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#### **COPY DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE OF VILLAGE VOICE IS MIDDAY ON THURSDAY 21 JULY**

#### **ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations began in the village with the planting of the Oak Tree on the Castle Knoll - this is part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

The Torch Relay came to Orford on 30 May, and two representatives of the village, Mona Goldsmith, and Molly Keer, rode along the road from Potkins Lane down to the Quay, where they were greeted by a crowd of people, both residents and visitors, for a photo shoot.

The lighting of the Beacon took place at 9.45pm on 2 June, and this was well supported by a large group of people. The Beacon is now positioned on a new metal pole, thanks to a kind donation from New Orford Town Trust's Village Fund.

The street party held on the Saturday afternoon was a great success.

Thanks must go to Butley Orford Oysterage, Sir Edward Greenwell, Nick Edgerton, Pump Street Bakery, Peters Ice Cream, Little MADE Studio, The Mixing Bowl, everyone who donated cakes that supported the refreshment table, and Sam Harvey for their support on the day. A donation bucket was placed on the refreshment table and this raised £533 for the Firefighters Charity.

Special thanks also go to the Orford Firemen for all their help with putting up the bunting, removing and replacing the beacon pole, filling the beacon basket, and lighting the beacon. Their community support has been greatly appreciated.

The Village Feast is going ahead on the evening of 27 August 2022. There will be an outside bar, live music and BBQ. More details to follow in the next issue of Village Voice.

Village Events Committee – It has been suggested that a village events committee should be started to assist with any events such as the Suffolk Day. This could consist of some Parish Councillors as well as community representatives. This would be a great way of combining ideas and coming up with some new ones. If anyone would be interested in joining, please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Marie Backhouse**, Clerk to Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council, 459172, [orfordtownhall@btconnect.com](mailto:orfordtownhall@btconnect.com)

#### **ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL, VACANCY**

There is currently one vacancy for a Councillor to represent Orford on the Parish Council. This vacancy is a **voluntary role** and will be filled by co-option at the monthly Parish Council meeting, to be held on Wednesday 14 September 2022.

Anyone wishing to be considered for this vacancy should write a letter to the Clerk to arrive before noon on Tuesday 13 September 2022. Applicants must be 18 years of age or over and have had their main residence or place of work in Orford, or within 3 miles of Orford, for the past 12 months. The Parish Council as a body also acts as the Trustee for the New Orford Town Trust.

#### **July dates for your diary**

- Each Monday: badminton - *restarts in September*
- Each Monday (except bank holidays): Coffee and Chat - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 1-3pm
- Each Wednesday: chair pilates - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 11am-12noon
- Each Monday and Wednesday: Methodist Chapel tea room, lunch, 11am-2pm
- Each Wednesday: badminton - *restarts in September*
- Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm
- Wednesday 27 July: Hallé Youth Choir concert - Orford Church, 7.30pm

If you wish to discuss details of the role of a Parish Councillor, please call me at the office on 459172.

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

#### **JULY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**

All are welcome to join us at St Bartholomew's, Orford for the following services in July:

- First, Second and Third Sundays: Holy Communion, 9.30am (Second Sunday, Book of Common Prayer)
- Fourth Sundays: we join Sudbourne and Iken congregations for Holy Communion at 9.30 am at Sudbourne Church.

A CHURCH NEAR YOU website [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) provides details of all church services and events in the local area. For further information contact the Team Rector: Rev Giles Tulk 01394 450610 [revgileswtr@gmail.com](mailto:revgileswtr@gmail.com)

Visiting Bell Ringers: on 10 July in the afternoon. Bell ringers from the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, South East Division will be ringing a peal at St Bartholomew's.

Diary Date: Don't forget the Teddy Bears' Parachute Jump on Sunday 28 August at 3pm. Brave teddies will be parachuting from the Church Tower in aid of Church funds. Homemade cakes and tea will be served.

#### **'My Spirit Sang All Day'**

Wednesday 27 July, 7.30pm, St. Bartholomew's Church, Orford  
Hallé Youth Choir, Stuart Overington – Director, Matthew Roughley – Assistant Director

Recognised as one of the country's leading mixed-voice youth choirs, the Hallé Youth Choir will be touring the East Anglia region this summer and is delighted to be performing in Orford – presenting a diverse and engaging programme including works by Britten, Finzi, Tippett, MacMillan and Laura Mvula. Free admission with donations towards the Hallé Concerts Society gratefully received.

**Sally Walton**

## JULY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 3 July 10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland – Holy Communion  
Sunday 10 July 10.30am Service arranged locally  
Sunday 17 July 10.30am Stephen Caley - Chapel Tea Room  
open 10.30am–1pm  
Sunday 24 July 10.30am informal Café Worship  
Sunday 31 July 10.30am Stephen Caley

You are welcome to join with us. Children stay in church throughout the service. Refreshments served afterwards.

CHAPEL TEA ROOM – OPEN EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY from 11am–4pm. Enjoy coffee, tea and cake, and a varied lunch menu. Some visitors rest a while and include a quiet time in church. Also available: crafts, art, cards and preserves. No need to book as there are tables inside and out and we are dog friendly too. Many thanks to Dave who has created a 'visitors book for dogs'.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - our former minister Rev Stephen Yelland conducted a memorable service on Sunday 5 June for both the Jubilee and Pentecost. Hymns, prayers and readings all themed on 'Service and Thanksgiving'. After coffee and refreshments many friends of all ages sat down to a sumptuous meal which included coronation chicken and the platinum trifle! – after the meal we were entertained to a Royal Quiz and Sing-a long. Many thanks to friends who decorated tables, assisted with, and donated food, for this Jubilee lunch. We were fully booked for this eventful meal hugely enjoyed by all.

Sunday 19 June and another lunch – this occasion was the 120th anniversary of the opening and dedication of the present church building (opened with a service and tea on 4 June 1902) and replaced the former chapel built in 1837 and demolished in 1960. There is evidence that the Methodist church in Orford commenced in 1810 – so we also celebrated some 212 years at this year's service!

33rd ANNUAL ORFORD QUAY SERVICE – SUNDAY 7 AUGUST at 6pm supporting the JUBILEE SAILING TRUST – Preacher Rev. Julian Pursehouse (Chair of the East Anglian Methodist District), music with the Suffolk Phoenix Band - BRING A CHAIR.

*Stephen Caley*

## ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

What are the benefits of being a member of the Club? Well, one such event is that on Saturday 10 September there will be a coach trip for members to Cambridge.

Leaving the school at 9.30am, departing Cambridge at 8pm, 1x member, 1 x seat. The day will be at your leisure, and for you to enjoy what Cambridge has to offer. If you are a member, your membership will include the coach trip (or call it free to members). When we open the interest window, it will be first come, first served. If we get more interest than available coach seats, we may have to look at hiring another coach, so please look out for further information over the next few weeks (and membership renewals when due, don't panic!!)

Other events coming up are

- Bike Meet Night, Thursday 14 July from 6pm (bar and BBQ available, bike not essential)
- Friday 22 July, Bingo night from 8pm
- Saturday 17 September, live music from 'Roach'

And don't forget club nights on Friday evenings (with the exception of 29 July, private booking)

*Mark Smy, Secretary, 450358*

## HELLO FROM ORFORD SCHOOL!

We have been very busy recently at Orford CEVAP School. To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee the children dressed up as royalty (or in red, white and blue) and wore their hand-crafted crowns. We were joined by our partner school Bawdsey for a joint Jubilee picnic followed by a great afternoon meeting new friends and experiencing games played around the time of the coronation which included: using hoops, bowls, skipping games, card games, quoits, hopscotch, tin-can alley and – the firm favourite – wellie wanging.

We have commemorated the Jubilee by making a Jubilee Prayer garden. Funded by Adnams, parents and the community helped revive the secret garden and, with help from local parishioner Nicola Atchley to draw a mural, the pupils then painted it to complete the transformation to a quiet, contemplative area. We held a grand opening on Wednesday 25 May; Rev. Giles Tulk blessed the reflection area and prayer shed, and The Ven. Sally Gaze, Archdeacon for Rural Mission & Convenor of Suffolk in Prayer, then opened it for us. Parents, families and friends joined us to celebrate our new area and all enjoyed the refreshments provided by the children with their Jubilee cake competition entries to sample too.

On Friday 8 July, we are celebrating our 150 years of being a school. Each of the 3 classes is learning about a 50-year section of history and

their work will form part of the displays. There will also be photos of past pupils and events at the school – will you recognise yourself on one? Hopefully the oldest surviving ex-pupil we can find will come and join us with ex-pupils and staff too. The children will be explaining about the timespan, sharing a song or dance from the 150 years and there will be refreshments/tours of the school. We will also be burying a time capsule about 2022 and the children currently in the school and the last 150 years. Do contact us on 01394 450281 if you would like to join us on this special occasion. AND – if you have any photos or memorabilia you would allow us to copy or put on display would you be kind enough to bring them along to the school?

And finally, if you would like to come along to our new Baby and Toddler group you are welcome – 1.30-2.45pm Tuesday, term time only. There will be refreshments provided, baby changing facilities, a chance for the children to explore and play with an EYFS practitioner on hand to help and other parents and carers to chat to. At the end of the session, you can join Class 1 for a story. There is no charge, and all are welcome, please phone the school if you would like more information or have a look on our website.

*Linda Scarce, School Business Manager, Orford CEVA Primary School*

## ORFORD, SUDBOURNE & GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW & FETE, 27 AUGUST 2022

As the summer weather finally arrives, arrangements for this year's Flower Show are well under way. The brochure will be available in early July as usual from the Orford newspaper kiosk and the Orford Village shop as well as, for the first time, online at [www.orfordflowershow.org](http://www.orfordflowershow.org)

It is also that time of year where we ask for volunteers, both for setting things up on Friday 26 August, or manning the gates for a short period on the day, or helping out on some of the fun stalls that we set up, again on the day. Please contact Gary Wingrove on 01394 459875 if you are interested in helping, even if you are one of our regular volunteers.

Become a Friend of the Flower Show: we do not ask for an entry fee to the show, we just ask for voluntary contributions, but the main funding for the Show is provided by the Friends of the Flower Show scheme. Anyone can become a Friend of the Flower Show. We ask for a minimum contribution of £30 per annum, but there is no upper limit! Apart from knowing that you are helping to secure the future of the show and support local charities, you will be invited to the Friends reception, lunch and preview, where you will be able to wander the marquee before it is open to the general public, with a glass of fizz in hand, enjoy some excellent food, and debate the judges' decisions. You will also be invited to vote for the 'Best in Show' award.

If you are interested, please contact us at [orfordflowershow@gmail.com](mailto:orfordflowershow@gmail.com) or call Gary Wingrove on 07795 402275.

*The Flower Show Committee*

## THOMAS MARSHALL EDUCATION FUND

Thomas returned to its traditional date this year, the closest Sunday to Thomas Marshall's birthday. Sunday 12 June was a gloriously sunny day and we welcomed a large crowd of happy and friendly people to enjoy delicious food in the lovely garden at Chantry Cottage. A hard-working team of trustees and volunteers served food and drink as well as raffling some fine Prosecco from 10.30am until 4.30pm to raise a total currently approaching £3,000 to help us support the education of young people in Mozambique and enable them to make a sustainable living and support their communities.

Our next event is Fumble in the Jumble which is scheduled for Saturday 6 August from 10am until 2pm in St. Bartholomew's Church, Orford. Don't miss this opportunity to ferret out some bargains at this top quality bric-a-brac sale.

*Roger Hipwell – Trustee TMEF*

## THE OLD RECTORY ORFORD GARDEN OPEN DAY, 12 June

For the first time in two years we have been able to open the garden: this time in aid of the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. We are delighted to report that, thanks to the generosity of donors, and the efforts of volunteers and regular helpers, the combination of entry donations, the plant sale and, above all the raffle, the day raised over £1,600. We heartily thank all those who contributed to the success of the event. The garden shone in the sunshine.

*Tim and Elizabeth Fargher*

## SUDBOURNE HALL CRICKET CLUB

The inability to field a consistent team has led to another month of frustration for captain Ed Robson and the squad. A lengthening injury list alongside availability issues have seen contrasting performances. As the table stands, 2 wins and 7 defeats, Sudbourne sit at the foot of the 2 Counties League Division 6, but with the situation tight at the bottom of

the Division, a couple of wins could see them leapfrogging the teams directly above them. The season has had its bright moments, a very convincing 7 wicket win away at Sudbury at the end of May, bowling the home side out for only 92. However, it has been with the bat where Sudbourne have struggled. The side have particularly missed Richard Daykin over the last few weeks, out with a hamstring injury and probably the most consistent performer to date.

However, Sudbourne Hall remains a wonderful place to play cricket, with warmer days and plenty of sunshine ahead, win or lose, we are fortunate to play in such great surroundings.

On Sunday 10 July, the club have their annual Presidents Day game. A day where the social side of cricket rules the roost, we'd love to welcome the local community to Sudbourne Park.

If you are wandering through the estate, please come and say hello.

July fixtures (all 1pm start.)

- Saturday 2 July, Worlingworth (home)
- Saturday 9 July, Felixstowe (away)
- Sunday 10 July, Presidents Day (home)
- Saturday 16 July, Woodbridge (home)
- Saturday 23 July, Bury St Edmunds (away)
- Saturday 30 July, Bardwell (home)

**Andy Halliday**

## NEWS FROM ORFORD MUSEUM

As I reported earlier this year, we are now able to re-start the Friends of Orford Museum organisation and the publication of our Local History Bulletin thanks to John Grayburn who has taken on the administration of the Friends and Jack Cooke who is editing the Bulletin. Old and new Friends are signing up again and I do hope that those of you who have not yet re-joined will consider doing so. We would also be particularly delighted to welcome new residents to the area. Quite apart from the museum in the Castle (to which Friends have free access) we have an extensive archive of maps, photographs, documents and artefacts of all kinds in our store in Orford should anyone wish to do research or simply learn more about Orford and the surrounding villages.

The new Bulletin will be ready for publication at the end of August and, to celebrate this, the re-launch of the Friends and our new website, we are holding an event at Butley Priory by kind permission of Sir Edward and Lady Greenwell on Wednesday 14 September 2022 in the early evening. There will be a tour of the Priory and gardens together with a talk on the history of the Priory by Valerie Fenwick, archaeologist, historian and author who has written extensively for the Bulletin. In addition, Jack Cooke will talk about the latest issue of the Bulletin and his plans for its future. There will be light refreshments. This event will be open to all comers, not just Friends, and we hope that as many people as possible will want to take this opportunity to visit a beautiful building and hear about its history. There will be a small charge for Friends (a little more for non-Friends) and exact details of this and timings will be published in August. In the meantime, if you would like to register your interest in joining us on 14 September, please email me at a.spinney43@btinternet.com.

If you wish to renew your membership of the Friends or to join up for the first time, please email John Grayburn at johng@graylink.co.uk. If you have ideas for articles or memories of life in Orford and the wider neighbourhood in times past, please email Jack Cooke at jackcooke@outlook.com. We are always looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of running the Museum. We desperately want to keep it and its amazing archive available for future generations, but we will only be able to do that if more people step forward to help. If you would like to become involved – even if you only have a little time to give occasionally – we would love to hear from you. Please email me, Elizabeth Spinney, at the email address above.

**Elizabeth Spinney, Orford Museum**

## ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

*Fullers Mill / Perennial Garden Trip – Tuesday afternoon, 5 July 2022: private visit*

This seven-acre garden near Bury St Edmunds combines light dappled woodland with a distinctive collection of rare and unusual shrubs, perennials, lilies and marginal plants. We will be visiting when hopefully the famous lilies will be at their best!

Bernard Tickner MBE, with his wife, Bess, gifted the garden to Perennial in 2013. They spent over 50 years designing and making this tranquil waterside garden, working particularly with plant form and texture in addition to colour, to build a garden of truly year-round interest.

We will begin with a talk about the garden and then be free to wander the gardens:

- Top Garden – majestic lilies in a Mediterranean setting
  - River and Mill Pond – with its weir and footbridge across the River Lark
  - Quandries – a sunnier more open aspect
  - Low Garden – wide range of woodland plants including more lilies
  - Strip – made up of plants from Beth Chatto's superb garden
- Tea and cake will be available as will the opportunity to buy plants! Guests are welcome to join us (at £4 plus the entrance fee of £8). Please contact Polly as below.

*Lucy Skellorn – My Family and Other Irises – Thursday 8 September 7.30pm, Orford Town Hall*

Little did we know when we were seeking iris speakers and found Lucy, that she'd be at Chelsea with Plant Heritage and interviewed for Gardener's World! She also featured in the May edition of Country Living – it's great to have an already well-known plantswoman based in Suffolk. Lucy's great great grandfather, Sir Michael Foster, was recognised as an authority on iris cultivation and breeding in the 1870s until he died in 1907. He had a library of over 200. It is this family heritage that she is working from...

Whilst studying Lucy worked at Langham Hall and the Museum of East Anglia's walled gardens as a heritage garden apprentice. She has also worked at Ickworth House and Helmingham Hall.

We hope to see you soon!

**Polly Sharkey** (Chair), *creativefutures98@btinternet.com 01394 450959*

## PROMETHEUS RECITAL

Some of the members from the orchestra will give you a taste for orchestral music at Orford Town Hall. The programme includes a Mozart Divertimento and the Beethoven Sextet for strings and horns, both charming pieces to listen to. The programme is approximately 40 minutes long and refreshments of tea and biscuits will be served afterwards when you can talk to the players.

Ticket prices are only £10 or £5 for those aged 10 to 17, and free for those aged 9 and below, so do come along and enjoy the music at Orford Town Hall, at 4pm on Sunday 7 August.

**Chris Gill**

## THE JOLLY SAILOR IS CHANGING HANDS

After 10 years of service to the village, Corinne Webber is passing the guardianship of the Jolly Sailor to new hands. Adnams have chosen a company owned by Chris and Fiona Gerard, who live in the village, to take on the job of loving the Jolly.

The tenancy will change on 8 July with Jess Leech assuming day to day responsibility. Jess says her measure of success will be if, in a few months' time, all of the village support her and have a shared sense of pride in the Jolly and are pleased she has contributed.

The first challenge will be finding more team, so the business can open longer and offer a slightly more adventurous but local menu, soon to be called 'Jolly Good Food'.

**Fiona Gerard**

## THE ALDE & ORE ESTUARY TRUST 2022 CHARITY FLOTILLA

The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust is organising a second summer flotilla as part of its Save Our Suffolk Estuary fundraising campaign and is encouraging the river-loving community to get involved.

On Sunday 4 September, participants are invited to swim, kayak, row, canoe, or paddleboard from Aldeburgh Yacht Club and make their way almost five miles down the estuary to Orford Sailing Club, with the ebb tide to help them.

An elite class who are used to swimming three or more miles comfortably in open water will be timed and set off first, followed by the recreational swimmers who are expected to take around two hours to complete the course. This year, the age limit has been lowered so children over 12 can get involved, making it a very special community event. The inaugural flotilla in 2019 was a huge success, raising over £24,000.

With a limited number of places in each class – elite swimmers, recreational swimmers, and the fleet of paddlers, the Trust is urging anyone keen to be involved to sign up as soon as possible. Entry is £50 for swimmers aged 16 years and over and £40 for paddlers 12 years and over.

Grants from The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust support the upgrade and maintenance of flood defences of the Alde, Ore and Butley rivers to protect the area's economy, homes, and landscape. Floods such as those of 1953 and 2013 devastated the area.

Those wishing to enter the flotilla should visit The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust's website here: <https://www.aostrust.org/new-events>

## THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	ALDEBURGH	HOLLESLEY
Monday	8.00 to 14.30	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 18.30	13.30 to 17.30
Tuesday	8.00 to 18.30	CLOSED	8.00 to 18.30	
Wednesday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 13.00	8.00 to 18.30	
Thursday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 13.00	8.00 to 18.30	
Friday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 13.00	8.00 to 18.30	

### STAFF TRAINING DATES

Alderton surgery will be closed for staff training on Wednesday 13 July from 13.00. Aldeburgh Surgery will be open for collecting paper prescriptions and booking future appointments. All calls will continue to be redirected to 111 for this afternoon.

This means that there will be no clinical staff available during this afternoon at any site.

When the surgery is closed please call NHS 111.

### East Anglian Air Ambulance

We are very proud to be supporting East Anglian Air Ambulance with collection points for clothes and shoes. We have these points available at our Alderton and Aldeburgh surgeries where you can bring bagged clothes and shoes to donate. They are very visible in beautiful bright yellow! East Anglian Air Ambulance are our partners in providing care to our patient population and we are very excited to be supporting them in this way.

### Safe Surgery

We are pleased to announce that we are a recognised Safe Surgery, a scheme run by Doctors of the World to ensure no one is excluded from the healthcare they have the right to.

By being a Safe Surgery, we commit to prevent things such as ID, proof of address and language from being barriers to patient registration.

This is one step we are taking to tackle health inequalities in our communities.

### Covid & Travelling

We are not able to provide you with a letter of your Covid vaccination status. Please do not contact the practice about your Covid vaccination status unless you have been advised to do so by the 119 service.

If you believe you have missing or incorrect Covid vaccination data on your NHS app or on your GP record, please call 119 and ask the agent to make a referral to the Vaccine Data Resolution Service (VDRS).

[www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk) or **01394 411641**

<https://www.facebook.com/ThePeninsulaPracticeGPSurgery/>



01394 450235

We can help with any of the following:

- \* Friendship and companionship
- \* Collection of medication
- \* Shopping
- \* Dog walking / feeding pets
- \* Form filling and help with technology
- \* One-off garden tidy
- \* Minor household repairs
- \* A healthy meal
- \* Transport to Covid-19 vaccinations/boosters, hospital, and GP appointments
- \* Provision of a personal care alarm with key safe, supported by the Orford & District Surgery Charitable Trust
- \* A Community Larder and book swap, available round the clock in the entrance to the Kings Head car park. Thank you to everyone who donates to the larder; without you we would not be able to keep it stocked.
- \* Other activities as requested and agreed
- \* Support for anyone who is impacted by a scam

# TOP QUALITY BRIC A BRAC SATURDAY

**6TH AUGUST 2022**  
**St. Bartholomew's Church**  
**Orford**

**10.00am to 2.00pm**

All proceeds to Thomas Marshall Education Fund  
Registered Charity No. 1154635

