



The newsletter for the community of Orford and Gedgrave

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### THE NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

The NOTT was recently the recipient of a legacy of £49,583.26 from the late Rosemary Unwin, to be applied for the upkeep of Orford Town Hall. The Trustee is very grateful for this generous gift which is most timely as the Town Hall may have some substantial maintenance projects coming up.

NOTT has set up a Designated Fund to purchase houses or land on which to build houses, with the aim of adding to the Trust's stock of houses to rent to people with a strong local connection. NOTT already owns the cottages in Bakers Lane, which are rented out to local people – these have been described as 'the jewel in the Trust's crown'.

A survey conducted in 2019 confirmed that there is a demand for local housing including for single people, for young couples hoping to start a family and for parents with children needing two- and three-bedroom homes. It will take time to build up the Designated Fund in order to purchase houses (the current balance of the fund is around £136,500), but we anticipate that over time, and making very careful use of NOTT's income and investments along with any outside help we can get, we will be able to make a real difference to the availability of affordable rental homes in the village. In that way, we hope to be able to help achieve a healthy mix of age groups in the village and to maintain the working and school populations, so that Orford is able to continue as a vibrant, healthy, well-balanced and sustainable community for generations to come.

We all receive so many calls requesting us to contribute to various causes but if anyone is thinking of leaving a charitable legacy, this is one that really could make a difference to our own community.

**Ian Thornton**, *Chairman, New Orford Town Trust*

### JANUARY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 5 January: Epiphany

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev C Lewis

Sunday 12 January: Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

11.00am Family Service at Orford – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 19 January: Epiphany 2

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev C Cook

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Dean Joe

Sunday 26 January: Epiphany 3

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev M Reynolds

11.00am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

### January dates for your diary

Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm  
(Country Market will be closed on 28 December and 4 January, re-opening on 11 January)

Each Tuesday (term time): Orford Parent and Toddler Group - Orford# pre-school, 1-3pm

• Thursday 9 January: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm

We are really excited about Dean Joe coming from St Edmundsbury Cathedral for our Holy Eucharist service on 19 January as he especially wants to hear our choir. A brief reception will follow. Please note that the Village Service and Family Service will be at 11.00am in 2020.

**Jacki Maslin**

### JANUARY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 5 January: Epiphany

10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 12 January

10.30am Service Arranged Locally

Sunday 19 January

10.30am Rev. Stephen Yelland

Sunday 26 January

10.30am Rev Martin Dawes – Covenant & Holy Communion

Sunday 2 February

10.30am Stephen Caley

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

MONDAYS TEA ROOM open every Monday from 6 January 11am–2pm (ish) serving good wholesome food (see the menu for the day) coffee, tea, scones and cake too. You don't have to book up to visit us!

WEDNESDAY LUNCH from 8 January served at 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.

Our Advent Services commenced on Sunday 1 December with informal Café Worship followed by a warming lunch and after this a party to celebrate not only the start of advent but also six birthdays (from 22 November to 30 December). We said farewell to one family returning, after Christmas, to Cuba for 5 months, also an early New Home blessings too – there was much party fun and laughter, passing the 'red hot' parcel, pulling crackers, seasonal quizzes and

afternoon chocolate cake, all much appreciated by everyone sharing the day.

Our Nativity Service was truly wonderful – the children were all 'stars' of the morning, and each received a 'Christmas fun bag' – thank you to those who encouraged and guided them. Friends, family and visitors were amazed and held in awe throughout the morning. Christmas bookmarks were given to all and we appreciated the after-service refreshments too!

HAPPY NEW YEAR WISHES TO YOU ALL.

**Stephen Caley**

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

Hopefully by the time you read this, Christmas is well and truly under way. Don't forget the New Year's Eve party at the club with the 'Josh Glead' Disco 8pm till late.

Events coming up in January:

- Regular club nights continuing on Friday, Sunday and Monday evenings, 7.30pm onwards for all your favourite activities, bar always available.
- Friday 17 January, as well as club night, we have Darts to keep you all enthralled.
- Saturday 25 January, live music from 'Lizard in a bottle' 8pm till late.
- Friday 31 January, Bingo night from 8pm.

Don't forget the price reduction on drinks at the bar for members. If you are not a member, it's easy to join, just pay at the Club or see a Committee member. £10 a year for adults, £6 for 16-17 year olds, £2 for 12-15 year olds, and under 12 free (but must be accompanied by an adult). Club hire is £30 for members (with or without bar), £50 and £75 for non-members (with/without bar).

From everyone at the club, Happy New Year to all.

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

### **ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE EMERGENCY GROUP**

The Group met recently to review events over the past year and to assess the current risks in our area. It would appear that we are being subjected to more extremes of weather with flooding due to excessive rainfall being a new factor in our area. It would also appear that following the recent torrential down pour no one was at personal risk although some properties were affected. The Group stands ready to help should there be serious flooding (particularly if personal safety is at risk) but, unlike flooding from the river, it is not obvious which properties may be affected. An idea would be for residents to let the Committee know (through the Town Hall Office) if they consider their property to be at risk and are likely to need help.

With the setting up of the Good Neighbour Scheme it will be possible for the Group to liaise with the Scheme to help identify those residents who may be vulnerable or at risk in an Emergency situation.

Following our meeting we heard that the mobile mast on the Broom was now operational with 4G facility. This will make communication easier in an 'event', particularly if normal phone lines are down. The Emergency Group has set up an internal WhatsApp group which will make it easier to communicate with one another.

Elsewhere we have heard of power/gas failures. Should this (or any other emergency) occur in the Orford area, we would be ready to open the Town Hall and provide warmth and limited catering facilities.

Finally, we reviewed the Emergency contact names, numbers and addresses. These are reproduced on the back page of this issue Village Voice. It is suggested that you retain this page for future reference. Lastly, we would repeat the advice on the back page: in the event of a life-threatening emergency call 999.

**Michael Pearce, Chairman, Emergency Group**

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

The annual Church Christmas Bazaar was held on 30 November raised a total of £1644 for the church funds and for the Thomas Marshall Education fund. A big THANKS to everyone who worked so hard to make this popular event a success. We would particularly like to those who gave very generous raffle prizes including the following local businesses: Orford General Store, Pump Street Bakery, Orford Meat Shed, The Jolly Sailor, The King's Head, The Crown and Castle Hotel, The Crown at Snape, The Mixing Bowl and Pinneys of Orford.

**Caroline Gill, Orford PCC**

### **ORFORD GEDGRAVE & SUDBOURNE FLOWER SHOW 2019**

It may not have been the 100<sup>th</sup>, but it was another successful Flower Show. We had glorious weather and large numbers attending. The total numbers of entries in the competitions were up on the previous year, doubtless helped by a better growing season in 2019. And we re-introduced a popular event, the children's fancy dress parade.

The total income for the Show was £8,662, almost half coming from contributions by Friends of the show. The balance largely came from donations on the gate, the raffle and the tombola. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

The total expenses for the show were £7,622, the major items being the hire of the marquee, prizes and printing. There was, therefore, a surplus of £1,040.

We have a policy of holding sufficient funds to cover the hopefully unlikely, but potentially disastrous, consequences of two consecutive complete wash-outs – in these uncertain climatic times, who can say it won't happen! The bank balance currently is £13,444, so there is room for the Flower Show to put funds behind other projects. We will be looking at replacing some of the kit and storage facilities required by the Show. We have also agreed to contribute £1,000 to the creation of a new children's play area in the church.

This coming year, we have a few changes in the team putting on the Show. For many years, Stephen Worrall has organized the field set-up and events. He will be working with Gary Wingrove to hand over this responsibility for next year's Show. Also, Mike Sharkey who similarly has organized the tombola for many years is stepping down. As yet we don't have a replacement for Mike, so volunteers, please step forward! On behalf of everyone, I would like to thank Stephen and Mike for the splendid efforts they have put in over the years to support your Show.

**Mike Redmond, Flower Show Committee**

### **LOCAL HISTORY: YET MORE ON THE OLD NAMES**

I was wrong to say, in the December Village Voice, that Bantoft's Meadow was 'behind the houses on Munday's Lane,' it was actually where the houses now are and right up to Front Street, except where the old cottages are. In the middle 1950s, Front Street has been remembered as being called 'Bond Street', right along to the King's Head from the School. The old cottage on the corner of Munday's Lane and Castle Lane was a café called Knott's Café and that corner was known as Knott's Corner.

**Wendy Roberts**

### **THE PENINSULA PRACTICE JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

We would like to remind everybody that due to the merger between The Peninsula Practice and Church Farm Surgery patients will not be able to have bloods taken on 9 and 10 January at any branch site. Clinics on 13 January will finish at 4pm and only emergencies will be seen until 6.30pm.

The surgery will be closed on Wednesday 22 January from 13.30-16.00 for a staff meeting.

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

## ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our next open event:

*Talk topic:* Trees of Suffolk and Beyond...

*Speaker:* Gary Battell – Forestry Adviser for Suffolk CC

*Venue:* Orford Town Hall Back Room

*Date and time:* Thursday 9 January 2020, 7.30 pm

Gary will give us a fascinating talk about our native trees, where they are happy to grow and also tell us about a new heritage tree planting initiative. He has vast experience and is passionate about trees.

EVERYONE WELCOME. Do come and become a member for just £15 per annum or a guest @ £4 per talk. New calendar year starting in January. Come along and join or contact Polly.

*Our AGM and Social Supper*

Word has it that this is now a major event in the local calendar! Over 40 members came to enjoy mulled wine, a very short AGM and a very tasty social supper. We celebrated an amazing year for our Club. We had six evening talks which ranged from 'A year in the Apothecary's garden' through talks on Monkey Puzzle Trees, Climbers, Creepers and Crawlers (a beautifully illustrated presentation), Shade-loving plants from a Hampton Court Flower Show nursery, Sweet Peas, including being able to purchase them, to 'Making the Most of Autumn' by Katie's Garden. Other events included a trip to Wyken Hall Gardens, a Workshop on Propagation, a delightful Garden Party in a local plantswoman's garden and a coach trip to RHS Hyde Hall. Our Flower Show stall was very successful as were visits to Ladybird nursery to hear about how they achieve growing and selling 650,000 plants a year. Last month saw a huge turn-out for Bob Flowerdew. Denise Smith was presented with the Eric Mason Shield.

I am very pleased to say that most of our committee are happy to continue the great work but that Theresa Curtis is now standing down. Thank you very much to all of them and to Ken Yates our President and Maureen Ballentyne our Vice President.

**Polly Sharkey**, *creativefutures98@btinternet.com*,  
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## ORGAN EVENTS AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

On Advent Sunday, 1 December 2019, Douglas Hollick gave an inspired recital of music by JS Bach and other German and French Baroque composers for whose music the church's magnificent Collins organ is especially suited. Douglas was a life-long friend of the late Peter Collins; he is a teacher, musicologist and a builder of early keyboard instruments such as clavichords and harpsichords; he shared his knowledge of the music of the period freely with the audience, and we all felt enriched not only by this but also by his meticulous playing which showed off the tone colours of the organ to good advantage.

In an encore by JS Bach, Douglas inaugurated the organ's new 'Zimbelstern' stop. These stops were a feature of continental organs from the eighteenth century onwards. Literally meaning 'bell-star', the stop consists of a rotating shaft which engages with a set of small tuned bells, producing a tinkling sound which enhances Christmas music and, traditionally, the last verse of hymns where there is a 'doxology': 'Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost'... On the end of the shaft is a star which can be seen in the centre of the organ case, towards the top. You can view the Zimbelstern in action in this short video: <http://bit.ly/orfordzim>

The next Celebrity Organ Recital will be 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 performance in the Orford Organ Festival last May, with an exciting and varied programme which will be recorded by BBC Radio 3 and will form the basis of a CD recording – the first ever on this organ – to

be sold in aid of the Organ Fund and St Elizabeth Hospice. Booking details in the next issue of Village Voice.

**Graeme Kay**

## THE ORE & ALDE ESTUARY TRUST:

*Charity quiz night raises £44,000 for Save Our Suffolk Estuary campaign*

An inter-estuary pub quiz, in aid of the AOET, which is raising money to protect the estuary towns, villages and farmland from flooding, featured 12 venues and more than 600 people competing in parallel pub quizzes on Friday 22 November.

The community fundraising quiz 'So You Thought You Knew Suffolk' tested local knowledge and was hailed a roaring success. An army of enthusiastic volunteers co-ordinated by Clare Greenwell worked together with pub landlords to create a sparkling evening of entertainment.

Local celebrity quiz masters included Nick Robinson, Maggi Hambling, Brad Jones and David Sheepshanks, who introduced the evening by a showing of a new Save Our Suffolk Estuary film explaining the need to maintain the estuary river walls.

The top team was Up The Alde at The Plough and Sail in Snape. Trustee and Funding Group chair, Professor Jane Maxim said they were 'absolutely delighted' at the response to the quiz, which was previously run in 2017 when it raised £42,500. Thanks to match funding and the support of local sponsors Best of Suffolk and Pinney's of Orford, all of the £44,000 raised will be used to upgrade flood defences.

One of the volunteer quiz hosts, Mary James, owner of Aldeburgh Bookshop and resident of Snape said '26 homes and 2 pubs, including The Crown, flooded in Snape back in December 2013 during the storm surge. It was frightening to watch the speed of the water rising up and witnessing the devastation it caused.'

The money donated to the AOET will be used as part of the Save Our Suffolk Estuary campaign which supports the upgrade of vital flood defences of the River Alde and Ore to protect the area's economy, homes and landscape from floods, such as those of 2013 and also January 1953, when the streets of Aldeburgh were flooded and 41 people lost their lives in Suffolk.

A detailed, costed programme of works by the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board shows £26.9 million is needed to upgrade the river defences throughout the Alde and Ore Estuary over the next 6 to 8 years, with £12m to be raised through voluntary donations from the local community, applications to charitable foundations and the support received from local businesses.

**Emma Lloyd**, *Relish PR*

## SUFFOLK FLY TIPPING CAMPAIGN

The Suffolk Waste Partnership, which consists of all the Suffolk Councils including the County and partners, have been working on a project aimed at reducing fly tipping in Suffolk. This project builds on the work originally designed in Hertfordshire and has since been used across the country. The SCRAP fly-tipping campaign is aimed at residents and businesses whose waste is sometimes fly-tipped by unlicensed operators. It aims to remind people that they should only allow licensed waste carriers to take waste away for them.

Don't be caught out by rogue traders. If someone on social media offers you a deal that seems too good to be true to take your waste away – It probably is! Find out what you need to know on our website before hiring anyone. Fly-tipping is a crime. That's why Suffolk councils and partners are all working together to #SCRAPflytipping.

For more information, head to the website: <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/fly-tipping>

**Gemma Holt**, *Assistant Waste Management Officer Waveney Norse, Suffolk Coastal Norse*

# 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 ABOVE TO HAND IN CASE OF EMERGENCY