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### ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

On 16 May we held our Annual Parish Meeting - which was your opportunity to hear reports from the Parish Council and the New Orford Town Trust about what has been achieved in the past 12 months, and looking forward to the next 12 months. We also had reports from various community groups such as the Methodist Church, Orford Museum and the Bowls club, as well as from our District and County Councillors. All the reports are available in the office if anyone wishes to see them. I am pleased to report that 9 out of 11 Parish Councillors were present, along with around 25 members of the public, which is a very good turnout for the Parish Meeting, so thank you to all those who came along.

We are in the process of arranging a meeting with a representative from Suffolk Highways to discuss the various problems regarding parking and traffic control. Look out for further updates in due course...

We have had notice from UK Cycling Events that they are holding a cycle race on Saturday 28 July. We are currently trying to clarify the exact route and where they are planning to hold rest stops. Further details to follow...

Mobile phone mast: I have been in contact with the CEO and Executive Relations Manager of O2 in an attempt to get to the bottom of what is happening with the mast. They have finally confirmed that the mast round The Broom is ready to go live, but the problem lies with the mast that is going to 'feed' this mast, and which is situated on top of a water tower. O2 has said that this building is not safe for them to gain access to the mast to fix the problem. They are currently trying to come to an agreement with the landowner to allow the issues to be fixed, but they fear that it will end up in the hand of their lawyers. As before updates to follow...

A reminder that the deadline for applying to become a new councillor is fast approaching: 12 noon on Wednesday 6 June. All applications will be discussed at our next Parish Council meeting and 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.

**Michelle Golder, Chairman OGPC**

### 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 June, and should be submitted to the Clerk by 12 noon on Wednesday, 13 June 2018. Please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form.

**Kara Reed**, Clerk to NOTT, tel 459172, orfordtrust@btconnect.com

### June dates for your diary

- 2/3 and 16/17: Open Studios weekend
- Thursday 7 June: Gardening Club - members only garden party
- Sunday 10 June: TforThomas: Chantry Cottage - 10am-4pm
- Monday 11 June: Mobile police station visit - Market Square or Orford Quay, 12 noon-1.30pm (operational requirements permitting)
- Thursday 21 June: Suffolk Day: Village green outside the shop - 5.30pm-8pm

### MOBILE POLICE STATION

Operational requirements permitting, the Mobile Police Station will be visiting Orford on Monday, 11 June, from 12 noon to 1.30pm, in the Market Square or on the Quay.

### JUNE AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 3 June – Trinity 1	
8.00am	Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
11.00am	Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
Sunday 10 June – Trinity 2	
8.00am	Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
10.30am	Family Service – Mrs J Maslin
Sunday 17 June – Trinity 3	
8.00am	Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck
11.00am	Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
Sunday 24 June – Birth of St John the Baptist	
8.00am	Holy Eucharist – Rev R Alderson
10.30am	Village Service – Mrs J Maslin
Sunday 1 July – Trinity 5	
8.00am	Holy Eucharist – Rev Dr J Hare
11.00am	Holy Eucharist – Rev Dr J Hare

**Rev. David Murdoch**

### JUNE AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 3 June	10.30am	Stephen Caley
Sunday 10 June	10.30am	Praise Worship
Sunday 17 June		<b>116th Church Anniversary</b>
	10.30am	Rev. Stephen Yelland
Sunday 24 June	10.30am	Rev. Stephen Yelland – COMMUNION
	3pm – 5.30pm	Church Tea Party
Sunday 1 July	10.30am	Stephen Caley

On Sunday 3 June the service will be followed by a picnic lunch.  
On Church Anniversary Sunday 17 June, the service will be followed by lunch.

On Sunday 24 June there will be a Church Tea Party from 3pm at Sudbourne Village Hall.

MONDAY TEA ROOM – open as usual from 12 noon-4pm with a summer menu and much more!

WEDNESDAY LUNCH – this popular weekly event is a bookable meal.

THURSDAY Inspirational Painting sessions are on hold until September.

Advance notice for your diary/calendar – 30th ANNUAL QUAY SERVICE will be held on Sunday 5 August at 6pm.

Many thanks to poppy knitters who have responded to last month's appeal and are already producing a variety of poppies which will go on sale later in the year - *some sold already!*

**Stephen Caley**

### ORFORD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We are currently trying to recruit new members to join Orford Bowls club. We meet on Tuesday nights at 7pm between September and March. If you are interested in joining up or would like to have a go, please contact David Emeny on 01394 450687.

### ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Now that the warmer weather has apparently arrived, more of you are making good use of the external seating areas at the club. It's always good to see everyone making good use of the club and its facilities, so if you haven't been to see us in a while, come up and have a drink/play pool/table tennis/chat/watch the TV and use the free WI FI.

Club nights are Sunday, Monday and Friday nights from 8:30pm.

- Saturday 2 June: Disco with the Aricho Roadshow from 8pm. Members £2 Non-Members £3.
- Saturday 9 June: The Steve Richardson Memorial Darts Competition. Registration by 7:30pm. Entry £3.
- Thursday 14 June: Bike Meet Night from 6pm. Burger and chips available (bike not compulsory).
- Friday 29 June: Bingo Night from 8pm.
- Saturday 14 July: Live Music with "Heavy Kettle" 8pm

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

### ORFORD & GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW: The 3 'R's at The Flower Show

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle. This hierarchical directive came from the European Community back in the 1970s, one of the better directives from Brussels! It more important now than ever and is the basis for the '100 % plastic clever' campaign we are running at this year's show. That is CLEVER not CLEAR, as plastic is obviously here to stay. As stated by The Waste and Resources Action Programme, (WRAP) – *'We need to move away from a linear plastics economy, where we take, make and dispose of plastic, and towards a circular system where we keep plastic in the economy and out of the natural environment'* – <http://www.wrap.org.uk>. So, avoiding the use of 'Single Use Plastic', creating awareness of the alternatives and 'recycling etiquette' are our aims at the Show. Hence going back to the 3 'R's.

To do this we need help! We need volunteers to get involved and help with this initiative beforehand and on Show day – Saturday 25 August. If you feel suitably motivated by this cause please call me on 01394 459732. And anyone else who can help with the Marquee and Field on the day, your help is much needed too.

**Alex Smith**

### SUFFOLK OPEN STUDIOS – WEEKENDS 2/3 & 16/17 June

*Daphne Gardne*: Town Lodge, 13a Town Farm Estate, Orford

*Nicola Atchley* \*: The Old Hayloft, Orford Craft Centre

*Annie Turner* \*: *Steven Will* \*Sudbourne Park Printmakers, Bothy Yard & Blacksmiths Forge, Sudbourne Park

*Ruth Seabrook*: Ashmeads, School Road, Sudbourne

*Lisa Berry & Toby Mayhew*: 13 Brick Kiln Cottages, Chillesford.

\*2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> June only

Please see [www.suffolkopenstudios.org](http://www.suffolkopenstudios.org) for information.

### ART AT THE GREAT HOUSE, ORFORD

Following the success of the first exhibition at the Great House in April, when 24 paintings and etchings by Andrew King and Michael Flint were sold and £700 made for the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust, a second exhibition is planned for July, featuring works by the Sudbourne Park Print Makers, paintings and sculptures from Butley Mills Studio, and a sale of unique ceramics by Geraldine Gerard. The preview evening will be on Friday 6 July and the exhibition will be open to the public from Saturday 7 until Wednesday 11 July. The gardens will be open every day serving tea, coffee and cakes with proceeds going to the AOET.

**Fiona Gerard**

### GARDENING CLUB

**Date:** Thursday 7 June (afternoon)

**Topic:** Members only Garden Party at a delightful garden in Sudbourne

**Competition:** The second one (of three) for the Eric Mason Shield – A Posy of Fragrant Herbs

**All Day Workshop with Neill Ludmon: Improve your border design and planting**

This was the first time that the Gardening Club has ventured into holding a full day workshop for members and it was a huge success. Thirteen members gathered in Bart's Hall on Friday 20 April where Neill shared his knowledge and skills to help us develop a toolkit for choosing the right plants and creating a balanced border. We also visited a couple of local gardens to put our theory into practice! Thank you very much to the owners of those gardens...

We had delicious refreshments all day including a wonderful lunch and then set to work planning our own borders to scale with the information provided by Neill. We even had the opportunity to test our own soil, most of which turned out to be the regular Ph and of a sandy clay composition. Thank you everyone who contributed to making it such a success. Watch this space for next year!

### Roses – Choosing, Planting and Pruning

At our May meeting Darren Brooks, who is the General Manager of Notcutts Garden Centre in Woodbridge, and his colleague Rob Canham, Panateria Manager, gave us a really interesting and informative talk about roses of all types, how to make your choice of what to buy and how to care for them. He also kept us up to date with the latest organic product and told us about the benefits of Mycorrhizal Fungi! So, we all went home with rose identification tips and lots of jobs to do including weeding around our roses and feeding them more often!

**Everyone welcome! Advance Booking Now for:**

**Date:** Wednesday 4 July (whole day)

**Activity:** Coach trip to East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden, Norfolk  
**Time and place:** Leaving Orford at 9 am with pick-ups at Sudbourne and Snape

**Cost:** £25

These gardens are very well known and have featured in all the gardening magazines, on television and they are now an RHS Partner Garden. They were established in 1973 by Alan Gray and Graham Rodeson who created a 32-acre design which incorporates exuberant and innovative planting alongside a more traditional design. There are surprises around every corner and through many vistas, and the garden continues to develop. Bring your own picnic or lunch inside the garden from 12 noon. Coffee stop en route.

**2018 Tasters for those who like to come as guests or would like to join:**

• Saturday 25 August – Flower Show at which we will have a stall and you can meet members, buy plants and vegetables – donations very welcome!

• Friday 7 September – Foraging for lunch with Vivia Bamford and at the Froize with David Grimwood

• Thursday 4 October – Drought Resistant Planting with Ben Potterton of Blacksmiths Nursery

• Thursday 1 November – Colour Theory for Gardeners with Neill Ludmon

Do come and join us.

**Polly Sharkey**

## THE SAILING CLUB

The Sailing Club is offering Taster Sailing sessions again. These are open to anyone. No experience is required. Children must be 8+ and all should be able to swim and be confident in water. These sailing sessions are aimed at local families to create an opportunity to experience sailing on the river without any future commitment. There is a £5 charge per session. These will start on Wednesday 6 June for five consecutive weeks (5 -6.30pm). Also Sunday 24 June and Sunday 2 and 9 July (1030-1200). Should you be interested please contact **Sheena Barrow** 07867 978770, sheenamarrow@btinternet.com

## SUDBOURNE HALL CRICKET CLUB

We have got off to a good start this season with three league games so far and one friendly, and remain unbeaten at the time of going to press! We were promoted last season and now occupy second position in the Two Counties League division 6 (Essex & Suffolk). We have harder games to come but we feel relatively comfortable in the new league and, as ever, it's always dependent on who is available to play at any one time. Our star batsman so far has been Sudbourne resident Joe Scarce who has been playing at the club for around 15 years, along with stalwarts like Peter Clift and Rob Jenkin, who I'm sure are known to many Orford residents. Peter is playing in his 50th year at the club which is an incredible achievement, and Rob isn't far behind him in his 46th! We have also started to attract a younger generation which is very pleasing – and excellent news for the future of the club. We are often told by the opposing teams what a beautiful ground we have and we know we are blessed to play in our idyllic location, down the drive at Sudbourne Park. We have an increased following and often get a few dozen spectators on a lovely day! More are always welcome.

We are always looking for new members and currently we have around 24 registered players, so there is now competition for places, which is unusual! We also play a few friendly matches at home, and so there should be just enough cricket for most abilities and ages. We have nets every Thursday from 6pm- 7:30pm and new players are welcome to get in touch via our website at [www.sudbournehall.play-cricket.com](http://www.sudbournehall.play-cricket.com).

We will update you next month on our efforts in June when we will be facing some stronger opposition!

**Scott Hunt, Club Captain**

## T4THOMAS 2018

The annual 'T4Thomas' will be held this year on Sunday 10 June. Usual format, usual venue! Please come along to Chantry Cottage any time between 10am and 4pm and enjoy coffee, teas, cakes and lunches throughout the day in aid of the Thomas Marshall Education Fund, raising money to help support education in rural Mozambique. We have a lot of exciting news to share with you about recent success stories, developments and projects and how monies that you have helped to raise over the past year have been spent. Look forward to seeing you all again for what we hope will be another successful 'T4T'.

**Wendy & Guy Marshall**

## OPEN GARDEN – WITH DONKEYS! THANK YOU!

The open garden at 4 Toller Close, Orford, on Saturday 26 May raised £532 to be divided between Orford School and the AOEP. Bric-a-brac and plants were sold, cake and ice cream was consumed, and the donkeys behaved immaculately. Thank you to everyone who helped out and to people who donated.

**Anna Hills**

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all box-holders who put their small change into their boxes throughout the year and helped to raise a record £491.10 this year. Thank you also for coming to my coffee morning last month and helping raise a further £181.40. Please let me know if you would like to have a collection box of your own. Many thanks again.

**Fiona Raison, Children's Society – Local Secretary**

## ORFORD FIRE STATION OPEN DAY – THANK YOU!

The crew of Orford fire station would like to thank all those who supported our open day held on 5 May. A special thank you to the

wives and partners of the crew who made cakes and served refreshments on the day, to Orford General Store and those who supported or donated to make the day such a success. Through kind donations and the sale of The Firefighters Charity items £316.85 was raised. We will be holding a car wash also in aid of The Firefighters Charity on Saturday 16 June from 10am until 2pm at the fire station.

**Neil Jacobs**

## FREE CONCERT AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Britten Youth String Orchestra from The Netherlands will be playing an evening concert of music for strings by Warlock, Rachmaninov, Berlin, Grieg, Bloch and Shostakovich at St Bartholomew's Church, Orford on Saturday 21 July at 7pm. Free entry, with a retiring collection towards the Church.

## THE PENINSULAR PRACTICE APRIL NEWSLETTER

**Travel Vaccinations:** The surgery offers travel vaccinations to our patients but PLEASE REMEMBER we do not have last minute appointments. You need your vaccines at least 8 weeks before departure. You need to book a travel appointment with a nurse for an **initial consultation** we will inform you of any vaccinations needed. This may mean more appointments as we do not stock all travel vaccines and some vaccines cannot be given together.

**Surgery Closures:** Staff Meeting – Wednesday 6 June 2018 13.30-16.00, GP Training Closure – Thursday 28 June 2018 13.00-18.30

## FREE HEALTH CHECKS AT STATION HOUSE, CAMPSEA ASHE

NHS/One Life Suffolk are offering FREE NHS health checks to access your general health and your risk of cardiovascular disease. You need to be: 40 to 74 years old, not had an NHS health check in the last five years, resident in Suffolk, Norfolk or Essex, no current diagnosis for heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, stroke, kidney disease or vascular dementia. 10.30 to 16.30 Friday 8 June and Friday 13 July at Station House, Campsea Ashe – call 01473 718193 to book.

## SUFFOLK DAY: THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2018

It is nearly upon us. Let's hope you are all getting excited because there is a lot happening this year.

Firstly, I would like to thank the following local businesses for their generous support: Greenwell Farms, the Crown & Castle, MBD Interiors, Pinney's of Orford and Pump Street Bakery. Thanks to them we are able to have live music again this year, and, in addition, a balloon artist. The venue is the area in front of Orford Craft Centre, the Village Green and The King's Head Car Park, so plenty of space for all. I have heard from many people who would like to have a stall but if you haven't got back to me and confirmed yet please could you do so over the next couple of days. Posters will start to go up over the next week. So save that spot on your agenda from 5.30pm til 8pm on Thursday 21 June for the second Suffolk Day Celebrations.

**Ian Ballantine, [the kingsheadorford@gmail.com](mailto:the kingsheadorford@gmail.com)**

## ORFORD GENERAL STORE

We have finally completed the challenge we gave ourselves to reduce prices and ensure our products are competitively priced across the whole shop. Sue Gadd has been busy working away in the office for a month to ensure all our products are priced at manufacturers' recommended retail prices or less!

This has been a major exercise for us and one which we were determined to complete to ensure the future sustainability of our little shop. Obviously, this will impact on our profit margins, but we hope that by completing this task we will gain your additional support and loyalty and that you will possibly purchase more items from us, as opposed to using the major supermarkets.

We are never going to have the buying power of the major retailers, but we do try to be as competitive as possible, and to run several of our own very reasonably priced promotions. Next time you are in Orford, why not come and take a look to see how far we have come?

We also have our own Loyalty card scheme, which gives

members 1% back on all shopping – so if you live in Orford, or any of the surrounding villages, ask us for a loyalty card soon. Your continued support and appreciation for all our efforts really does mean so much to us all and so on behalf of Sue Snowdon, Sue Gadd, and all our staff, we thank you.

### KING'S HEAD NEWS

'Here comes the summer sun' – that's what the song title says and let's hope so. May saw Suzanne and I celebrate four years as landlords at The King's Head. It has been a great time and we love being part of the village and aim to be so for several more years to come.

Also in May, we saw the Orford debut performance by Julia, Keith and Euan as 'The Black & Tan Dog Band' which we hope you enjoyed. Steven Lay Music Open Mic Nights produced another interesting evening of talented performances. Congratulations to our quiz winners and we look forward to answering the questions you pose.

June has a few events organised:

Sunday 3 June – starting at 8 pm – Quiz Night. Just £1 per head to enter and the winner gets to take the pot, along with the task to set the next month's quiz questions.

Thursday 21 June – 5.30pm to 8 pm – Suffolk Day – Orford Craft Centre frontage and Village Green by Orford General Store – *see the separate article in this month's publication.*

Friday 29 June – starting at 9 pm – Steven Lay Music Open Mic Night – an extravagant potpourri of entertainment from who turns up on the night. If you want to play, sing, dance, recite or anything (within reason) come along and let Steven know. If like me you just like to listen, applaud and enjoy over a drink or two that is just as important.

For the sporting amongst you we have the Pub Cricket Team back in action (to use the term loosely) with matches organised in July and August. If you want to be part of the team then please let Stuart Moss or myself know. Ability is no major requirement, enthusiasm and fun make up for that.

In July, we are having a Lighthouse Picnic on Friday 13th leaving Orford Quay at 5.30 pm. This is in association with Orfordness Lighthouse Trust and will give you a guided tour of the lighthouse, followed by a picnic on the beach. Our Chef Dan Bunce and the team will provide the picnic so all you have to bring is something to drink. If you are keen to attend please let us know as we are already taking bookings.

As always, we appreciate your support and custom and look forward to enjoying your company over the summer.

**Ian & Suzanne Ballantine**, *thekingsheadorford@gmail.com*

### ORFORD CRAFT CENTRE

Well, we achieved the opening date of 22 May. So everything is underway and we have a good range of craftworkers and their wares and everything is made in Suffolk. We have ceramics, glass, knitted goods, photographs, needlework, pictures, cards and stationery, willow crafts, books, and much more with new suppliers coming all the time. We are so pleased with the brilliant crafts we have been able to secure to sell on their behalf. We are also delighted to announce that we have two members of staff on board in Daphne Gardner and Theresa Aylmer, both of whom are local and very enthusiastic about this project. We are sure that they will welcome you in to the Craft Centre.

In The Old Hayloft, we have our first exhibition underway with Orford-based artist and printmaker Graham Spice. His detailed and contemporary works are a delight to see and can normally be seen for sale at Aldeburgh Contemporary Gallery. Following Graham, from Saturday 2 June we have 'Land and Sea' by Nicola Atchley as part of the Suffolk Open Studios. Nicola is a printmaker and another Orford resident, who has recently had two exhibitions in London at the Burt Gallery and the V&A Morley Gallery.

One of the ceramicists showing in the Craft Centre is Emma Jayne Robertson (EJR Ceramics). Emma lives near Debenham and is keen to pass on some of her skills and has booked the following dates for workshops in The Old Hayloft, which are open to people of all ages and abilities. 28 June, 14.30 to 17.30, 26 July, 10.00 to 16.00 and 23 August, 14.30 to 17.30. To book places on the courses please email Emma at [ejrceramics@btinternet.com](mailto:ejrceramics@btinternet.com) or phone 01728 860125.

We are both overwhelmed with the support we have had from artists and craftworkers and even more so from the locals in Orford - we sincerely

thank you and are buoyed by this. We hope you visit Orford Craft Centre and look to see our ever-changing stock and exhibitions.

**Ian & Suzanne Ballantine**, *orfordcraftcentre@gmail.com*

### AOEP: Comments and questions arising from AOEP Annual Report to Orford Annual Parish Meeting, 16 May, 2018

#### **Implementation of upgrading the estuary flood defences**

The 2017/18 river modelling report has not been published. How can the community support the proposed works without reading the report which the AOEP is using to justify their actions? Can the report be uploaded onto the AOEP's website?

#### **Issues for Orford and Flood Cell 4 (FC4)**

A proposal to defend Orford with a local bund was to avoid Enabling Development (ED) and harm to an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The rest of FC4 would not be left to flood if owners of the land upgraded their remaining walls using an HMRC scheme for income tax and corporation tax relief for businesses contributing to flood defences. The scheme protects local economies and helps protect the significant habitat, heritage, and landscape character designations in FC4.

The report said some landowners and residents may resist Orford defending itself using government funding (FDGiA). Yet FDGiA is meant for housing, not agricultural land. FDGiA funds and the Andren Bequest to FC4, means Orford has options other than ED for its defence. Surely these options should be considered by the Internal Drainage Board (IDB) before the AOEP use *all* the FDGiA funds at Aldeburgh, Snape and Iken? See Letters to the Editor, East Anglian Daily Times, 23 May 2018, 'Flood Protection for Orford'.

The AOEP and AOEP Trust have not explained how the £3m IDB loan will be repaid. Some understand the Trust will be repaying the landowner ratepayers. Is this true? If not, how will the loan be repaid?

#### **Fundraising campaign & Enabling Development**

It seems risky to start the Estuary Plan relying on ED when there is doubt that ED can raise £5m cash as projected. As a concerned resident, please could the AOEP join in an open debate about funding and income streams with the community?

#### **Susie Bridges**

### SUTTON SCARECROW AND OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 10 June from 12noon-5pm. Tickets from Sutton Memorial Hall, £3 per person. Cream teas from 3pm at the Old Vicarage. Transport will be available to outlying gardens.

### BLAXHALL FESTIVAL:

Blaxhall Church will be overflowing with flowers on Saturday 30 June and Sunday 1 July for the Patronal Festival. Please put this date in your diary!

