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FROM ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Orford Community Speedwatch has been going for 4 months and we have 9 volunteers. We usually do two sessions a week, one early morning which is done by regular volunteers, and then one session during the afternoon. New Orford Town Trust provided us with the funding to purchase a new speed gun, which is very accurate and easy to use. Since the start we have caught over 70 speeding vehicles, travelling at 35mph or over. The highest recorded speed was 48mph. We really need some more volunteers who are available during the day. A hi-vis jacket and necessary training will be provided. Sessions are usually no more than an hour, so if you are available and would like to know more, please get in touch with Anne Macro on 01394 450741.

Village Feast, a most enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the village feast. Thank you to the NOTT for funding the band and for the use of the Town Hall; Flaming Cheek for being the band and entertaining everyone; Guy Marshall for the loan of his gazebo; Pump Street Bakery and The Manor House for use of electricity; The Meat Shed for providing the BBQ; Beyond Bar Services for providing the bar; Lisa-Marie for the ice cream cart; and all of those who assisted with the organising and putting away of tables and chairs (they know who they are!!). The band is already booked for next year!

Anne Macro, Chairman, Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council

OCTOBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

You are very welcome to join us for the following services:

- Second and third Sundays 9am Holy Communion Service (Second Sunday BCP)
- Fourth Sunday 11am Family Service
- Wednesdays 6pm Evening Prayer BCP

Special services this month:

3 October, Harvest Praise Evening service at 6pm and all are welcome to enjoy a hot supper in the church afterwards.

31 October is All Saints Day and there will be choral evensong at 6pm.

A Church Near You Website www.achurchnearyou.com provides details of all church services and events in the local area.

Please note as Covid restrictions have been eased congregational singing is allowed in church. Mask wearing at regular services is optional but encouraged and we remain mindful of respecting social

October dates for your diary

- Each Monday: badminton - Orford Town Hall, 10am-12 noon
- Each Monday (except Bank Holidays): Coffee and Chat - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 1pm-3pm
- Each Wednesday: badminton - Orford Town Hall, 7-9pm
- Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm
- Saturday 23 October: Fumble in the Jumble - St Bartholomew's Church, Orford, 11am-3pm

distancing. For further information contact the Team Rector Rev Giles Tulk 01394 450610 revgileswtr@gmail.com

CHURCH BOOK STALL Visitors to the church will have noticed that there are now second-hand books for sale. They are not priced – any donation is gratefully received and will contribute towards maintaining the fabric of the church. If you have any unwanted books, they can be left in the bags provided. Children's books are particularly welcome.

Team Rector Rev Giles Tulk

OCTOBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

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| Sunday 3 October | 10.30am Stephen Caley |
| Sunday 10 October | 10.30am Service lead locally – The start of Prisons Week |
| Sunday 17 October | 10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland – Holy Communion |
| Sunday 24 October | 10.30am Stephen Caley – the Tea Room will also be open 10am – 1pm |
| Sunday 31 October | 10.30am Stephen Caley |

The Chapel Tea Room continues to be open every Monday and Wednesday for lunch and afternoon tea, 12 noon– 4pm with a varied lunch menu and delicious scones and cake. Come and experience the welcome (tables inside and outside) – there's never a need to book! This outreach continues to be hugely popular with many visitors and friends.

Church profiles have been completed by the Circuit and District for any prospective Minister to join us (unfortunately not before September 2022 at the earliest). In the interim, our former Minister and friend, Rev Stephen Yelland is available to assist.

Andy Malcolm from the Fishermen's Mission sends warmest greetings and his personal thanks, on behalf of the Mission, for the magnificent collection of £715.25 from the 32nd Annual Quay Service on 1 August. He says he was grateful to be able to update

us at the service of the work of the Fishermen's Mission. Thank you again to all who gave support.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Many thanks to all who supported the club on our recent Bike Meet nights. Each one was a success, here's looking towards next season.

On Saturday 2 October, we have live music with 'Rock Solid Alibi'. Doors open at 7.30pm, as usual all welcome.

The monthly Friday night Bingo nights have recommenced - please keep an eye on our advertising board at the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

Club nights are currently held on Monday and Friday nights, so come along and pay the club a visit. Also popular is 'Coffee and Chat' held on Monday afternoons 1-3pm.

Mark Smy, Secretary, 450358

BADMINTON AT ORFORD TOWN HALL RETURNS

After the enforced break and with gatherings now being allowed, get out and make friends in a social and sporting activity - Badminton in Orford Town Hall on Monday mornings (10am-12 noon) and Wednesday evenings (7-9pm). All you need is a pair of trainers and a bit of enthusiasm, we'll supply the rest including guidance, if needed. Any further information please ring Jill Robinson on 01394 450976.

Jill Robinson

FRIENDS OF ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH - UPDATE

Following the formation of the Friends of St Bartholomew's Church charity earlier in the summer, a fundraising event was held at the Great House.

The garden party on 27 August, with music, Prosecco and paella, was attended by 110 local guests. For the evening the sky cleared, the wind dropped, and the event was a great success. The evening was supported by volunteer onion and chorizo choppers, Paella stirrers, Prosecco pourers, The Meat Shed discounting their products, and Kent Frozen Foods kindly donating many of the ingredients for the supper, including their delicious Yorvale cinema ice creams.

The event and door donations over the Great House gallery weekend raised almost £1,700 and introduced many new Friends to support a vision to involve and engage the village in future events in and around the church. The first project which the Friends will support will be the installation of improved heating in the church to allow it to be better used for the Orford community during the winter months.

During the August Bank holiday weekend, the Friends held a book sale and second-hand clothes stall at the Flower Show.

On Bank Holiday Monday the Friends supported a Teddy Bear Parachute jump from the Church tower organised by Rev Giles and members of the Church. The hilarious afternoon saw delighted children and their parents watch their much-loved bears hauled skywards by Guy Marshall and Orford School teacher Gemma Cannon and parachute to the ground. Some were a little the worse for wear for their experience and were nobly patched up by Sam Nisbet, supported by Penny Murley and her team of teddy bear specialists. The Friends sold homemade tea and cakes and raised £140.

To become a Friend of St Bartholomew's email the charity at: stbartholomewsfriends@gmail.com For more detail contact Fiona Gerard at The Great House, 07779 593366

Fiona Gerard

SUFFOLK FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

On behalf of the crew of Orford Fire Station I would like to thank all who kindly donated to our street collection held in the village and at the Flower Show on 28 August 2021 in aid of The Firefighters Charity. A total of £457.14 was collected.

Neil Jacobs, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service

RNLI IN ORFORD AUGUST 2021

It was so lovely to be back on the stall to sell cards and other goods for the RNLI on Saturday 28 August. Thanks to the shop in Aldeburgh who allow me to raid all the gifts they sell there, we had an excellent display of the usual discontinued Christmas cards at greatly reduced prices and also some attractive calendars for 2022, plus all the usual favourite items that the RNLI sell. It was a warm, sunny day and there were large crowds in the Recreation Ground celebrating the return of The Flower Show. I am delighted to report that we raised £537.53 and would like to thank everyone who came and supported this worthwhile cause.

Diana Grayburn

2021 JOLLY ORE CHALLENGE

Sun blessed all that entered the rowing race on Bank Holiday Sunday morning. We had 17 entries with a mixture of tenders, paddle boards, kayaks and fancy-dress boats. The race was competitive, great fun and provided lots of winners! We would like to thank: the Jolly Sailor, Butley Oysterage, the Tea Room, Orford Stores and Pump Street chocolate shop for the prizes and of course Philip for safety cover. Our collection for the RNLI made £160 so thank you to all who donated.

Hugh Kemp, Hugh Kemp Automotive Projects Ltd

THOMAS MARSHALL EDUCATION FUND NEWS

Well we were lucky again with the weather for T4Thomas, despite the rain storms and high winds that had been promised the weather gods smiled on us. Tents and tables were put up, cakes laid out and the tea urn switched on and we waited for people to arrive. And they arrived, and arrived and arrived. We are delighted to say that this year was the busiest we have ever been. We raised more money than ever before and it was fun. Our thanks go to all our voluntary helpers without whom this would not be possible, and our especially grateful thanks go to YOU who helped raise the grand sum of almost £3,800. After a difficult couple of years this money is sorely needed in Mozambique.

Coming up next in our 2021 fund raising programme is Fumble in the Jumble which will be held in St Bartholomew's on Saturday 23 October. We need good quality saleable items which can be brought to the church on Friday 22 October between 4pm and 6pm.

Also watch out for publicity for the TMEF Christmas Store (ideal for your Christmas treats and gifts) which we hope to run at the end of November.

And finally, to round the year off, on the afternoon of Sunday 12 December, the hugely popular Leiston British Legion Brass Band will be in the church with a concert that has music to please every taste.

Wendy and Guy Marshall and all the trustees of the Thomas Marshall Education Fund

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Orford Town Hall, Saturday 13 November 2021 at 3pm: **Fergus Garrett, CEO and Head Gardener of GREAT DIXTER**, Christopher Lloyd's iconic garden in Sussex

Fergus will talk about 'Successional Planting' followed by a Q & A session, afternoon tea and a raffle.

Tickets will be available on Thursday 7 October, 7-7.30pm at Orford Town Hall or @ £15 from: The Secretary at 4 Toller Close Orford IP12 2LR. Places will be limited so as to ensure lots of space for everyone to enjoy the event. This is the Centenary Year of Christopher Lloyd's birth. He was a gardener and gardening writer and developed Great Dixter into a hub of ideas and connections that spread out across the world. It is a place of pilgrimage for horticulturists across the world. Fergus worked with Christopher for many years and has a deep connection with Great Dixter as a result of this relationship. He very much enjoys the interplay between the creative and scientific aspects of

horticulture. Fergus brings alive Christopher's quote from shortly before he died: 'If Dixter remains loved and retains its own identity, everything else will fall into place', November 2005.

Winter Container Planting – Thursday 7 October, Orford Town Hall 7.30pm, Matt Tanton-Brown of The Place for Plants will be demonstrating how to plant up exciting containers for the Winter including a bulb lasagne! We are hoping he may also bring some plants for us to buy.

Our December event is a short AGM with mulled wine and drinks followed by our famous Christmas Social.

Attending our events...

As our aim is to spread the word and knowledge about plants and gardening widely, we always welcome new members and occasional guests. Our fee is £15 per calendar year with additional charges for some workshops and visits. Guests can attend our talks in the Town Hall at a cost of £4 – just come along. We hope to see you soon!

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

LETTER FROM MARY ILIFF

There was an interesting on-line article in the EADT on 18 August which I think everyone should read: [Properties to rent outside big towns on Suffolk coast | East Anglian Daily Times \(eadt.co.uk\)](https://www.eadt.co.uk) It raises concerns over the current increase in 'staycations' which is fuelling the collapse of the long-term rental property market on the Suffolk Coast and shows that individuals and families working and living full-time in this part of the county are having problems finding suitable long-term accommodation.

Is this happening in Orford? The answer is, yes. A friend of mine, who lives in this village, left school in the early 80s and got a land-based job. Being just out of school and working on a farm meant he was earning a low wage, but on his pay-packet he and his wife in their early 20s nearly bought a substantial

house in Orford. 35 years later, this same person has moved up the career ladder has a good salary and has saved money. However, he would now find it impossible to purchase such a property and, for someone who left school only a few years ago it would be an unachievable dream.

What has gone wrong? It seems that if you are happy to work and save but have no bank of mother and father, everything is stacked against you. It's common knowledge that the availability of cheap labour over the last 20 years has had benefits; but it has also made it easy for some individuals to avoid investing in productivity, and allowed some of them to spend their profits on assets instead, for example; second homes and holiday lets. This in turn has forced house prices up, making it more difficult for those on lower incomes to find a home to live in. The government has a huge house-building programme, but in this area planning permission is more often than not granted for housing that does not deal with local need. Many of these houses will become second homes, which does not help the housing problem, and is not environmentally friendly.

Full-time populations are important in any village. Without them, everything will fall apart; from the school and the church to the public transport system and sea defences. There is little point in allocating significant resources to a place where a substantial part of the housing stock is empty for parts of the year, and when it is not, occupants are only short term.

Who is responsible for finding answers? Us? New Orford Town Trust (who are trying to do something)? East Suffolk District Council? The Government? Swift action is needed. It is vital that there is housing available for local people at a reasonable cost, so that they can stay in the places they belong - the best sort of social services are family members and the local community offering support to each other. Those people are the mainstay of the place they live in, and we must all take steps to ensure that this continues.

Mary Iliff

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

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

STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE AFTERNOON

The surgery will be closed for staff training on Wednesday 13 October from 13.00.
All calls will be diverted to NHS 111

Staff Meeting

Thursday 7 October 2021 13.00-16.00. Telephone calls will be answered

Phase 3 COVID Booster Programme

The surgery is currently getting ready to deliver the COVID vaccines to Cohorts 1 to 4 in the first instance. The surgery will inform you if you are due a vaccine either at one of our sites or in your home if you are housebound.

Flu Clinics

Please call the surgery if you are entitled to a flu vaccine and have not yet booked. More clinics will become available once the first ones are full.

Nicola Thompson, Medical Administrator, Peninsula Practice

www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk or

01394 411641



01394 450235

We are currently offering the following services to the residents of Orford, Gedgrave and Sudbourne Hall:

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

TOP QUALITY BRIC A BRAC SATURDAY

23RD OCTOBER 2021
St. Bartholomew's Church
Orford

11.00am to 3.00pm

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



COMMUNITY

Coffee & chat

Every Monday
(Excluding bank holidays)
at Orford Sports & Recreation Club



Between 1.00pm-3.00pm

New to the area? Fed up with your own company?
Meet up with friends or come along and make new ones
Join us for a FREE tea or coffee and a friendly chat

ALL WELCOME

Pick up service available for Orford residents from
The Good Neighbour Scheme 01394 450235