



The newsletter for the community of Orford and Gedgrave

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VILLAGE FUND

The New Orford Town Trust has already made grants to several local organisations from its Village Fund. The next applications will be considered in February, and should be submitted to the Clerk by 12noon on 14 February 2018. Please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form.

Kara Reed, Clerk. Tel 459172, orfordtrust@btconnect.com

FEBRUARY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

- Sunday 4 February – 2nd Sunday before Lent
 - 8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
 - 11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
- Sunday 11 February – Sunday next before Lent
 - 8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck
 - 10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall
- Wednesday 14 February – Ash Wednesday
 - 7.30pm Sung Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes – Rev D Murdoch & Team clergy
- Sunday 18 February – Lent 1
 - 8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
 - 11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
- Sunday 25 February – Lent 2
 - 8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
 - 10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Rev. David Murdoch

FEBRUARY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Services

- Sunday 4 February 10.30am Stephen Caley – Soup & Pud Lunch Recognising World Leprosy Day
- Sunday 11 February 10.30am Paul Walker
- Sunday 18 February – First In Lent 10.30am Stephen Caley
- Sunday 25 February 10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes – Holy Communion
3pm Toast & Jam Service
- Sunday 4 March 10.30am Stephen Caley – Soup & Pud Lunch

All services are followed by refreshments

MONDAY'S TEA ROOM – Open from 11am–2pm serving morning coffee and lunch

WEDNESDAY LUNCH – serving lunch at 12.30pm. This is a well-attended meal – you will be very welcome to join us!

February dates for your diary

- Thursday 1 February: Gardening Club - New Room, Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm

INSPIRATIONAL ART & COLOURING morning including coffee and scones 10am – 12noon Thursday, 1st and 15th February – with the possibility of having a session on a Friday.

SHROVE TUESDAY, 13th February – lunch time pancakes and soup! 12noon to 2pm.

The lovely Candlelight Carol Service at the end of 2017 celebrated with an array of friends was a wonderful time – the church was lit with over 100 candles. After the service, everyone shared Christmas tea, ending a very happy day.

Christmas Eve Communion and Christmas Day services were a little quieter in numbers attending, however, the New Year's Eve morning service saw a large gathering of friends and visitors from near and far – a great way to end the year and look forward to 2018!

There is always a warm welcome to friends, children and young people included, from near and far to any of the services and events.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The raffle raised £179.00 for the Blossom Appeal for a new breast care unit at Ipswich hospital. We would like to thank all those who helped with donations for the raffle and everyone who bought tickets. There is one unclaimed prize which is ticket GREEN 858. To claim the prize please ring Maria on 01394 450661.

Maria Brenchley

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB DIARY

Hopefully, by the time you read this article, the alteration work at the club, should have commenced. The work should take approximately 3 weeks from Monday 29 January till around Monday 19 February inclusive. For safety reasons, the club will be closed throughout this period, but any changes to these plans will appear on our notice boards.

Club nights on Friday, Sunday and Mondays will re-commence at 20:30 hours, and Friday 23 February will be Bingo night from 20:00 hours.

Thank you, as always for your ongoing support.

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358

GARDENING CLUB

Date: Thursday 1 February 2018

Topic: Henstead Exotic Garden

Presenter: Andrew Brogan, Owner and Creator

Time: 7.30pm meeting start

Venue: Orford Town Hall 'Back room'

Andrew created Henstead Exotic Garden 12 years ago from an abandoned nettle-strewn site backing onto ancient woodland. He will tell us the story of how it all came about and how it is today. Those of you who visited this garden last September will agree that it richly deserves its title 'Suffolk's Secret Jungle'! The garden has been featured on BBC 'Gardener's World', National Geographic TV, Channel 5's 'Britain's Best Garden' and Look East as well as in many magazines and newspapers.

Henstead Exotic Garden is a two-acre site, fully landscaped exotic garden which uses dramatic architectural plants and inspiration from Andrew's travels to the Far East and Tunisia. The backbone of the garden are the five plus buildings, including a tropical-style summerhouse and a Thai-style pavilion which is one to two metres off the ground and reached via a 20-foot wooden walkway. There is magical planting with bamboos, banana palms, ferns, trickling water and much, much more...

Andrew will give us an informative and humorous talk which will be well illustrated and we hope he will bring some exotic plants for us to purchase. He will be happy to answer questions about the many aspects of his garden.

The Gardening Club and 2018...

We will still be collecting subscriptions at this meeting so please come early if you still have to join for this year. You will also be provided with a copy of the 2018 Programme. I do hope many more members will join us (we were up to 74 in 2017!), for what is planned to be an exciting and interesting year! It is £15 for the calendar year or £4 per session as a guest, if that suits you better. In addition to the published programme of events, we usually make a Spring and Autumn car-sharing trip to a garden...

We also have 3 competitions during the year for the Eric Mason Shield, with the winner being presented at the December meeting.

Taster for 2018:

1st March: Climbers, Creepers and Crawlers – Michael Warren

5th April: Planting for Bees – Dale Gibson – very successful local beekeeper and member of Leiston Beekeepers

3th May: Roses – Choosing, Planting and Pruning – Dan Brooks

Summer Trip in July: East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden in Norfolk
Do join us and get the whole Programme for 2018!

Polly Sharkey

GREAT MUSIC WITH AFTERNOON TEA – LEISTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BAND

Don't forget this renowned brass band is scheduled to play in St Bartholomew's Church on the afternoon of Sunday 4 March. They will be playing a selection of classics, pop and swing numbers – something for everyone. It promises to be an enjoyable, easy listening afternoon in the wonderful surroundings of the church. Anyone who has listened to a performance in the church will know there are few better venues for music. The concert will start at 2.30pm and there will be a break for refreshments. Tickets are £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children. Please contact Guy or Wendy Marshall for tickets on 450090. Proceeds to the Thomas Marshall Educational Fund contact@tmef.org.uk

Guy Marshall

WEA COURSE AT ORFORD TOWN HALL

Starting Monday 5 February 2018

Course reference: CC2224643

History: The Friendly Invasion – USAAF in East Anglia 1942-45
Ian Mclachlan

Mon 5/2/2018 14:00-16:00, 7 weeks, £50.40

This course explores the build-up of American personnel in East Anglia and studies the development of US air-power in the region. It examines the social and cultural impact of over 400,000 young

men on mainly rural communities – race relations; crime; GI Brides etc. It will encompass the establishment of airfields dwarfing nearby villages; the aircraft and weaponry; how the vast aerial armadas were assembled plus strategy and tactics. The big picture will be interspersed with personal accounts and stories illustrating the heroism, drama and tragedies affecting families and lives both here and in America.

Daphne Gardner

THE RETURN OF RUST AND STARDUST

St. Bartholomew's Church in Orford will be the setting for a new puppet play by Sussex puppet company Rust and Stardust. This young and talented company will be returning to Orford to work with Orford Primary School Arts Award students to develop and present a retelling of the ghostly story of Black Shuck.

The project, to be launched in Spring 2018, will last for 4-5 weeks. Working in collaboration with Orford Primary School, Rust & Stardust will work with the Year 6 Arts Award students to involve them in the creation and performance of a dramatic Suffolk folk tale, Black Shuck.

Over the course of the project, students will participate in weekly sessions to create and rehearse puppets and performances, to be part of the production put on by Rust & Stardust in St Bartholomew's Church, in collaboration with the Thomas Marshall Education Fund. The project will culminate in the Arts Award students participating in two performances in the church. The church may then display the work the students have created.

Following two previous visits in 2016 and 2017 when they provided workshops for the children before performing The Wild Man of Orford and The Green Children of Woolpit to enthusiastic and captivated audiences in Orford Church, they are now returning to work with the students to perform the story of Black Shuck. To witness the characters coming to life in the hands of these skilled puppeteers is a magical experience and something not to be missed. Suitable for all ages.

The company will be presenting performances on Friday 20 April (matinée) and Saturday 21 April in aid of the Thomas Marshall Education Fund so put these dates in your diaries. More details on tickets and times to follow or email contact@tmef.org.uk.

Roger Hipwell – Thomas Marshall Education Fund

THE GREAT HOUSE ART SALE, APRIL 2018

We are planning an exhibition of art for sale at the Great House in Orford. We intend to feature the work of Andrew King and Mike Flint. These works will be commercially for sale, with any profits to the artists and the Great House.

The Great House will be open for an exhibition preview, with music and wine on the evening of Friday 6 April by invitation at £10. The house and gardens will then be open from the 7th to the 12th April at no cost for entry from 10am to 4.30pm. Tea, coffee and home-made brownies will be for sale. Profits from the sale of preview tickets and our hospitality will be donated to the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust.

Chris Gerard

MOBILE POLICE STATION VISITS

The mobile police station will visit the village at the following times:

12noon-1.30pm on Monday 5 February and Monday 19 March 2018, in the Market Square or on the Quay. The vehicle is an operational vehicle and on occasion might be deployed without notice causing it to be unavailable for Parish commitments.

Woodbridge and District Safer Neighbourhood team

THE PENINSULAR PRACTICE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

GP Closure Afternoon

Staff Meeting Wednesday 7 February 13.00-16.00

GP Closure Thursday 8 February 13.00-18.30

Travel Vaccinations

If you are travelling further than Europe on holiday please allow more than 6 weeks when booking to have your travel vaccination

consultations with our nurses. This will allow the surgery to assess your risk and ensure we have the correct vaccinations available to you.

Repeat Prescriptions

All repeat prescriptions take 2 working days to process so please bear this in mind when requesting them.

WINE TASTING

You are invited to an evening of wine tasting 'Over the Andes' with paté and cheese, in aid of the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust. The evening will be hosted by Derek Smedley MW, and will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday 24 March in Orford Town Hall. Tickets: £20. For tickets and/or donations, please contact Andrew and Theresa Curtis, agc451@yahoo.co.uk, or tel 01394 450619.

Andrew and Theresa Curtis

KING'S HEAD NEWS

January made us shiver – but the wood burner kept us all warm. February is a nice short month, but we are still packing quite a lot in to it.

What a great start for a new event – Open Mic Night with Steven Lay. Fantastic array of talent on show to entertain us all, brilliantly co-ordinated by the uniqueness of Steven. If you have never been to an open mic night before, make sure you put it in your diary. The last Friday of each month starting at 9pm – so for February that is the 23rd.

Continuing with live music we have the guitar man and master of classic rock and blues, Steve Boyce is back. This time he will be accompanied by the beautiful voice of Lou. They return on Saturday 17 February and start playing at 9pm. Guaranteed to produce a great sound and create a fun evening. As with all of our music events it is free entry and everyone is welcome.

Quiz Nights continue to puzzle and perplex you. For just £1 per head you get the chance to be tested with a spectrum of questions on a multitude of subjects. This month it is on Thursday 1st, starting at 8pm. The question masters for the evening come from the last winners of Lofty, Roger, Wendy and John. Remember that if you win you not only get to scoop up all the monies collected but also the setting of the next quiz. Come along and join in.

In January, Daniel Bunce, Head Chef, came up with a fantastic range of curries and many thanks to all of you who came along, we hope you enjoyed it. There is no food theme night in Feb but it does return with Chinese in March. Bookings are already being taken. It is bound to be popular so book your table early.

If you are interested in joining Daniel and his kitchen team we currently have a vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant. If you are keen to be part of a buzzing and enthusiastic team call in and see us or email your CV to us. We also have a vacancy for a weekend housekeeper, this is to cover Saturday and Sunday mornings. Once again if you are interested, please contact us.

Another first for us is on 8th March. We are teaming up with Slate Cheese & Provisions of Aldeburgh and Adnams Cellar & Kitchens of Aldeburgh to host a Cheese & Wine Tasting. Clare & Nico at Slate are coming up with 6 cheeses to tantalise your taste buds and Ali from Adnams has the task of selecting wines to pair with them. Both will be present to talk you through the products and explain some more to you. Tickets are £10 per head available from the pub and is open to over 18s only. If you haven't seen the cheese wall at Slate yet, that alone is worth a trip in to Aldeburgh.

For you sport fans the Six Nations is with us in February and some of the games will be shown live in the bar. Great atmosphere and a beer to cheer on the team of your choice. All with no doubt the classic rugby banter and good humour.

As always, we appreciate all the support you give us and we look forward to welcoming you to the pub.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine, thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

ORFORD CRAFTS CENTRE UPDATE

We are delighted to say that we are now taking bookings, from Easter onwards, for the hire of The Old Hayloft at Orford Craft

Centre. So, if you are looking for exhibition, gallery or workshop space get in touch now.

The Old Hayloft offers approximately 23m² of floor space and approximately 20 lin/m of hanging space, with four flexible workbenches 1200 x 600mm. The room has lighting producing some 700 lumens with natural light and views of the Castle to the front and the church to the rear. There are five double power sockets in the area and it has use of the toilet and kitchenette on the ground floor.

With The King's Head next door a full arrange of catering facilities are available, for the private viewing or the workshop lunch.

The Old Hayloft is also available for hire for meetings and presentations.

If you are interested in this space please get in touch and we can arrange a viewing and hopefully a date in our diary.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine, orfordcraftcentre@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON POSSIBLE VARIATIONS TO THE ESTUARY PLAN

Community meetings have been arranged to discuss a number of possible variations to the Estuary Plan following the flood risk assessment report by HR Wallingford. It has become clear that consideration must be given to providing some surge tide storage area. Both reports that were completed last year identified the benefits of a 'flood release valve' at Iken to allow water to move onto the land in a surge event which would relieve the water levels in the upper estuary and reduce flood risk to Snape, Aldeburgh and Ham Creek. It will be very important to have your views so please try to come to one of these drop-in sessions:

Orford Town Hall, Thursday 8 March 2-7pm,
Aldeburgh Church Hall, Tuesday 13 March 2-7pm,
Snape Village Hall, Wednesday 14 March 2-7pm

Following these drop-in sessions, the Partnership will be holding their Annual Community Meeting at Snape Maltings Recital Room on Saturday 14 April from 10.30am-1pm and there will be a number of presentations to inform and discuss the scheme options under consideration. There are potentially significant differences from the agreed plan and it will be important to have as broad a discussion as possible.

Amanda Bettinson, Partnership Secretary,
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FREE HEARING CHECKS IN WOODBRIDGE FOR THOSE WITH HEARING LOSS

Ten million people in the UK – one in six of us – have some degree of hearing loss. It's surprisingly tricky to spot gradual hearing loss as our brains are very good at compensating, so we're not even aware of how much we've lost until things are quite far advanced. The good news is that there are things you can do to about it. The bad news is that there are potentially serious consequences if you choose to ignore hearing loss, including an increased risk of dementia.

Local hearing care specialists The Hearing Care Centre, offers award-winning hearing care services from 25 centres across East Anglia. This year they are celebrating their 20th year in business and they hope to continue to raise awareness about the prevalence of hearing loss, its effect on everyday life and the potential dangers of leaving hearing loss untreated.

Audiologist Karen Finch and her team will be holding free 'Hearing Care Centre Open Days' at their local hearing clinic at Framfield Medical Centre between 9am and 5pm on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February 2018. During the event, they will be providing free hearing assessments (usually £20), along with complimentary professional advice about your hearing test results and discussing possible solutions that could help improve your hearing. All services are available by appointment only.

To book your appointment call The Hearing Care Centre on 01473 230330 or visit www.hearingcarecentre.co.uk for more information.

ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN



**...FLOOD, TIDAL SURGE, STORM, FIRE, POWER LOSS, EXTREME WEATHER,
VILLAGE ISOLATION...**



IN THE EVENT OF A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY CALL 999 AND ADVISE A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY GROUP. FOR ANY OTHER COMMUNITY EMERGENCY CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY GROUP

- The first member of the **EMERGENCY GROUP** to become aware of an emergency will immediately convene a meeting of all members of the **GROUP** at the Town Hall.
- The **EMERGENCY GROUP** will assess the risk posed to the community and use the map in the Hall to identify persons at risk.
- They will ensure that the appropriate emergency services (fire, police, ambulance, red cross) have been alerted.
- They will plan the action needed and contact the **COMFORT GROUP** to prepare the Town Hall, the **ATLAS GROUP** for physical assistance, and other resources as necessary.
- The Town Hall will be made ready to receive those in need of refuge (who should bring blankets, duvets, food, drink and personal medication).
- If evacuation is required urgently then whistles and horns will be sounded in the risk areas to identify an emergency.



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Residents may find it useful to keep the information above to hand in case of emergency.