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PLANNING APPLICATION, LAND NORTH OF MILL CLOSE, ORFORD

Parishioners may not be aware that a piece of land adjacent to Mill Close (as you come into Orford, on the right) has been allocated for development by East Suffolk Council (formerly Suffolk Coastal District Council). This area has been included in the Draft Local Plan, which also includes extending the village boundary to encompass this potential new development. It was generally assumed that any development on this site would not take place until 2021.

However, this has been brought forward and a small firm of builders based in Bury St Edmunds has put in for planning permission to build 10 houses (East Suffolk Council reference DC/19/1280/FUL). The application proposes a mixture of houses and bungalows (single-storey properties will be at the rear of the plot to preserve views to the castle when entering the village), which will be made up as 3 x 4-bedroom, 4 x 3-bedroom and 3 x 2-bedroom properties. The larger, two-storey properties would be situated along Ipswich Road. The proposal is to have 2 entrances into the cul-de-sac. The developer's representative suggested that the properties would sell for between 400k and 800k, but accepted that with all the new build in the village might bring the prices down.

As many of you may know, we anticipate a revised planning application for the Friends Garage site where possibly up to 11 properties may be proposed. Together with the development next to Mill Close this is quite substantially more than the 10 properties that SCDC had allocated for the village until 2036, when the situation would be revisited.

Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council was consulted regarding the site allocations in the Draft Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, and in its response stated that it saw no need for any more middle and high-end housing in Orford.

Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council is most concerned that this new application has come in at a time when the application for the Friends Garage site is imminent. It seems that considering each application in isolation may result in decisions being made without enough consideration being given to the bigger picture. The overall effect of so many new properties being built in the village (none of which will be 'affordable') is something which even the district council did not anticipate, and these two planning applications may affect the long-term sustainability of Orford. Furthermore there are frequent references in the Local Plan Draft and statements from our District Cllr Ray Herring regarding the

May dates for your diary

Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm

- Wednesday 1 May: Citizens Advice sessions - Alderton Surgery, 10am -12noon
- Thursday 2 May: Orford Sports and Recreation Club AGM, 7.30pm, Recreation Ground Pavillion
- Thursday 2 May: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Friday 10 May: Sudbourne Ensemble concert - Orford Town Hall, 12noon
- Friday 10-Sunday 12 May: Orford Organ Festival - St Bartholomew's Church, (more details in Village Voice)
- Saturday 18 May: Aldeburgh Music Club concert - St Bartholomew's Church, 7.30pm

importance for new housing to be appropriate to the needs and mix of housing in the communities concerned. The Parish Council is trying to arrange an urgent meeting with Ray Herring and/or the Head of Planning at East Suffolk Council to discuss in more detail the impact this additional housing will have on the village of Orford.

The Parish Council will be discussing the planning application for the site North of Mill Close, at an Extraordinary meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 1 May, in the New Room of Orford Town Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend. If parishioners wish to comment on the application, they should do so using the planning portal on the East Suffolk Council website (the deadline for comments is 7 May), and may also want to forward these to the Parish Council so that they can be considered at the meeting on Wednesday. Comments should be emailed to the Trust Clerk on orfordtrust@btconnect.com, or a hard copy dropped into the Town Hall.

Marie Backhouse, Clerk to Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council, tel 01394 459172

MAY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 5 May – Easter 3

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch & Mrs J Bishop

Sunday 12 May – Easter 4

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev S Affleck

Sunday 19 May – Easter 5

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 26 May – Easter 6: Rogation

8.00am Holy Eucharist – Rev R Alderson

Rev. David Murdoch

CHURCH CLEANING

St. Bartholomew's church is looking for some more people who would be happy to be on the cleaning rota. Church cleaning is done in pairs and only takes about an hour once a month. If anyone is interested please could they let me know either by email or phone. Thank you.

Mary Goldin, *mahgoldin@gmail.com*, 01394 450320

MAY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 5 May 10.30am Stephen Caley
Sunday 12 May 10.30am Service arranged locally
Sunday 19 May 10.30am Stephen Caley
5pm TEA TABLE SERVICE

Sunday 26 May 10.30am Rev Martin Dawes – Communion

The MONDAY TEA ROOM is open from 12 noon–4pm when you can be sure of a warm welcome and enjoy good food – there is a variety of goods for sale too! WEDNESDAY LUNCH is served at 12.30pm – a great way to share a meal in the company of friends. You will be welcome to join us for any of our services and events – also for the TEA TABLE SERVICE at 5pm on Sunday 19 May.

Our Lent services have been thought-provoking and well received. So too was the Good Friday Meditative Service led by the Rev Stephen Yelland – this service was followed hot cross buns and a fish and chips lunch. Stephen Yelland made a return visit on Easter Morning leading the well-attended service.

Earlier in Lent, on Mothering Sunday, the Service was well attended and bouquet of roses and Mothers' Day bookmarks were given to all the ladies present. After service refreshments and a special cake were much enjoyed.

Although the monthly Sunday Soup and Pud lunch was intended for the autumn/winter months only we have decided to continue with a light lunch on the first Sunday of each month throughout the year as well as the monthly Tea Table Services. Framlingham friends joined us for our mid-afternoon Springtime Cream Tea and Sing – an informal time with Mission Praise and delicious cream cakes consumed too! The arrival of unexpected family members was welcome.

It's really great to see our children participating in our services – they remain in church throughout the hour using the newly created space, now the old organ has been disposed of, and kept busy with the help of Pam.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

The AGM of the club will be held at the club on Thursday 2 May at 7.30pm - all are welcome to attend.

As well as the usual club nights on Monday and Friday evenings from 8.30pm, events coming up are as follows:

- Thursday 9 May, Bike night from 6pm, bike not essential, burger and chips plus bar available.
- Saturday 18 May, Music Quiz night from 8pm - pit your wits against the best!
- Friday 24 May, Bingo night from 8pm
- Thursday 13 June, Bike night
- Saturday 15 June, live music from 3 Steps to Heaven, 8 till late

Mark Smy, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358

FRIENDS GARAGE: MOVING FORWARD

It's been a while since the last update, so we wanted to outline the situation at the Friends Garage site.

Despite the gloomy sight of Friends Garage, there's plenty going on behind the scenes on a daily basis. Negotiations for the purchase of a plot of land suitable for a filling station and shop on Front Street are well under way and a price has been agreed. This is a great milestone but it's still early days. If things go very well, the filling station may be running by Christmas and the shop by Easter 2020 or shortly thereafter. Negotiations are proving time consuming and quite complex. The complexity is not just over the sale of the land but also around the developer's

requirements, planning, building and safety regulations and the plethora of potential suppliers involved in such a project including forecourt contractors, builders, East Suffolk Council, Highways and Suffolk County Council. It is worth stating that East Suffolk Planning Department has been very helpful and responsive throughout, and we believe they are sympathetic to the requirement that Orford has for a filling station and retail operation.

The basic design plans for the fuel pumps and shop have been agreed subject to statutory planning and, assuming all the other pieces of the plan fit into place, we're excited that we will have something to be pleased with as a community. We hope to be able to present plans to everyone via the Parish Council at some stage in the coming weeks. We do not see a MOT and mechanical workshop as being a part of this plan because it is not viable to service complex modern cars to compete with main dealers' MOT and service facilities considering the investment required. Many of us would have preferred the Friends Garage we knew before, but we think this will be a good outcome for all members of the community.

We estimate that the total cost of the project will be approximately £650,000 and we are looking at various potential external sources of funding, but will in due course need grants, loans or donations from local people, many of whom already offered to help when Friends Garage closed. When we have our structure organised (a Community Interest Company we expect) we will launch an appeal for funds.

There will be further updates as developments unfold. Thanks for your continued interest and support.

Ian Watkins, Edward Greenwell, Nicholas Gold and Harry Cole

ORFORD BUS SERVICES AND 'CONNECTING COMMUNITIES'

Connections into Woodbridge from Orford are few if travelling by bus. You can leave Orford on the No 71 at 7.05am, arrive in Woodbridge at 7.43am and the only return service leaves Woodbridge at 17.45 arriving Orford at 18.24. An Orford group, therefore, uses Connecting Communities once a fortnight on a Tuesday, departing Orford at 1pm and leaving Woodbridge at 3.30pm, which gives time for dentist, haircuts and the few things we cannot buy in Orford. We could fit a few more on this trip so if you would like to come, fortnightly or occasionally, phone Wendy on 01394 450567. Bookings can be made two weeks in advance. Because we are a 'group' we get it cheaper than going alone. A single trip is £3.60 and return is £5.80.

Wendy Roberts

ORFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Next open event: Successfully Growing Sweet Peas

Speaker: John Henson

Venue: Orford Town Hall, Main Hall

Date and time: Thursday 2 May 2019, 7.30pm

John is a long-standing specialist in Sweet Peas and will be telling us all there is to know about them:

- how to plant them
- how to choose good plants
- when to plant them
- how to nurture them
- how to develop strong plants
- what they like and don't like

and if he hasn't covered it, he will answer your questions. Anything there is to know about Sweet Peas, John is your man!

SWEET PEA PLANTS FOR SALE!

Propagation Workshop by Neill Ludmon

Neill, one of our favourite plants men, returned to Orford to help us gain more plants for free! He told us about the theory of different ways of propagating including seeds, different types of cuttings, root stock and division and also the times of year to carry these out. He demonstrated to us and we sowed our own seeds and made cuttings to take home or keep and nurture for our Plant Sale at the Garden Party in June.

Melanie Collins of Mickfield Hostas

In April, Melanie gave us a very enthusiastic and inspirational talk on shade-loving plants, mainly Hostas. Well over 40 of us gathered together and she gave us many tips and dispelled many theories about Hostas and particularly about slugs and snails!

Wyken Hall Gardens

A large group of us travelled to Wyken Hall to see their spectacular display of spring flowers and Fritillaries. We had an introduction by their Head Gardener and then wandered around the various areas at our own pace. We then enjoyed afternoon tea and scones.

What's next in our 2019 Programme

- Thursday afternoon, 6 June, Members' Garden Party in a delightful and much admired garden in Orford.
- Wednesday 10 July, Coach Trip to RHS Hyde Hall – everyone welcome.
- Saturday afternoon, 9 November Bob Flowerdew 'No Work Gardening'. Do come!

Polly Sharkey, Chair, 01394 450959, creativefutures98@btinternet.com

ORFORD ORGAN PROJECT: ORFORD ORGAN FESTIVAL 10-12 May 2019, Orford Church

Orford's first Organ Festival celebrates the inauguration of 'Anna Magdalena' – our Bach-inspired name for the new Peter Collins organ which is under construction in the church. The Festival begins with an inaugural recital by the project consultant, Paul Hale: the organist emeritus of Southwell Minster will introduce the organ and will perform music by Leighton, Scheidt, Bruhns, Buxtehude, Bédard, Britten, Franck and Karg-Elert (10 May, 7.30pm). In a free family concert narrated by BBC Radio 3's Catriona Young, William Saunders of RHS Holbrook will perform Iain Farrington's *Animal Parade*, with the participation of children from Orford School (11 May, 1pm). Munich-based organ virtuoso Bernhard Haas will give an international recital of music by Buxtehude, Scheidemann, Mendelssohn, Reger, Kurtág and Bach (11 May, 8pm).

And the Festival concludes with a choral and orchestral concert featuring the Prometheus Orchestra conducted by Edmond Fivet: Orford Church Choir will perform Handel's *Zadok the Priest*; Jonathan Rutherford is the soloist in Handel's Organ Concerto 'The Cuckoo and the Nightingale', and Catherine Ennis, past president of the Royal College of Organists, performs music by Maurice Duruflé and Poulenc's Organ Concerto (12 May, 4pm). Tickets £8-£15. Book online at snapemaltings.co.uk, or in person during business hours at Orford Crafts Centre. For more details about the organ, and how to donate to our fundraising campaign, visit www.orfordorganproject.com

Graeme Kay

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: 5.30pm–6.30pm	SUNDAYS: 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

CONCERT AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S FOR THE THOMAS MARSHALL EDUCATION FUND

If you weren't in Orford Church on Saturday 6 April you missed an incredible evening of great music. The Thomas Marshall Education Fund originally organised the concert to raise funds for its ongoing support of education in Mozambique. However, shortly before the concert a devastating cyclone hit Mozambique and neighbouring countries and destroyed the accommodation and possessions of the students that we support. As a result, it was decided to donate all the proceeds from the evening to help rebuild the lives of our students. With generous sponsorship from Jacki and Nigel Maslin and The Brian Mitchell Charitable Settlement we were able to cover all our costs so that we raised around £1,850.

The evening started with Ben Scarce, a local musician who performed for many years at Picnic Jazz at The Pavilion in Orford. Ben was coming off the back of a long hiatus from song writing which has involved him becoming an adult and acquiring a mortgage; a career and a family. As he says, 'All very mundane unless you're me and living it. I'm now at a stage where I've found something to write songs about again and will be setting foot into a recording studio soon to get a new record underway. Playing live is a rare treat whilst trying to balance everyday life but I'm trying to get better at it. I'm really excited and happy to be contributing to the aims of the Thomas Marshall Education Fund; something that I've wanted to do for a long time.'

Accompanying himself on guitar and singing with confidence, he came close to stealing the evening with a mix of covers and self-penned tunes but then Joanna Eden joined Ben on stage to sing a brilliant duet of the James Taylor song 'Carolina in my mind'. Joanna happy to act as the backing for Ben with some beautiful harmonies.

Joanna was one of the most popular performers to appear at Jazz at The Pavilion, and her performance in Orford Church demonstrated why. With a programme of Carole King, James Taylor, Joni Mitchell and Ella Fitzgerald songs plus tracks from her latest album *Truth Tree* she held the audience in the palm of her hand with 130 people in Orford Church singing along with their old favourites. If you missed out on this event, it is well worth looking out for the album and also for her live appearances around East Anglia. The evening finished with Joanna singing in Portuguese, coincidentally the language of Mozambique. Details of Joanna's shows and music can be found at www.joannaeden.net

Thank you to everyone who came to the concert or who has donated to the TMEF Cyclone Relief Fund directly. Further details are available on the TMEF website www.tmef.org.uk

We are now planning this year's T4Thomas which takes place on Sunday 9 June at Chantry Cottage on the Gedgrave Road. An all-day garden party with food from breakfast to afternoon tea and all stops in between. We would love to see you there.
Roger Hipwell – Thomas Marshall Education Fund

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE MAY NEWSLETTER Reception Care Navigators

We recognise how important it is that patients are signposted as efficiently as possible to the correct service. That is why we are training all our Reception Team to become Care Navigators. Reception Care Navigators will make sure you get help from the right person at right time. This could be anything from arranging an appointment with your GP or Practice Nurse, providing information on services within your community or giving advice over the phone. To do this, Care Navigators will need to ask you why you are calling so they can arrange the right care or support for you. *And don't forget that you can seek online advice from your GP thorough eConsult service. To access eConsult please visit our website: www.thepeninsulapractice@co.uk*

Citizens Advice

Advice sessions taking place at: Alderton Surgery, 1 May, 10am–12noon. Please speak to the reception for an appointment or just drop in on the day and speak to an advisor

GP & Bank Holiday Closure Dates

The surgery will closed on Thursday 22 May at 13.00 for training. The surgery will be closed on May Bank Holiday Mondays, the 6th and 27th. Please contact NHS 111 when the Surgery is closed.

MAY AT THE KING'S HEAD

We hope you all had an eggciting Easter and are looking forward to the May Bank Holidays.

Hooray! The pub garden is pretty much finished – Pebble Piazza – with planters made and filled and 24 tons of shingle spread it is looking good and certainly provides a good space to sit, drink, eat and relax. It was very popular over the Easter weekend.

Our events for May are all taking shape and are as follows:

Thursday 2 May – 8pm – Drama – Kiss Me, Help! I hate You by Jemima Foxtrot

Written and performed by Jemima the evening tells the story of three very different women in the same pub and is described as 'an evening of love, laughter, community and boozing'. It celebrates women, drinking and live performance where the lines between the audience and action are blurred. In the words of *The Observer* 'the brilliant Foxtrot is one to watch'. Tickets are £5 per head and if you buy two you get a third one free. Come down and fill the pub for the only performance of this show in Suffolk.

Sunday 12 May – 8pm – Quiz Night

Back for the summer we have the ever-popular brain teasing Quiz Night. Only £1 per head to enter and the winning team takes away the cash pot.

Friday 17 May – Cheese & Wine Tasting – with Slate Cheese & Provisions, Aldeburgh and Adnams Cellar & Kitchen, Aldeburgh

Back to get your taste buds tingling for the summer, Ali (Adnams) and Claire (Slate) and their teams will be here to surprise you and educate. They love to bring some different things along to the evenings and sometimes serve them in a way you may not have thought of. Essential to book for this event as it normally sells out. £20 per person (over 18s only).

Sunday 19 May – 6pm – CELEBRATION – Fifth Anniversary Bash

Yes! We will have survived 5 years at The King's Head – so we are going to party. Our friend Peter Hepworth is coming along to perform live, there will be nibbles to munch upon and we really hope that you can come along and join in the celebration. A big invite to everyone who has helped us over the past 5 years – we would love to see you there. If you are new to the pub you are equally welcome to join us for the evening.

Friday 31 May – 9pm – Music – Steven Lay Open Mic Night

It's the last Friday of the month again! Time for you to come down and join in or just be part of the audience for this eclectic night of fun.

A couple of other things to bear in the mind...

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 or Stuart Moss, or leave some details at the pub. Enthusiasm over ability is great.

LADIES THAT WALK DOGS – Suki Pearce organises a dog walk on Thursday mornings – dog owners and non-dog owners are all invited along. Meet outside the Town Hall at 9.30am and then in to us for coffee and biscuits afterwards.

PRE-CONCERT DINNER – Inaugural Organ Festival – 10-12 May – the concerts are bound to be very popular so if you would like to have a pre-concert meal with us we suggest that you book your table early.

The team at The King's are always grateful for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Ian & Suzanne Ballantine, thekingsheadorford@gmail.com

ALDEBURGH MUSIC CLUB PRESENTS 'A NIGHT WITH THE CHOIR'

Aldeburgh Music Club Choir concludes its 2018-19 season of concerts in mid-May with a diverse programme of sacred and secular music. The concert, to be held on 7.30pm on Saturday 18 May 2019 at St Bartholomew's Church, Orford, includes the world premiere of the Sonata for cello and piano composed by locally-based composer and pianist Jonathan Rutherford, who will be joined in this work by cellist Michal Kaznowski, a contemporary of his at the Yehudi Menuhin School in the late 1960s.

The choir will perform Edward Elgar's *Sea Pictures* (arranged for choir and piano by Christopher Phelps), and a choral medley of songs from the 20th-century musical masterpiece, *West Side Story*: music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. John Tavener's *The Lamb*, Gabriel Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine*, and 'Ecce, quomodo moritur' by the sixteenth-century Cistercian monk Jacob Handl Gallus, complete the programme. Edmond Fivet, its Musical Director, will conduct Aldeburgh Music Club Choir.

Tickets priced at £18 are available now from Snape Maltings Box Office on 01728 687110 or via the club's website www.aldeburghmusic.club

Veronica Posford, Vice Chair, Aldeburgh Music Club



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