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### **COPY DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF VILLAGE VOICE IS THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020.**

#### **VILLAGE VOICE DISTRIBUTION**

Those of you who live in Orford will have noticed that you have received this issue of Village Voice through the letterbox with your monthly copy of The Link magazine. Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council and the New Orford Town Trust would like to thank all the volunteers who deliver The Link each month for agreeing to distribute Village Voice as well. This will mean that every household in the village will be able to keep up to date with news and events. We will continue to have some copies available in the usual places (Orford General Store, King's Head, Jolly Sailor, The Meat Shed, Orford Surgery and the newspaper kiosk) for visitors and people from neighbouring villages to pick up. Village Voice is also available on the Parish Council and New Orford Town Trust website: [www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net](http://www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net)

One thing this change does mean is that there will be some adjustment in the deadline for copy for Village Voice. Currently the deadline is the 24th of the month, but in order to have the deadline as late as possible, it will vary from month to month. I will ensure that the cut-off date for the following month is given on the front of Village Voice. The deadline for submission of copy for the March issue of Village Voice will be Thursday 20 February.

*Kara Reed, Clerk to New Orford Town Trust*

#### **CHRISTMAS THANKS**

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who contributed to the very successful Carol singing which was held around the Christmas tree on the village green on 22 December – it was a lovely way to get together and celebrate the festive season. Thanks also to Orford General Store, The Kings Head and Orford CEVAP School for the refreshments, to those who contributed to the Christmas Tree, and to the Woodbridge Excelsior Band. We'd also like to give a special thanks to Orford Fire Service for putting up and taking down the trees.

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

#### **FEBRUARY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**

Sunday 2 February: Candlemas

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev C Cook

#### **February dates for your diary**

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

Each Tuesday (term time): Orford Parent and Toddler Group -

Orford pre-school, 1-3pm

- Thursday 6 February: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Friday 14 February: Mobile library at Barons Meadow (2.10-2.30pm) and Market Hill, Orford (2.35-3.50pm)
- Thursday 20 February: copy deadline for March issue of Village Voice
- Sunday 23 February: Organ Recital - St Bartholomew's Church, 4pm

Sunday 9 February: Third Sunday Before Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev Affleck

11.00am Family Service at Orford – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 16 February: Second Sunday Before Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev R Alderson

11.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Archdeacon J Gosney

Sunday 23 February: Sunday Next Before Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev M Reynolds

11.00am Village Service at Orford – Mrs J Maslin

*Jacki Maslin*

#### **FEBRUARY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday 2 February

10.30am Stephen Caley – Soup and Pud Lunch

Sunday 9 February

10.30am Service arranged locally

Sunday 16 February

10.30am CAFE WORSHIP

Sunday 23 February

10.30am Rev Martin Dawes – HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 1 March: First in LENT

10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland – Soup & Pud Lunch

Refreshments served after services – and there's always a warm welcome to attend/join with us.

MONDAY'S TEA ROOM open every Monday 11am–2pm(ish) serving good wholesome food (see menu for the day), coffee, tea, scones and cake too. You don't have to book up to visit us!

WEDNESDAY LUNCH from 12.30pm every Wednesday – this is a set menu. You are very welcome to join with us – but you will need to reserve your place.

SHROVE TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, SOUP AND PANCAKE LUNCH FROM 12NOON–2pm – you will be welcome!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH was amazing – a full Christmas meal was enjoyed by many friends – those who attend lunch on a Wednesday and friends from Woodbridge and Framlingham joined with us. After the meal, we shared tea, coffee, mince pies and birthday cake with the opportunity to sing Carols. To conclude the afternoon, we held a raffle with a huge luxury hamper of food as first prize, which in fact wasn't chosen till much later in the proceedings – gratefully all the prizes were donated. This year hand-knitted Angels (kindly knitted by Karen) were placed at each place setting at the tables together with a printed blessing – we have since heard that many of these were given away to others within local communities who are going through health problems and in need of prayer as an encouragement. It was great to have George (home from Uni), James and Mark all assisting in the kitchen and waiting on tables and clearing away. Wednesday staff were given seasonal flowers and chocolates from the diners in appreciation of another year of meals! Everybody went away rejoicing and happy.

We gathered for the late afternoon CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE just before Christmas which was truly splendid with candles and twinkly lights from the Christmas trees a feast for our eyes – after singing and reading the Christmas story, we moved to the tea tables for yet another feast.

A great Christmas Day Service attracting friends, young and old from Framlingham, Bromeswell, Campsea Ash and the local community – and for the first time on a Christmas Day we concluded with coffee and seasonal refreshments before making our way home.

Saturday evening, 28 December, was Christingle-making evening in preparation for our Christingle Service the next day – sharing and encouraged by 'The Light of the World' and taking this into the coming New Year we were blessed (albeit with some of us sounding rather croaky with coughs and colds)!! – and then to Epiphany Sunday and moved by the recalling of the Magi to the young boy Jesus and for us to 'Follow that Star'.

Our many thanks to friends who gave time to decorate the church and Wesley Room with festive decorations and trees – once again the whole area looked wonderful.

**Stephen Caley**

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

Christmas seems a long time ago now, as we move into February. As always, the club is open for club nights on Sunday, Monday and Friday evenings from 7.30pm. Bingo night is on Friday 28 February from 8pm. And we have the Darts team on selected Friday evenings during club night, so why not give us a look.

To hire the hall: £30 for members (with or without bar), for non-members it's £50 without or £75 with bar, so if you are not already a member, why not join.

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

### **ORFORD, GEDGRAVE AND SUDBOURNE HALL GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**

The Scheme is now up and working. If you need help with any of the following please ring the dedicated scheme number 01394 450235 and leave a message.

- Friendship and companionship
- Transport and support with GP and hospital appointments (please give us as much notice as possible for these)
- Shopping
- Dog walking / feeding pets
- Form filling and help with technology
- Minor household repairs
- One-off garden tidy
- A healthy meal
- Other activities as requested and agreed

All volunteers are DBS checked and insured. Messages are checked daily.

**Corinne Lusher, Scheme Secretary**

### **OSLOF SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Many thanks to all who helped, donated and came along to support the school Christmas fayre on Friday 13 December. A fantastic total of £658.00 was made which will go towards various projects in school during the next year. Also, a big thank you to Jeremy Rugge-Price and John Backhouse and family for getting Santa to the school in style on the fire engine!

**Darren Worne, (Chairman OSLOF)**

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

Planning is underway for this year's show which will take place on Saturday 29 August. We are currently revamping the schedule and it will be published in February. On Monday 30 March you are very welcome to attend an Open meeting to be held in the Orford Recreation Hut at 7pm. This is an opportunity to review the 2019 Show. One of the judges commented that 'It was an excellent Show, very high standards in all sections...' However, we are never complacent and are always interested in your suggestions.

We are always looking for new volunteers. The success of the show relies not only on those who exhibit but those who volunteer to make it happen. Thank you for your continued support.

**Sue Snowdon, Committee Secretary, 01394 450430**

### **ORFORD NESS BEACH CLEAN**

Our community beach clean was a great success last year and so, ahead of us opening for the season at Easter, we're planning another beach clean on Orford Ness.

We're looking for people to join us on Sunday 15 March between 10am and 2pm. The winter winds have washed plenty of material ashore and so there should be plenty to pick.

Transport over to the Ness will be provided on the NT Ferry Octavia and back again at 2pm.

Bag holders and rubbish pickers will be provided, but please bring your own gloves if you wish. Please note that dogs are not allowed on the Ness, and there are very limited toilet facilities. Please do keep an eye on the weather forecast and come prepared! Please park in the Quay Street Car Park as there is no parking on Orford Quay. Those who live in Orford and Gedgrave and who are on the electoral roll here are entitled to a free annual parking permit for the Quay Street car park, so do contact the NOTT Clerk at the Town Hall (01394 459172) or the Quay Warden at the Harbour Office if you need one. Other participants in the beach clean can get a permit for the day from the National Trust staff on the day.

If you'd like to take part please email [orfordness@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:orfordness@nationaltrust.org.uk) so we know how many bag holders we will need to provide.

**Glen Pearce, Visitor Experience Officer, National Trust**

### **ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET**

The holidays are behind us, but we're still cheerful, living in this lovely village. Keep the fireplaces stoked and cuddle up on the couch with the warmth of loved ones. Don't forget to take care of the birds, farm animals and pets, when the snow arrives.

Let's all enjoy the crisp air and the beauty of winter! We are back in the village hall every Saturday, so please come join us for a tea, coffee and your favourite savoury or sweet.

**Susie East, committee member**

### **LOCAL HISTORY: ONE MORE OLD NAMES**

At the top of High Street there is a very small lane which passes between the rear of High House and the row of cottages, it leads to the Old Rectory. Before it was called Brundish Lane, it was known, rather sensibly, as Parson's Lane but that name has not been used for a very long time.

**Wendy Roberts**

### **VANNI TREVES**

I was very sad to see the news that Vanni Treves had died in November. Although I had never met him I wanted to write

something as I very much appreciate the help he gave this village when it was needed over the years. On one occasion, he wrote saying '...you rightly wrote to me...' or words to that effect.

By all accounts he had an interesting life and was born in Florence in 1940. His father, a member of the Italian Resistance, was killed in 1944 meaning he and his mother had to be hidden for about 10 months by priests and nuns, moving from house to house every few days. His mother met and married an English accountant and the family moved to the UK. He joined the City firm Macfarlanes in 1970 and became Senior Partner in 1987. Apart from the law, he had a varied career, his most high-profile roles being Chairman of Channel 4 TV and steering The Equitable Life through the aftermath of one of the greatest financial scandals of modern times. My brother recalls going to work for him as a fresh-faced assistant solicitor. He was handed a file to look at which happened to have plans to make Felixstowe into the world class port it is today.

I wish I had met Vanni Treves. My condolences and thanks go out to his wife and family.

**Mary Iliff**

### **THE PENINSULA PRACTICE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

We would like to thank everybody for their patience during the recent transition of Church Farm Surgery joining The Peninsula Practice. Over the next couple of months we will be updating The Peninsula Practice Website. Patients will still be able to book appointments, order repeat prescriptions and access a wealth of information. The new format will be easier to navigate and more compatible with smart phones and tablets.

GP Training Closure Dates: The surgery will be closed on Thursday 6 February from 13.00 until 8.00 the next morning. Please contact NHS 111 when the Surgery is closed.

**Nicola Thompson**, Medical Administrator, Peninsula Practice

### **ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

*Our next open event:*

*Talk topic:* 20th- and 21st-century Dutch Gardens and Planting Design

*Speaker:* Neill Ludmon

*Venue:* Orford Town Hall Back Room

*Date and time:* Thursday 6 February 2020 7.30pm

Neill is one of our long-standing favourites here at the Gardening Club. He is a horticulturist, lecturer and garden designer. The talk will start by looking at the origins of the Dutch new wave planting movement from the 1930s and then chart its progress to the present day. As well as talking about the work of well-known designers such as Piet Oudolf, the talk will cover the significant contribution of lesser-known designers and will focus on gardens both in Holland as well as the UK and North America. The emphasis of this style of planting is a loose naturalism of grasses and herbaceous plants but always with a strong structural element. As always, Neill will willingly answer questions, so bring yours along...

*Do come and join us even if only for this evening. £15 membership for the year and access to all our trips and events. £4 for non-members on the night.*

*Trees of Suffolk and Beyond*

For our January talk, Gary Battel, Forestry Officer with Suffolk County Council shared his knowledgeable enthusiasm for trees with us using detailed maps showing the types of woodland we have in Suffolk (and some other areas), the trees which grow and the threats to their future. He explained the 'conflict' between growing trees commercially and preserving and enhancing the natural environment and how this can be managed. He talked about a new project at Dunwich using heritage trees and explained the thinking behind it. Most importantly, he gave us information and contacts which will enable us and our children and grandchildren to support our area.

*Some future events:*

- 5 March: Mark Linsley – Go Wild for Flowers
- 25 March: History of Roses, their cultivation and Pruning – Day Workshop for members
- 2 April: Janet Buist – All you ever wanted to know about Salvias  
**Polly Sharkey**, *creativefutures98@btinternet.com*,  
01394 450959

### **SOUNDS THRILLING! ORGAN MUSIC AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**

At 4pm on Sunday 23 February, Catherine Ennis, director of music at St Lawrence Jewry, London, and Patron of Orford Organ Project, will return to St Bartholomew's after her acclaimed performances in the Orford Organ Festival last May, to perform an exciting and varied programme on the magnificent Peter Collins organ.

Cathy will play Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor, and the Prelude and Fugue on a Theme of Vittoria by the composer most closely associated with Orford Church – Benjamin Britten. Works by Frescobaldi, de Grigny and Handel will show off the organ's Baroque credentials, followed by music from the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Romantic movement, by Mendelssohn and Brahms. The UK and US are represented by chorale preludes on hymn tunes by Sir Hubert Parry, and Dan Locklair's *The Peace may be exchanged*, and Cathy will bookend her recital with another Toccata and Fugue in D, by the late-Romantic German composer Max Reger.

The concert will be recorded by BBC Radio 3 and presented by Petroc Trelawny. Tickets are £10, with free entry for under-16s. Tickets from Orford Craft Centre and [snapemaltings.co.uk](http://snapemaltings.co.uk)

**Graeme Kay**

### **ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP**

The Estuary Partnership is starting a new chapter. At the November meeting, the Partnership agreed to a number of reorganisational changes to meet the challenges of implementing the Estuary Plan once consents have been agreed next year. A new Community Partnership is being formed to take on the guardianship of the Plan and communicating and consulting with the Alde and Ore estuary community while the programme of works are in progress over the next few years. Changes to the various bodies and their remits will be available on the website shortly.

The Partnership has now completed the preparation of an agreed Estuary Plan, designed so that once all the works are done the estuary river walls should be able to withstand a 1 in 200-year surge in 2050. The East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board (ESIDB) is now fully in charge of taking forward the constructional work to make this happen. The ESIDB has submitted the business plan, applications for a government grant and consents for the initial project for the upper estuary (Snape, Aldeburgh and Iken) to the Environment Agency where they will be considered by the National Large Projects Committee. It is hoped that the results of the application will be known by the end of February or in early March. Depending on availability of funds, it is hoped some preparatory work can start in 2020.

Meanwhile the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust, which is responsible for fund raising and providing grants to the ESIDB, is working on many fronts to raise funds. Most recently there was a highly successful pub quiz in 12 locals involving some 600 people and the grand total of £44,000 was raised in a single evening. The film that was seen at the Pub Quiz is available on [www.aoep.co.uk](http://www.aoep.co.uk) if you have not seen it.

The AOEP arranged for that the first new Community Partnership meeting to take place on Thursday 30 January at 6.30 pm in Orford Town Hall. It was a public meeting, open to anyone.

**Alison Andrews**

**ALDEBURGH MUSIC CLUB PERFORM BACH AND VIVALDI**

Aldeburgh Music Club Choir returns to Snape Maltings Concert Hall on Saturday 21 March 2020, the first day of spring, to celebrate three of the sacred choral works of two of the great Baroque composers, Johann Sebastian Bach and Antonio Vivaldi.

Vivaldi's Credo RV591, a setting of the Nicene Creed, and his popular and well-known Gloria RV589, the words of which form part of the Mass in Western Christian liturgy, take up the first half of the concert, separated by the beautiful opening sonata from Bach's Cantata 'Himmelskönig, sei willkommen', BWV 182, which he composed for Palm Sunday. The second half of the concert is devoted to Bach's Easter Oratorio, BWV 249, first performed in 1725 on Easter Sunday at Leipzig.

Suffolk Baroque Players, conducted by Edmond Fivet, the Club's Music Director, support the choir in what will be Edmond's final concert at the Maltings as the choir's Musical Director. After fourteen very successful years he retires from this position in May 2020.

Soloists Zoë Brookshaw (soprano), Ciara Hendrick (mezzo-soprano), Alastair Brookshaw (tenor) and Kieran Rayner (baritone) complete the line-up of performers.

Tickets for the concert, which starts at 7.30pm, are priced at £18, £22 and £25 (students half price) and are available now

from Snape Maltings Box Office on 01728 687110 or via the Club's website [www.aldeburghmusic.club](http://www.aldeburghmusic.club)

**Veronica Posford**

**ROLES FOR VOLUNTEERS AT BAWDSEY RADAR TRUST**

Bawdsey Radar Trust is currently seeking a volunteer Treasurer and Fundraiser. For the role of Treasurer, the Trust is seeking someone with a financial/accountancy background and experience of working with small charities. And for the role of Fundraiser, the Trust is looking for someone with experience and understanding of fundraising and grant applications within a voluntary sector environment. A knowledge of radar is not essential in either role but the Trust is looking for volunteers with enthusiasm, time and an interest in heritage.

The Trust consists of ten trustees and an employed Visitor Services Manager, supported by a fantastic team of volunteers. Board meetings are held in the evening every six weeks. Attendance at sub-committee meetings and duty at the Museum will also be required.

The deadline for applications is 28 February 2020. Please send expressions of interest and a CV to [secretary@bawdseyradar.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bawdseyradar.org.uk) by that date. An information pack is available by contacting the same email address.

**Louise Lennard**



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All our volunteers are insured and DBS checked.

**Telephone: 01394 450235**  
Messages will be checked daily.



**SUFFOLK HOW ARE YOU?**

**Are you a PTA or Friends of Schools/PRUs or community group such as Brownies, Scouts or a youth project?**

Would you like **£1000** to help children and young people be a part of a project about reducing sugar in their diet?

Find out more at:  
[www.suffolkcf.org.uk/grants/sugar-reduction-fund](http://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/grants/sugar-reduction-fund) or contact Suffolk Community Foundation and ask about Sugar Reduction Fund on 01473 602602 or [info@suffolkcf.org.uk](mailto:info@suffolkcf.org.uk)




**The Peninsula Practice**

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[www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk)

DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	HOLLESLEY	ALDEBURGH
Monday	8.00am to 2.30pm	8.00am to 6.30pm	1.30pm to 5.30pm	8.00am to 6.30pm
Tuesday	8.00am to 6.30pm			8.00am to 6.30pm
Wednesday	8.00am to 6.30pm	8.00am to 1.00pm		8.00am to 6.30pm
Thursday	8.00am to 6.30pm	8.00am to 1.00pm		8.00am to 6.30pm
Friday	8.00am to 6.30pm	8.00am to 1.00pm		8.00am to 6.30pm