, 9am
- Wednesday 15 August: tennis, mixed doubles tournament - Recreation Ground tennis court, 4pm
- Saturday 24 August: Orford, Sudbourne and Gedgrave Flower Show - Orford Recreation Ground, from 1.30pm
- Friday 30 August: mobile library in Orford

AUGUST AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 4 August: Trinity 7

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

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Sunday 11 August: Trinity 8

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 18 August: Trinity 9

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

5.00pm Whole Peninsula Team Ministry

Festal Evensong, marking the last day of the Ministry of Rev David Murdoch as Team Rector

Sunday 25 August: Trinity 10

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev R Alderson

10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Rev. David Murdoch

SERVICES AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

August

Sunday 4 August

10.30am Rev. Stephen Yelland with lunch provided
6pm ANNUAL QUAY SERVICE

Sunday 11 August

10.30am Service lead locally – 'Praise through
Christian Art'

Sunday 18 August

10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 25 August

10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes – Communion

September

Sunday 1 September 10.30am Stephen Caley with lunch
provided

Refreshments served in the Wesley Room after morning
services.

CHAPEL TEA ROOM open as usual throughout the summer
– every Monday 12noon–4pm.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH served at 12.30pm – there are likely
to be a couple of summer weeks off from this weekly event
– details announced locally and later.

The 117th Anniversary of the opening of the present
Chapel building was celebrated at the end of June with a
morning service conducted by our former Minister Rev.
Stephen Yelland. In the afternoon we held a Summer Tea
Party where many friends joined us for a splendid tea – a
Public Tea was held on 4 June 1902 at the grand opening
of the building. Our tea party was great fun with a 'Getting
to know you' quiz before tea with games for the children
afterwards. A very happy afternoon was had by all. Many
thanks to all the helpers.

Lunch after the morning Service on Sunday 7 July gave
us the opportunity to make donations to 'Action for
Children' who this year are celebrating their 150th year.
We are glad to be able to support this charity – the lunch
was great too!

Stephen Caley

31st ANNUAL QUAY SERVICE, 6PM

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST

Preacher: Rev. Derek Grimshaw. This year we support the
RNLI Aldeburgh Boat. We hope for an evening of fine
weather – if not the service will be held in the Methodist
Church. Refreshments follow the service at the Methodist
Church. Just in case, come prepared for a chilly breeze!

Stephen Caley

BEACH CLEAN

There will be a beach clean on Orford Ness on Sunday 22
September to tie in with the Marine Conservation Society's
Great British Beach Clean. More details will be in
September's Village Voice.

ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

The July Bike Meet night was very well attended, so
hopefully the weather will continue.

Date of the next Bike Meet night is Thursday 8 August
from 6pm, burger and chips and bar available (bike not
essential).

Other dates to note:

- Saturday 17 August live music from "Colour Blind
Hedgehogs" from 8pm

- Saturday 24 August, the club facilities will be available
during the Flower Show
- Friday 30 August, Bingo night from 8pm
- Thursday 12 September, Bike meet night from 6pm
And usual club nights on Monday and Friday evenings,
from 8.30pm.

We have to announce that price increases on certain
drinks are happening from August onwards, BUT if you are
a member, and produce your membership card, you will
receive the discounted membership prices, so it really pays
to be a member (if you have mislaid your membership card,
please let me know for a re-issue).

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358

CANCELLATION OF THE 71 BUS SERVICE BETWEEN ORFORD AND WOODBRIDGE

According to the East Anglian Daily Times, Suffolk County
Council has introduced a new framework to assess the viability
of the 61 bus services it subsidises and, after looking at
passenger numbers, it has confirmed that it will be pulling the
subsidy on 23 services, a move that's designed to save around
£340,000 a year. The 71 service between Orford and
Woodbridge is one of the routes to lose its subsidy. Talks are
apparently under way (through the end of July) with bus
operators to establish whether they can continue running their
services commercially without council help. If the current
operators cannot fund those routes, then the council will begin
discussions with other operators, parish, town and district
councils or find other means to help keep services running.

According to the EADT, Services 62 and 71 – Blaxhall-
Wickham Market (62) and Sudbourne-Woodbridge (71) – sell
an average of 18 single tickets per day, meaning that the
subsidy per ticket sold works out at £14.82 (the highest of all
the bus routes under review).

James Kennedy

FRIENDS GARAGE UPDATE

After a productive meeting with the developer at East Suffolk
Council recently, a period of negotiation deadlock over the
future plans for the Friends Garage site seems to be coming
to an end. This is good news! This deadlock explains the lack
of progress and news in the last couple of months. East
Suffolk Council and the Parish Council remain supportive of
the project.

We will present the plans in more detail to the Parish Council
and, after agreement with the PC, to the village as a whole
– place, time and method to be decided.

We're exploring the appropriate form of company structure
which is likely to be a Community Interest Company (CIC), a
not-for-profit company run for the benefit of the community.
Tom Massey has kindly agreed to the use of the name
'Friends', so the CIC title may be 'Friends of Orford CIC'.

When it comes to funding and fund-raising, we already have
some supportive offers, but we will start to raise the bulk of
the funds when all is clear and we have the necessary
permissions. Donations with no strings attached will, of
course, be welcome, but for the most part we are trying to
structure it such that people wishing to participate will receive
a small return on the amount loaned (effectively donated)
and, hopefully, tax relief as well. A board will be set up to
manage the CIC and it will consist of a representative
cross-section of the Orford community, so that all interests
are taken into account. There are various ways of

selecting/electing members to the board and we will be discussing these with the Parish Council to ensure that the method we choose is sensible and fair, and is perceived as such.

Time-scale is difficult to assess at the moment as the development and planning processes aren't under our control. With luck we can say more in our next update.

Please contact us if you have any comments, questions, donation pledges or helpful suggestions. Thank you for your continued interest and support. We expect to be able to update you again in the next few weeks and with more detail.

Ian Watkins, Edward Greenwell, Nicholas Gold & Harry Cole

SUFFOLK MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library comes to Orford every four weeks on a Friday. It parks up at Barons Meadow from 2.10pm-2.30pm and in the Market Square from 2.35pm-3.50pm. Dates for this year are as follows:

Fridays: 2 August, 30 August, 27 September, 25 October, 22 November, 20 December.

TOMBOLA – ORFORD, SUDBOURNE and GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW

Once again, we are approaching that time of year when the sun always shines! Please be aware that there will be people collecting in early/mid-August for the Tombola so any offerings will be appreciated. And if you would like to help this year, particularly in the areas of Town Farm Estate, Peacocks Pyghtle, Munday Lane and Sudbourne I would love to hear from you. It would only take an hour or so of your time on a date and at a time to suit you. Obviously if you would like to collect in another area that would be good as well. Many thanks.

Mike Sharkey, tel 01394 450959

FLOWER SHOW REFRESHMENTS

It's that time of year again when I ask for donations of cakes and biscuits for the refreshments at the Flower Show. All money raised by refreshments is spent on the Recreation Ground Pavilion or the tennis area. Donations of cakes etc can be left at the Recreation Ground Pavilion on the Saturday morning, or you can contact me and I can collect. Thank you!

Anne Macro, tel 01394 450741

ORFORD SUMMER TENNIS TOURNAMENTS 2019

LADIES DOUBLES TOURNAMENT: Monday 12 August at 9am. No need to have a partner they will be drawn on the day. Cost will be £3.

MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT: Wednesday 15 August at 4pm. £5 per couple.

Please let me know by 9 August if you would like to play.

**Diana Grayburn, 01394 450771,
dianampaterson@btinternet.com**

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Coach trip to RHS Hyde Hall

A number of us from Sudbourne, Gedgrave and Orford had a delightful visit to RHS Hyde Hall in our yellow 29-seater coach – Bananarama! This garden changes and develops on every visit and their gardening solutions are very pertinent to us in this dry part of the country. Our guide,

Jane, told us of how the garden began from a farm and became what it is today. She was so enthusiastic and full of information on plants, watering approaches and all the ecology of our area. We all went home with fresh ideas of every kind and a huge number of plants...

The Flower Show, 24 August 2019

As has become usual, we will be having a stand at this event promoting the Gardening Club and this is an opportunity to meet some of us and find out what we do that might interest you. We'd love to meet you. We'd also love to have any donations of plants, bunches of flowers, vegetable and fruit to sell for our funds and to help towards the cost of our *Bob Flowerdew 'No work gardening'* up-and-coming event. This is on Saturday afternoon, 3pm on 9 November and you will be able to **BUY TICKETS AT OUR STALL @ £7.50 for members and £12.50 for non-members** (also available at Orford Craft Centre).

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW for membership @ half price for the remainder of the calendar year @ £7.50 and come to our events

Events still to come in 2019...

- *Ladybird Nursery visit* Wednesday 4 September afternoon plus tea or Thursday 5 September evening plus supper.
- *Wednesday afternoon, 25 September, Clare Gardens 'the best in Suffolk' visit, bulbs for sale and teas.*
- *Thursday evening, 7.30 pm, 3 October, Making the most of Autumn: late perennials planting, surprises for spring and preparing for winter – Susie, Owner of Katie's Garden, Ipswich.*
- *Saturday afternoon, 3 pm, 9 November Bob Flowerdew 'No Work Gardening' Members tickets @ £7.50 via the Gardening Club and non-members from Orford Craft Centre @ £12.50*

We hope to see you soon ...

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

CARPET BOWLS

It is August yet again and the two local carpet bowls clubs at Orford and Sudbourne are thinking of the new winter season ahead which commences in September.

Carpet bowls is a game most people can play and is a good way of meeting other people and having a good time together. The clubs provide all the equipment, so all that has to be done is turn up on club evenings and play. No one has to be an expert player, so if you have never played before then you will be more than welcome to come and give it a try, when you will be helped to learn the game.

The details of the clubs are as follows:

ORFORD – meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Town Hall recommencing 10 September, with the season lasting until April. Matches are played on a regular basis throughout the season in the Heritage Coast League Division 1.

Contact: David Emeny Tel: 01394 450687

SUDBOURNE – meet Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Village Hall recommencing 4 September and playing through until the end of July. Only the occasional friendly matches are played.

Contact: Terry Bugg Tel: 01394 450543 Email: gwenandterry@btinternet.com

ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET

The Country Market is held in the Town Hall every Saturday from 9.30am until 1pm. The vast majority of our produce is locally sourced. We have locally caught fish and shell fish, home-baked cakes, savouries, vegetables, plants, cut flowers, cards, marmalade and jams, honey, a good variety of crafts, jewellery, wooden bowls and boards, paintings, and goats milk ice cream and cheese from Bawdsey.

We also serve teas, coffee, cake and bacon rolls. If you haven't been before, do give us a look – a warm welcome awaits you!

Anne Macro, Market Manager

KATE OSBORNE – BEACH BONKERS

Suffolk's shingle beaches are full of interesting objects and sometimes we do not know what they are. On Tuesday 10 September Kate Osborne, beachcomber and conservationist, is coming to Sudbourne Village Hall to tell us all about beachcombing and show us what we might find. Everyone is welcome – this is an Orford & Sudbourne WI meeting and we welcome all visitors. It starts at 2pm with a brief talk followed by a hands-on quiz and the chance to explore a tableful of beachcombed treasures. Kate will show what fun exploring beaches can be. No charge for visitors but please buy some raffle tickets!

Kate leads guided beachcombs and can also bring the beach to you. You may like to look at her website www.beachbonkers.org.uk and find more dates for Beach Bonkers events.

Elisabeth Cooper, Orford & Sudbourne WI

LOCAL ART EXHIBITION – A date for your diary

The Sandlings Art Group will hold its fourth annual exhibition on Saturday 17 August and Sunday 18 August 2019 from 10am to 5pm at Orford Town Hall. On display will be examples of the year's work by the Group, which draws its members from across the Peninsula. Many works are for sale, and range from local landscapes to still life and portraiture. We look forward to welcoming you.

The Sandlings Art Group is always open to new members, and meets every Tuesday from 10 to 12.30 at the Village Hall in Sudbourne. For more information contact Jean Dean on 01394 459459 or email jean@buttonbarn.co.uk

Jean Dean

THE GREAT HOUSE GALLERY: AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY EXHIBITION

Work for sale by Sudbourne Printmakers, supported by sculptures from Butley Mills Studios. Preview: Friday 23 August, 6-9pm. Tickets £10 per person, for drinks, canapés and music in the garden, available online www.greathousegallery.co.uk. Gallery open to the public: Saturday 24 to Monday 26 August 10.30am-4pm

Tickets, tea, coffee and cake sales in aid of the St Bartholomew's Church Organ Fund.

CLAY WORKSHOPS AT THE HAYLOFT, ORFORD CRAFT CENTRE, FRONT STREET

Every month we hold clay workshops for all ages and abilities. Learn the skills to hand build your unique masterpieces. Emma will teach you the steps as fast or a slow as you need. You will learn the skills of slab building, coiling, carving, under glazing – making your own unique

pieces. Small friendly group with fabulous Tutor. Very relaxing. Come and join us. Next Dates: Fridays 10.00-13.30 or shorter session if you wish. 9 August, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November, 12 December.

Tel: 01473 735007 to make a booking or email: ejrceramics@btinternet.com

Emma Robertson

CHILLESFORD SWIMMING POOL

Summer opening times from 3 July. In anticipation of a fantastic summer with temperatures soaring and the long lazy days of school holidays beckoning – Open Swim sessions at Chillesford Lodge swimming pool are extended to include Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1pm-6pm. Holiday makers/tourists welcome. To book please contact 01394 450555, email chillesford@tiscali.co.uk

Price £5 per swimmer per 30 minutes, max 8 swimmers. Terms apply: minimum charge £15 per half hour. Please see website for details www.chillesfordlodgeestate.co.uk

Ali Watson

FREE HEARING CARE EVENT IN WOODBRIDGE

The Hearing Care Centre, a family-run business with 26 centres across East Anglia, is holding two special Hearing Care Days at Framfield Medical Centre on Wednesday, 14th and Thursday 15 August. Complimentary hearing assessments will be on offer at the event, as well as professional advice from The Hearing Care Centre's award-winning team to help you hear to your full potential.

To find out more information or to book an appointment, call The Hearing Care Centre on 01473 230330 or visit hearingcarecentre.co.uk/framfield



Orford,
Sudbourne &
Gedgrave Flower
Show and Fete
Not the 100th!

**Your Flower
Show Needs
Your Help!**

*Your show relies wholly upon volunteers to
make it happen!*

Even if you can only spare an hour - Friday
morning show setup and/or Saturday to help
run the show and games, and clear up!

Be Part of it!

Find out more: **Stephen Worrall**
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