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THANK YOU

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to take this opportunity to thank those councillors who decided not to stand for re-election: James Robinson, who has been on the Parish Council/ New Orford Town Trust for 20 years (on and off), and we have also lost Terry Loveridge and Derick Brenchley - thank you for everything you have done!! I would also like to welcome two new councillors - Frances Barnwell and Scott Backhouse, both of whom we look forward to working with over the coming years.

Michelle Golder, *Chairman, Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council*

PLANNING CONSULTATIONS IN ORFORD

A short summary of the Planning Consultations concerning Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council over the last five years

At the request of Ms Hilary Hanslip of Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Department, Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council produced a document initially dated 15 October 2014, to facilitate the ten-year planning strategy for our parish (until 2027).

The document noted that Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council felt that the need for housing in Orford and Gedgrave in the ten-year period to 2027, in order to maintain a healthy and balanced community, was for up to 5 affordable or low-cost homes. It was also felt that we did not need any more high- or medium-cost housing in the village and that all property was unusually high priced in our village in comparison to most of Suffolk and indeed much of the UK.

In addition, the Parish Council agreed that land north of Mill Close was the most suitable location for any significant further housing thought necessary for future generations. Suffolk Coastal District Council designated this area as one of many site allocations in the District for future development, and in 2016 0.86 hectares of land was designated for development on land north of Mill Close with a potential capacity for 15 houses. It was finally decided that up to ten houses should be built on this site, of which 3 would be affordable. This is our current housing allocation in the District's 10- to 20- year plan. East Suffolk Council's need to plan for up to 10,000 new houses means that up to 500 homes will be built in Orford and 26 other similar rural communities.

On 20 June 2016 this plan was submitted by Suffolk Coastal District Council to Central Government (The Planning Inspectorate

June dates for your diary

- Friday 7 June: Citizens Advice session - Alderton Health Centre, 10am-12noon
- Sunday 9 June: Orford Open Gardens - 2-5pm
- Sunday 9 June: T4Thomas: Chantry Cottage, 10am-5pm
- Sunday 16 June: Orford Open Gardens - 1.30-5pm
- Friday 21 June: Suffolk Day celebrations - outside the general store and craft centre, 5.30-8pm

within the remit of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) and Ms Elizabeth Hill assessed the SCDC Development Plan and returned it with Major Modifications (MMS) on 16 January 2017.

Unfortunately, the Planning Inspector withdrew the provision for affordable homes (originally submitted by SCDC) in this development of 10 houses and it was replaced with a requirement for a commuted sum to be provided by the developer toward affordable housing. In addition, the physical limit boundaries of the village were redrawn.

This new Local Plan Review considered a Planning Strategy taken out from 10 years to 20 years (2027 to 2036). In addition to local projected district housing needs within this timescale, the capacity of our local roads, and parking which is already at near saturation at certain times of year will have to be reviewed. Secondary education similarly is near capacity as are our secondary health care facilities.

The First Draft Suffolk Coastal Local Plan (July 2018) noted Policy SCLP12.53, that identifies land north of Mill Close for residential use for approximately 10 units. A Consultation Period for this SCDC local plan took place between 20 July and 14 September 2018.

The Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Final Draft was dated January 2019 and in Policy SCLP12.58 land north of Mill Close Orford was identified for the development of approximately 10 houses in a development which would be expected to be a mix of housing that reflects local housing needs and a predominance of smaller homes and bungalows.

This followed historical written representations by our Parish Council to the Consultations indicating this would be the most appropriate kind of development for our village.

Hartog Hutton Ltd, the developer, has now submitted a plan to East Suffolk Council to build ten houses on this site, aimed at an initial retailing price of £400,000 to £800,000. This proposed development does not reflect local housing needs. These local housing needs have been emphasised in previous consultations

between the Parish Council and local Planning Officers and stated in policy SCLP12.58. However, it is to be noted that this development is free market housing and in July 2017 the mean cost of a house in the UK was reported as £223,257. However, the mean cost of a house in Orford in October 2017 was reported as being £496,842, more than twice the national average.

On receiving details of this new housing development the Parish Council through its Chair, Cllr Michelle Golder, determined in direct written advice from Mr Phillip Ridley (Head of Planning, East Suffolk Council) and from Mr Ray Herring (recent Chair of Suffolk Coastal District Council) that the site allocation of the development could not be challenged.

In addition the Parish Council determined that as no planning is currently submitted for a development of our garage site this could not be considered in concert with the proposed development North of Mill Close, and in any case any proposed development of the garage site would be designated as 'windfall' and therefore separate.

17 parishioners attended the public forum of an extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 1 May 2019 in the Town Hall to discuss the proposed development north of Mill Close. Several points of view concerning the proposed development were discussed and taken into account in the subsequent Parish Council meeting. Other views have also been expressed to Council members by parishioners who were unable to attend the open meeting because of other commitments.

The Parish Council is always conscious of the fact that our job is to represent equally and as much as possible all of the approximately 600 residents with their differing views.

- Having determined that the site of the development could not be challenged, neither could any future development at the garage site be considered with this particular planning application,
- and having previously stated in writing in response to previous Consultations about this development that we did not need as a community any more medium- or high-end housing in our village
- and noting that following our representations Suffolk Coastal District Plan12.58 states that the any development at this site should have a mix of housing reflecting local housing needs with a preponderance of smaller homes and bungalows;

the Parish Council voted not to significantly challenge further the application at this time. We have been led to believe that this application will be looked at critically by East Suffolk Planning from the point of view of our previous representations and the statements in SCLP 12.58.

Cllrs M Golder (Chairman) and P Smith (Vice Chairman), Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council

JUNE AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 2 June: Easter 7

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 9 June: Pentecost

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

10.30am Family Service – Mrs J Maslin

Sunday 16 June: Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 23 June: Trinity 1

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev R Alderson

10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin

Sunday 30 June: Saints Peter and Paul

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Cluster Eucharist, celebrating the thirty-fifth Anniversary of the Rector's Ordination as a Deacon – Rev D Murdoch

Moving on

I am sure most of you will know by now that I have been appointed part-time Priest-in-Charge of Horsted Keynes in Sussex, Chichester Diocese. Our last Sunday working here will be 18 August and I will be licensed to my new post on 3 September. I will not write more now, as there will be opportunities for thanksgiving, farewells and looking to the future over the next two and a half months: suffice to say Christine and I are grateful for and deeply touched by the messages we have already received.

Rev. David Murdoch

JUNE AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 2 June 10.30am Stephen Caley – light lunch too!

Sunday 9 June – Pentecost

10.30am Service led locally

Sunday 16 June – Trinity

10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 23 June 10.30am Rev Margaret Miller – Communion

Sunday 30 June – 117th Church Anniversary

10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland

Monday Tea Room – open 12noon–4pm every Monday – delicious food served lunch time and for afternoon tea. Wednesday Lunch – every week served at 12.30pm – please book with us to enjoy in great company! Refreshments served every Sunday morning and on Sunday 2 June a light lunch follows. Summer tea party will take place on Sunday 30 June at 3pm, celebrating the 117th anniversary of the opening of the present building – invitations soon!

Easter People we are – and extended Eastertide services this year were full of joy, hope and encouragement with many visitors to the Easter Day service and the Sundays since. Another magnificent Easter garden gave us a wonderful visual aid to our worship – and kept alive for four Sundays! Many thanks to those who gave toward flowers/plants. We are grateful for generous donations given to the Church in memory of the Late Audrey Bantoft who was for many years a supporter and adherent of our church.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Events at the club during the month of June are as follows:

Club nights every Monday and Friday evenings from 8pm (darts, pool, snooker, Wi-fi, table tennis, music and chat).

- Thursday 13 June, Bike Night from 6pm, burger and chips available (bike not essential)

- Saturday 15 June, live music from 'Heartbeat', 8 till late (free entry for all)

- Friday 28 June, Bingo night from 8pm

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358

Orford and District Gardening Club Coach Trip

Wednesday 10 July – Day coach trip to RHS Hyde Hall in Essex. Leaving Orford at 9am – pick-ups at Sudbourne and Snape. Cost: £25 Members (+ £7.50 for half year membership for non-members as this is an RHS requirement). Includes: coach, garden entry, drinks on arrival and one-hour garden tour.

Come and explore this wonderful garden with us: join us in the iconic Dry Garden, the recently renovated Robinson and Woodland Gardens and the Hilltop Garden and so much more... Contact Polly Sharkey by email creativefutures98@btinternet.com or ring 01394 450959

to book your place

Polly Sharkey

ORFORD OPEN GARDENS FOR THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

On Sunday 9 June 2019, three Orford gardens will be open for the National Gardens Scheme (the Yellow Book). These are: The Old Rectory, Rectory Road; Brundish Lodge, High Street; and,

Wayside in Burnt Lane. The gardens will be open from 2pm until 5pm with teas served at Brundish Lodge. Plants will be for sale at The Old Rectory. Combined entry to all three gardens is £5.00 (children free).

This opening will be followed on Sunday 16 June by Green Lane House, Gedgrave Road and Gedgrave Hall, both of which will be open from 1.30pm to 5pm. Teas will be served at Gedgrave Hall. As before, combined entry to both these gardens is £5.00 (children free).

The National Gardens Scheme was established over ninety years ago to raise money for district nurses but now supports charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Parkinson's UK, the MS Society and many others so that when you are enjoying these lovely gardens, you will know that you are also helping these charities do their much-needed work.

Elizabeth Spinney

T4THOMAS, SUNDAY 9 JUNE

10 years old and still going strong, Chantry Cottage will be the host once again for T4Thomas raising funds for The Thomas Marshall Education Fund which supports education in rural Mozambique.

There will, of course, be the usual selection of breakfast, lunches and teas. There will also be some plants and homemade jams for sale and a licensed bar for those wanting more than tea or coffee with their lunch!

You will also be able to catch up on the latest news from Mozambique and the work being done there through TMEF, especially in the wake of Cyclone Idai. We would be delighted to see all of you, both old friends and new, at Chantry Cottage Sunday 9 June from 10am to 5pm.

Wendy and Guy Marshall

ORFORD GENERAL STORE IS A COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE WINNER!

We are delighted to announce that we have won the 2019 East of England Village Shop/Post Office Award.

The Awards are the Countryside Alliance's annual celebration of British food and farming, enterprise and heritage through small hard-working businesses. The awards have become the definitive rural business award to win. They are set apart from other award schemes because they are driven by public nomination, offering customers the chance to say why their favourite businesses are worthy of national acclaim. Countryside Alliance Awards Director Sarah Lee commented: 'We have been overwhelmed by nominations this year. The secret to the Rural Oscars' popularity is that they honour the people involved in these businesses and not just their produce or services. They exist to sing the praises of those who work hard to keep our communities and rural economy ticking, but don't seek the spotlight. These awards provide a cause for celebration in a time of great uncertainty in the countryside. Our local produce is second to none and there are many community heroes and businesses worthy of national recognition.'

As a regional winner we now go through to the grand final. We will be competing against fellow village shop/Post Office winners from across the country. The overall winner will be selected by the national judging panel, which is chaired by Countryside Alliance Chief Executive Tim Bonner, along with the Secretary of State for Defra Rt Hon Michael Gove, food critic William Sitwell and *Daily Telegraph* Associate Editor Philip Johnston.

Thank you for your support.

Sue Snowdon, Orford General Store

ORFORD SAILING CLUB

Will be offering 'taster' sailing sessions which are open to everyone. No experience is required, however, children must be at least 8 years old and everyone must be able to swim and feel confident in the water. These sessions are aimed at local families to create an opportunity to experience sailing on the river, and

meet other people who like sailing, without any further commitments. We charge £5 per session.

DATES

WEDNESDAY: 5.30–6.30pm	SUNDAY: 10.30am–12noon
5 June	23 June
12 June	30 June
19 June	7 July
26 June	
3 July	

Should you be interested please contact Sheena Barrow, email sheenambarrow@btinternet.com, 01394 450737

Sheena Barrow

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE JUNE NEWSLETTER

BLOOD APPOINTMENTS

As much as we would like to, the surgery does not always have the capacity to accommodate you on the time and date that you would like a blood test appointment. If we are unable to offer you an appointment on date and time you request, there is the option available for you to attend Riverside Clinic or Ipswich Hospital and have your blood test at either of these clinics.

Ipswich Hospital Blood Drop-in Clinic is open from 7.30-17.45. Riverside Drop-in Clinic is open from 7.45 – 17.30. Please call 01473 703721 to book afternoon appointments for either clinic and for Saturday Morning appointments at Ipswich Hospital. Riverside Clinic Address: 2 Landseer Road, Ipswich, IP3 0AZ. And don't forget you can save time by accessing your blood results online via The Peninsula Practice website.

eCONSULT

If you have a problem or concern but are unable to attend the surgery due to other commitments, don't forget you can access our online eConsult service 24 hours a day and you will receive advice and guidance back within the next working day.

GP CLOSURE DATES

The surgery will be closed on Thursday 20 June at 13.00 for training. Please contact NHS 111 when the surgery is closed.

CITIZENS ADVICE

Citizens Advice offer a free monthly advice session at Alderton Health Centre for local residents, the next dates for the sessions are Friday 7 June, Friday 5 July, and Friday 2 August 10.00-12.00. If you cannot attend any of these sessions in person, advice is also available from Citizens Advice Leiston phone: 01728 832193 or email: supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk or contact our national Advice service 0300 330 1151 or online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk

SUFFOLK DAY CELEBRATIONS: FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2019, 5.30 TO 8PM

For the third time we are celebrating Suffolk Day and for the third year I have been on Radio Suffolk promoting the event with Mark Murphy. The event will again take place on the Village Green outside Orford General Store and in front of Orford Craft Centre. We have more participants than ever this year, including the horse and carriage ride around the village, Peter Hepworth & Friends playing music to entertain, Emma with her Ceramic Workshop, Orford Castle is Open for free entry throughout the evening, Orfordness Lighthouse Trust, Orfordness National Trust, High House Farm and others will be there and loads more as well. All you have to do is to come down and enjoy the evening.

A big thank you to New Orford Town Trust and Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council for their support and to our sponsors – MBD Interiors, Pump Street Bakery, Pinney's of Orford, The Crown & Castle and Suffolk Coastal. Without your support the event could not take part.

If you want to get involved and have a stall, it is not too late. Please contact me as soon as possible on 01394 450271 or email thekingsheadorford@gmail.com.

Ian Ballantine

JUNE AT THE KING'S HEAD

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who came along to our Fifth Anniversary Bash and to all of those who expressed such lovely words of congratulation. It really was appreciated by us. The bad news for you all is that we have just signed up for another three years – sorry, you don't get rid of us that easy.

Our forthcoming events are all taking shape and are as follows:
Friday 31 May – Steven Lay Open Mic Night – 9pm

The normal shenanigans and talent of entertainment that forms an open mic night. Come along and perform or just relax and enjoy others performing.

Sunday 9 June – Quiz Night – 8pm

With 'Two Dogs' winning the first quiz of the summer, you get the chance to come along and try to answer the teasing questions that they set. Only £1 per head. Maximum of 8 in a team – minimum of 1. Winner takes the prize fund and gets to set the next quiz.

Friday 14 June – Orfordness Lighthouse Picnic – 5.30pm – Orford Quay

This is likely to be the last year that we will be able to hold this trip so if you have never been or want one last visit then why not join us. Bookings in advance and limited space. £15 per head – return crossing on Regardless, guided tour of the lighthouse, picnic, surprise cocktail all included in the package. Bring with you all other drinks and it can get chilly over there so be prepared.

Friday 21 June – SUFFOLK DAY – 5.30pm

Third year of Suffolk Day and it is taking place again on the Village Green by Orford General Store and in front of Orford Craft Centre. With more participants this year than previous it promises to be a great event.

Friday 21 June – Live Music from Lizard in a Bottle – 8.30pm

Keeping the Suffolk Day Party going the fantastic Lizard in a Bottle will be performing. As always free to come along and listen and enjoy.

Friday 28 June – Steven Lay Open Mic Night – 9pm

Repeat ... although no two are ever the same.

SPORTING MATTERS – CRICKET – matches against Thorpeness are arranged for Thursday 20 June and Tuesday 23 July. Time to dust off those whites and get ready to play. Anyone interested in playing please contact either Barry Keen, Stuart Moss or leave some details at the pub. Enthusiasm over ability is great. Sign-up sheet is on the wall.

Please note that our dining room gets fully booked often, especially at this time of year, so if you are planning to eat with us please contact us on 01394 450271 to book your table. We look forward to seeing you all and hope you enjoy relaxing in the sun on our Pebble Piazza.

Ian and Suzanne Ballantine
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ORFORD CRAFT CENTRE: CLAY WORKSHOPS

Why not join us for a Clay Workshop or just pop in for a short taster, for both beginners and the more experienced. Emma is a highly qualified tutor, with many years' experience working with all ages and abilities. Come and explore a variety of hand building techniques and create your own masterpieces. Whether you wish to make a special present or attend a series of sessions; you will enjoy getting creative with clay. The small friendly groups allow you to relax and enjoy experimenting with textures and colour, then experience the satisfaction of creating your own unique pieces. Children's parties and adult social events also organised. Gift vouchers available.

June 2019 dates as follows:

Friday 14 June 10.30–13.30 £40 / 10.30–12.30 £30

Thursday 27 June 14.30–17.30 £40 / 14.30–16.30 £30

All ages and abilities welcome. Tel 01728 860125 or email ejrceramics@btinternet.com to book.

Emma Jayne Robertson

ST PETER'S FESTIVAL BLAXHALL

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June – 11am till 5pm. Flowers in the church and art exhibition in the village hall. This year's theme: Children's Books.

Miranda Barclay

ALL SAINTS SUTTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

2019 is the year for All Saints Church Sutton to hold their biennial Flower Festival. The Festival will be held over the two days of Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June 2019. The Church will be open for viewing from 10am to 6pm both Saturday and Sunday, and the Festival will end with a Flower Festival Songs of Praise on the Sunday evening at 6.30pm.

The theme of the Festival this year will be 'Let's Celebrate'. This theme gives the flower arrangers a terrific scope to choose from to interpret for their arrangements. There will be 14 arrangements, some will be based on yearly events, anniversaries etc. others will be interpreting special places or events in Suffolk or country/worldwide.

Light refreshments will be served both days. Do come along and visit All Saints Church at Sutton IP12 3DT.

Susan Collins



TAT THOMAS
Sunday 9th June
Garden Party
10am to 5pm
Chantry Cottage
Orford