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FROM ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

As you may be aware there are local elections in May, and this gives you the opportunity to stand to become a Parish Councillor. To be eligible you need to meet the following criteria:

- be at least 18 years old and be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and.....
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - a. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards
 - b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
 - c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.
 - d. You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Being a Parish Councillor means that you are also a Trustee of the New Orford Town Trust. You would be required to attend 2 meetings per month plus a sub-committee meeting (either Estates/Highways or Riverside - these are not necessarily every month). How much more involved you get is down to you! The more active the council, the more active the community!

A typical Council meeting consists of taking questions from members of the public, addressing any issues within the village that have been raised with the Council, discussing planning applications and any other matters arising within Orford and Gedgrave.

If you would like more information on how to apply to stand for election please contact the Town Hall Office on 01394 459172 and speak to either the Parish Council or Town Trust Clerks.

02 mobile phone mast: I seemed to have spent the entire time of my chairmanship chasing 02 to ascertain when and if the mobile phone mast round the Broom, Gedgrave is going to be working. I have been in contact AGAIN last week with 02, who in turn will get in touch with their solicitors to find out the current situation. I will pass on any info as soon as I get some!

Village Feast: planning is well underway for the reincarnation of the Village feast after the Flower Show in August. The band has been booked, the BBQ is on standby along with the ice creams and bar. Look out for more information in due course.

March dates for your diary

- Thursday 7 March: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Thursday 14 March: Orford & District Surgery Charitable Trust AGM - Bart's Hall, 7.15pm
- Saturday 30 March: The Children's Society Coffee morning - Bart's Hall, 10am-12.30pm

Village Greens: we are aware that there have been several complaints about the state of the Village Green outside the shop. The Parish Council and Orford General Store are working together to stop it becoming such a mess again, beginning with the area being reseeded once the risk of frost has subsided. On the topic of Village Greens, ANOTHER reminder that village greens are not for off street parking. If the Greens are damaged by cars parking or driving on them the owners of said cars can be held legally responsible to make right any damage caused.

Michelle Golder, Chairman Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council

MARCH AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

- Sunday 3 March – Next before Lent
8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck
11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
- Sunday 10 March – Lent 1
8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
10.30am Family Service – Mr G Marshall
- Sunday 17 March – Lent 2
8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
- Sunday 24 March – Lent 3
8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev R Alderson
10.30am Village Service – Mrs J Maslin
- Sunday 31 March – Lent 4: Mothering Sunday
8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch
10.00am Mothering Sunday Service – Rev D Murdoch,
Mrs J Bishop & Mr G Marshall

Sunday 31 March will be a very special Mothering Sunday Service for all six churches in the Rector's care, followed by refreshments.

Lent Courses for the whole Team Ministry on Tuesdays from 12 March to 9 April at 1.30pm at Tunstall Church, preceded by Lent Lunch at 12.30pm (come to either or both).

Wednesdays from 13 March to 10 April at Sutton Heath – the same course at both so you can come to either and mix and match – full details in 'The Link'.

Rev. David Murdoch

MARCH AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 3 March 10.30am Stephen Caley – Soup & Pud

Sunday 10 March First in Lent

10.30am Service arranged locally

Sunday 17 March 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 24 March 10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes and

Rev. Stephen Yelland Communion

4pm Cream Tea & Sing

Sunday 31 March Mothering Sunday

10.30am Stephen Caley

Refreshments follow the morning services

Weekly events:

MONDAY TEA ROOM – open 11am–2pm (ish) – a great way to meet up for coffee and lunch – always good food and friendship on offer and there's art and craft, cards and much more!

WEDNESDAY LUNCH – served at 12.30pm – join with us as often as you wish – booking is necessary.

SHROVE TUESDAY 4 MARCH: SOUP AND PANCAKES from 12 noon – 2pm

CREAM TEA & SING (your favourite hymns/songs) SUNDAY 24 March 4–5pm

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Hello from everyone at the club. Hopefully spring is on the horizon, and with that in mind the dates for this year's Bike Meet nights have been arranged. As with last year they will be held on the second Thursday evening of the month, from April through until September, starting on Thursday 11 April from 6pm (remember, bike not essential, burger & chips & bar available).

- Bingo night is on Friday 29 March starting at 8pm
- Club nights Monday and Friday evenings from 8:30pm

Just to clear up some possible confusion: on live music nights everyone is welcome, but some live groups may not be deemed suitable for young children.

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358

FRIENDS GARAGE

Hopefully many of the Community will already know from Harry Cole's recent email that largely due to the magnificent efforts of members of both our village and the surrounding villages through our petition and via objections to Suffolk Coastal District Planning, Mike North, the developer has withdrawn Planning Application DC/18/5246/FUL to develop the Friend's Garage Site.

A revised proposal for development of the site is being put together which retains a larger shop with parking and fuel pumps opening into Front Street. An expert team of four residents (Ian Watkins, Nick Gold, Edward Greenwell and Harry Cole), with the support of your Parish Council, are negotiating with Mike North and the present owner of the site, Tom Massey on behalf of the village with a view to this revised application being submitted. An initial priority is to acquire for the village a part of the present Friends Garage site of adequate area for the new shop and pumps. Several villagers have already offered generous support to facilitate this acquisition. A community company will be set up to hold this new asset for the village and surrounding communities.

There is still much to be done to completely achieve our goals of retaining an enhanced shop with parking facilities and fuel pumps opening into Front Street. A good start has been made by our negotiating team who are working hard for us on taking the project forward. Progress will be regularly communicated to you all both via email and the Village Voice in the months to come.

Peter Smith

ORFORD & DISTRICT SURGERY CHARITABLE TRUST AGM

The ODSCT has two purposes: it manages and applies funds for the benefit of users of the Orford Surgery and it oversees the

ODSCT Care Fund. The Care Fund was created when the ODSCT received the residue of Esmond House Day Care Centre Charity funds in 2012 and at present it is available via the District Nursing Team to the elderly and disabled of Butley, Chillesford, Iken, Orford & Gedgrave and Sudbourne. The AGM will be held in Bart's Hall, Orford on Thursday 14 March starting at 7.15pm. All are welcome.

Corinne Lusher – Secretary, ODSCT Management Committee

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

Bart's Hall, Broad Street, Orford on Saturday 30 March, 10am–12.30pm. Stock up on lovely greetings cards from Jill's stall, come for coffee, cake and a chat with piano accompaniment. Note to Children's Society Moneybox Holders: please bring your box for emptying.

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 last year (April 2018). Thank you also for coming to my coffee morning last year 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, 450494

ORFORD SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT 2019

Orford Primary School are holding their SPEGGTACULAR Easter Egg Hunt at Orford Castle again this year on Saturday 20 April. Gates open at 9.45am for a prompt 10.30am start. There will be stalls including chocbola, raffle, guess the name of the bunny and a refreshments stall. Entrance fee is £3 per child with all proceeds going to Orford Primary School.

If you are able to donate sweets or chocolate eggs for the hunt then you will find a donation box from 6 April at the newspaper kiosk (thank you Linda!) and you can also drop off donations during school hours into the School reception area. We would also welcome any cakes, buns or biscuits to sell on the refreshments stall on the day. If you need these to be collected on Friday 19 April you can always ring Sarah Felton 01394 450409 or drop them off in the morning from 8.30am at the Castle. Thank you for your continued support - we couldn't do it without our wonderful community!

OSLOF (Orford School League of Friends)

ORFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB:

Our next open event: Climbers, Creepers and Crawlers and photographic tips for gardeners

Speaker: Michael Warren. FIOH

Venue: Orford Town Hall Back Room

Date and time: Thursday 7 March 2019, 7.30pm

Michael is a founder member of the Garden Media Guild of which he has been the Chair and President in the past. He travels extensively photographing, writing and lecturing. His horticultural career spans the past 41 years. Michael will share his knowledge of all types of plants which creep, climb or crawl. He will give us some tips on photographing gardens – something which we all love to do and I'm sure we can improve on!

The Wonderful World of Salvias – Janet Buist was unable to come to talk to us but we have re-booked her for 2020 so she is still to come!

Monkey Puzzle Miscellany – David Gedye kindly stepped in at very short notice and told us stories you have probably never heard about Monkey Puzzle trees. His interest in these trees began with a family story which was given a boost when he inherited a photograph of the noblest Monkey Puzzle of the nineteenth century and the only known photograph of an original Archibald Menzies tree. His research then began... Many members really enjoyed David's well illustrated talk and not least some wonderful examples of wood from Monkey Puzzle trees which had been worked to highlight the delightful markings it has, in the form of a bowl and lamp. These were from a West Country colleague and friend of his.

2019 Programme

It's not too late to join at a fee of £15 for the calendar year or just come along for £4 per talk. Propagation Workshop: 29 March 10am–3.30pm (members only) £35.

By popular request Neill Ludmon will again lead us in a practical workshop. He will demonstrate gathering and sowing seed and the aftercare of new plants. You will learn how to take hard and soft tip cuttings from perennials and methods of division including Iris. Coffee, tea and lunch is included and you will get your hands dirty! Places limited to 15. Do come.

Taster for some of the 2019 Programme:

- 4 April, 'Shade loving plants' Melanie Collins – Mickfield Hostas and owner of the National Collection and RHS Gold Medal Winner. First Competition: Photo of winter in my garden NEW in 2019 Prize of 2 complimentary tickets for the 2020 July coach trip.
- Wednesday 10 April, afternoon visit to Wyken Hall Gardens car-sharing trip. It includes a talk by the Head Gardener and tea and scones (members only).
- 2 May, Successfully Growing Sweet Peas and Sweet Pea plants for sale – John Henson – long standing specialist in Sweet Peas Hoping to see you soon...

Polly Sharkey, Chair

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ORFORD AND DISTRICT HISTORY

For those of you that don't know, I have just been appointed Editor of the *Orford & District Local History Bulletin*. The next issue will be published in June and is expected to have something in the order of 32 pages as normal.

This issue is planned to include part 2 of In Memoriam, a series of biographies of WWI Orford residents, an article about the history of sport in the Orford district, Turner in East Anglia, Ship Carvings on Trees in Rendlesham and the Flower Show's history.

So if you would like to join the Friends of Orford Museum, please contact the Chair, Elizabeth Spinney on 01394 450622. For £18 double/ £12 single each year, you will receive the annual Bulletin, 2 or 3 newsletters, free access to both the Castle and the Museum and invitations to the talks and visits.

Mike Sharkey, Editor, 01394 450959

ORFORD TENNIS COURTS 2019

Just a note to say that I am delighted to announce that bookings can now be made in the Orford Craft Centre. They are open from 10am–4.30pm every day except Monday. (In the summer months, this may change to include Monday.) You can also book the courts by phone on 01394 450678 when the Centre is open. Those without season tickets can play and pay £1 per hour for children and £2 for adults. They will lend you a key which must be returned when you finish playing. I am very grateful to Ian and Suzanne Ballantine for agreeing to take this on.

Diana Grayburn

HANDS ON HERITAGE - TRUSTEE NEEDED BY ESTABLISHED LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHARITY

Are you looking for a rewarding opportunity to use your free time and expertise in a way that helps school children and young people learn about their heritage?

We are looking for a new Trustee. Ideally with skills and experience to contribute as Treasurer, or with other skills suitable for a Charity Trustee. We are a self funding Community Incorporated Charity called 'Hands on Heritage' with a big future and the full support of Suffolk schools, providing we can fully fund our future operation.

We allow students the chance to learn about their heritage and experience how people in the past overcame the challenges of living and working together as a community through a series of practical workshops and experiences.

Located in Tunstall forest near Snape, which is managed by the Forestry Commission, we offer educational visits for schools, youth and adult groups. Run by a site manager and supported

by a dedicated group of skilled volunteers, we offer day visits and overnight stays for visitors aged 7 and upwards.

If you are interested please contact the Trustee Secretary, Stephen Worrall on 01394 450095 or stephen.j.worrall@gmail.com for more information.

Stephen Worrall

ORFORD ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE

At the beginning of March, the 'new' Orford Organ will arrive in many pieces, from Cousans Organ Builders in Leicester to be built *in situ*. As a once in a lifetime event of the church and village, schoolchildren from Orford Primary School will visit the church to sketch progress as the instrument is being installed. This will provide a unique, extra-curricular opportunity for the children to witness craftsmen at work, bringing to life their 'new' church organ – likely to be something they will never see again in their lifetime.

On Easter Sunday, the organ will be dedicated by the Bishop, followed by a few weeks of 'running it in!' With 1,924 pipes and many moving parts, there will be some fine tuning required to ensure that everything is performing as it should before being truly tested by the participants in the inaugural Organ Festival planned for May 2019.

During the organ festival, the children have been invited to participate in a free Family Concert. They will contribute their own poetry and visual materials for the event. The Family Concert is privately sponsored and is intended to include the widest constituency of villagers so please look out for the full details in the next edition.

Looking ahead, the medium-term goal of the Organ project is to build on the established, strong choral tradition of Orford Church with the establishment of an Organ Academy for Suffolk. The vision is to enable and advance the training of organists, making Orford a centre of excellence for a new generation of organ and choral talent, possibly, in partnership with the Royal College of Organists.

For more information about the project, please visit www.orfordorganproject.com to see the latest Gallery of restoration photos. You can also donate to the appeal if you would like to.

Ciara Scallon

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE MARCH NEWSLETTER

eConsult

The Peninsula Practice has launched a new eConsult service, which enables you to seek online advice from your GP. You can also request general or administrative advice. Plus eConsult allows you to seek self-help information from the NHS and advice or help from appropriate local services.

To access eConsult please go to the practice website www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk and click on 'consult your doctors online'. eConsult will ask you questions about your symptoms. This is then sent to the Practice to decide on the best course of action for you. You will then receive a response by the end of the next working day.

eConsult is available to use at any time, from any device as long as you have access to the internet. This means you can ask advice from your GP without having to make an appointment. eConsult is designed by NHS doctors for you and is the leading online consultation provider across the UK.

GP CLOSURE AFTERNOON: the surgery will close on Thursday 14 March at 13.00 for training.

MARCH AT THE KING'S HEAD

With Spring on our door step, we are busy planning a wide range of activities and entertainment for the period ahead. Here is a list of events we have planned:

Saturday 16 March – Live Music – Silbury Hill – After last year's fantastic performance, we are delighted to have the acclaimed duo of Scott and David playing their own combination of rock, folk, prog,

ballads, instrumental and everything else they want to throw in to the mix. Last year they gave a great performance and got everyone up and involved, so we hope you come along and enjoy this gig. Entrance as always is free and everyone welcome.

Friday 22 March – "A Bad Vintage" – Murder Mystery Dinner Party – strictly limited to 16 people. You are invited to attend and fully participate in an intriguing night of fun, food and entertainment. You need to be fully prepared to be involved and be a character in the plot. Early booking strongly recommended. There will be a suitably themed spectacular three course meal and every clue to help solve the murder, through the scripted and guided evening. Just £25 per head.

Friday 29 March – Steven Lay Music – Open Mic Night – this regular, last Friday of each month, feature is there to entertain and amuse and it's always a treat to be part of the audience. Starts at 9pm – just turn up and let Steven know if you want to entertain us.

Saturday 20 April – Live Music – The Black & Tan Dog Band – fronted by the voice of Julia McCluskey, this group plays a broad spectrum of music covering several decades. A very enjoyable evening for all age groups. Once again entrance is free and everybody is welcome.

Thanks to everyone who came along to the February Open Mic Night - as always it was entertaining and fun for everyone, mustered into shape brilliantly by Steven Lay. It was great to have a 7-year-old singing "My Way", with his Mum, Dad and 2 brothers playing the instruments – talented musical family on holiday. If you missed it check out Lay Music Facebook page for the highlights.

A full house attended our Curry Night and we hope you enjoyed it, with Daniel Bunce and the kitchen team producing five curries to choose from and all of the side dishes to complement the meal.

We have now completed the redecoration and lighting of the dining room to give an updated and lighter feel about the room. In addition, we have also completed a redecoration of the ladies and gents toilets.

Next on the list of projects to undertake, weather permitting, is the garden area in front of Orford Craft Centre. There will be some hard landscaping going on with an increase in size of the paved area between the craft centre and car park, and new pathways, before laying of gravel. Once these elements are finished, we will be building planters to accommodate suitable plants to break up and define areas. Work on this starts in March but please be patient with us whilst we aim to complete these works, ready for Easter and then, hopefully, the hot Summer ahead.

As always, we appreciate your custom and the King's Head Team look forward to welcoming you and your four legged friends.

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

SUFFOLK DAY: Friday 21 June 2019

I am busy planning another Suffolk Day and keeping my fingers crossed for the same weather as last year. The format will be basically the same with a few tweaks. As always, I would love to have you all involved again and if you haven't taken part before then make 2019 your year. If you would like to have a stall or some form of activity then please just drop me an email (*thekingsheadorford@gmail.com*) so that I can include you on the programme and keep you updated on progress. If you don't have an email just nip in to The King's Head or phone me on 01394 450271. And if you have any other ideas of what to include in the evening's activities I would be delighted to hear your suggestions. Looking forward to another great evening celebrating Suffolk and in particular Orford and its environs.

Ian Ballantine

THE ALDE & ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP: £4 Million Boost for Estuary Campaign

Landowners and farmers in the Alde and Ore estuary have raised a £3 million fund through the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board towards upgrading work on the Alde and Ore Estuary plan. This is in addition to over £1 million in pledges and cash so far given to the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust by landowners and farmers, making a total of £4 million towards the project.

Sir Edward Greenwell, Chairman of the AOEP, said "Landowners have made a substantial contribution to support the fund-raising efforts for

this important project. Our aims are to improve flood protection for all the local residents, businesses and the environment – not just farming – so we have greater certainty about flood risk over the next few decades. For the next 28 years, landowners will be paying £115,000 per year, a clear long-term commitment to the importance of this project."

Money already raised by landowners will be spent on the flood defence works across the whole estuary. These funds will also act as match-funding, enabling the IDB to apply for central government funds and support the Estuary Trust in accessing funding from a wider range of sources.

Professor Jane Maxim, chairman of the Funding Group and Trustee of The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust said "The Trust would very much like to thank local landowners for the contribution they have already made and their pledges of further financial support."

Landowners and farmers, in discussion with The Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership and Trust, have also decided to take enabling development off the table as a mechanism for fund-raising for flood defences in the estuary. Enabling development would have involved donations of small parcels of land from landowners and farmers, usually outside a village boundary, which might then have been given exceptional planning permission in order to raise funds for the project.

Amanda Bettinson, Partnership Secretary

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SAVE OUR SUFFOLK SWIFTS

Swifts are one of the most recognisable and iconic birds of summer, returning to the UK to breed in early May each year. But swifts are disappearing from our skies – in the last 20 years the UK population has halved with a lack of nest sites considered to be one of the principal causes. However, you can help – swifts readily take to nest boxes and for information and advice on putting up a swift nest box or preserving the entrance to their natural homes under the roof tiles, please contact your local Volunteer Swift Advisor – Mark Linsley on *marklinsley60@gmail.com*

Mark Linsley



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