

# VILLAGE VOICE

The newsletter for the community of Orford and Gedgrave

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## FROM ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

New Chairman – Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council would like to welcome our new Chairman, Cllr Anne Macro following the resignation of the previous Chairman Michelle Golder. The Parish Council would like to thank Michelle for all her support and hard work during her time on the Council.

Co-option – please note that we have a vacancy on the Parish Council at the moment and will be co-opting at our meeting in September. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please write in to the office by 4 September 2019.

It is disappointing to find that the children's play area at the Recreation Ground was vandalised over the Bank Holiday weekend. Some damage has been done to the fencing and some of the safety surfacing, which will now have to be fixed.

The Village Feast in the Market Square after the Flower Show was a huge success, with large numbers of local people and visitors in attendance, helped by the glorious weather. Thanks must go to many people, including NOTT for the use of the Town Hall and covering the payment for the band, to Flaming Cheek for entertaining us all evening, Pump Street Bakery for use of their electric for the band, Orford Meat Shed for doing the barbecue, Lisa-Marie Trinder for attending with her ice cream trailer, Robert and Libby Pritchett for use of electric for the ice cream, Guy Marshall for supplying a gazebo for the band, and to Beyond Bar Hire who attended as unfortunately no Orford bar was available. Thanks also to all of you who attended and helped to make the Feast such an amazing success. Plans are in progress for next year's Feast so watch this space!

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

## Dates for your diary

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

- Saturday 14 September: please note Country Market will be in Bart's Hall today
- Sunday 15 September: Concert at St Bartholomew's Church, 4pm
- Sunday 22 September: litter pick on Orford Ness
- Friday 27 September: Mobile Library at Baron's Meadow (2.10pm -2.30pm) and Market Hill, Orford (2.35pm-3.50pm)
- Saturday 28 September: Concert at St Bartholomew's Church, 7.30pm

## SEPTEMBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S & NEIGHBOURING PARISHES

Sunday 1 September: Trinity 11

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev J Andrews
- 9.30am Holy Eucharist at Butley – Canon D Lowe
- 9.30am Holy Eucharist at Iken – Canon N Davis
- 11.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev D Parmenter
- 7.00pm Compline at Chillesford – Mr G Watson

Sunday 8 September: Trinity 12

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Canon C Sanders
- 10.00am Holy Eucharist at Butley – Canon D Lowe
- 10.00am Holy Eucharist at Sudbourne – Rev C Lewis
- 10.30am Family Service at Orford – Mrs J Maslin
- 11.00am Holy Eucharist at Tunstall – tbc
- 6.30pm Harvest Evensong at Chillesford – Mrs J Bishop

Sunday 15 September: Trinity 13

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev J Andrews
- 9.30am Holy Eucharist at Iken – Canon D Lowe
- 9.30am Matins at Chillesford – Mrs R Massey
- 10.00am Morning Praise at Butley – Mrs M Collins
- 10.00am Holy Eucharist at Sudbourne – Rev R Alderson
- 11.00am Morning Praise at Tunstall – Mr R Wilson/  
Mr J Calver

(No 11.00am service at Orford)

Sunday 22 September: Trinity 14

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev R Alderson

9.30am Holy Eucharist at Chillesford – Rev R Alderson

10.00am Morning Praise/Harvest Festival at Sudbourne – Mr R Wisdom

11.00am All Age Harvest Holy Eucharist at Tunstall – Rev C Lewis

6.00pm Harvest Festival at Orford – Mr G Marshall

Sunday 29 September: St Michael & All Angels

8.00am Holy Eucharist at Orford – Rev J Andrews

11.00am Holy Eucharist for Wilford Peninsula Team Ministry at Tunstall – Bishop Mike

**Jacki Maslin**

### **SEPTEMBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday 1 September 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 8 September 10.30am Service arranged locally

Sunday 15 September HARVEST FESTIVAL AND THANKSGIVING

10.30am Stephen Caley – HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 22 September 10.30am Rev Martin Dawes – COMMUNION

Sunday 29 September 10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland  
4.30pm TEA TABLE SERVICE

MONDAY'S TEA ROOM – open from 12 noon– 4pm – a great place to eat with a wide lunch menu and afternoon tea and cake too!

WEDNESDAY LUNCH – served every week at 12.30pm - visitors welcome to this and Monday's Tea Room – however booking is essential for Wednesdays.

HARVEST FESTIVAL, Sunday 15 September – gifts for the display are welcome: flowers, produce, grocery. Don't forget to let us know in good time if you are staying for lunch.

Our 29 September TEA TABLE Service is very informal with good food and fellowship – join us you are more than welcome!

The 31st Annual Quay Service held on 4 August brought together a crowd of local friends and many from around our Circuit and other churches. Our Superintendent minister – Rev Derek Grimshaw was the invited preacher. Mr Charles Walker gave an amusing and knowledgeable account of the recent 'rescue' work of the Aldeburgh Lifeboat (we were pleased to have with us three members of the crew). Revs Martin & Stephen shared the service with a member of St Bart's reading the Gospel, and our friends from the Phoenix Brass provided music to accompany the hymns (they have done so for almost all our Quay Services). The collection for the RNLI (Aldeburgh Boat) amounted to £540, and all expenses are covered by The New Orford Town Trust's donation, St Bart's Church and the Methodist Church. Many friends took the opportunity for refreshments afterwards at our church. Again our thanks to all involved in helping the success of the evening. Next year's service will be held on Sunday 2 August (2020) supporting the RNMTDSF (Fishermen's Mission).

**Stephen Caley**

### **ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB**

Events coming up at the club are:

- Thursday 12 September, Bike Meet Night from 6pm, burger and chips plus bar available (bike not essential)
- Friday 27 September, Bingo Night from 8pm  
And further forward
- Saturday 26 October, live music from 'Doctor and the Epics', 8 till late,  
...and don't forget club nights, Monday and Friday evenings 8.30pm onwards.

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

### **LITTER PICK ON ORFORD NESS**

A litter pick on Orford Ness has been arranged for Sunday 22 September 2019, to coincide with the Marine Conservation Society's Great British Beach Clean. Marine wildlife is under threat from the increasing amount of rubbish in our seas, so please do come and help to play a part in clearing this up. Participants should park in the Quay Street car park and make their way to the Quay, where people will be ferried over to the Ness from 10am, and National Trust staff will direct helpers from there. Bag holders and rubbish pickers will be provided, but please bring your own gloves if you wish. Please note that dogs are not allowed on the Ness, and there are very limited toilet facilities. Please do keep an eye on the weather forecast and come prepared!

Those who live in Orford and Gedgrave and who are on the electoral roll here are entitled to a free annual parking permit for the Quay Street car park, so do contact the NOTT Clerk at the Town Hall (01394 459172) or the Quay Warden at the Harbour office if you need one. Other participants in the clean up can get a permit for the day from the National Trust staff.

**Kara Reed**, Clerk to New Orford Town Trust

### **FLOWER SHOW REFRESHMENTS**

Many thanks to everyone who kindly donated cakes for the refreshments at the Recreation Ground Pavilion. We raised £500 which will go towards maintenance at the Pavilion and the tennis courts. Thanks to my usual group of helpers: Mary, Nicola, Wendy, Margaret and Min.

**Anne Macro**

### **ORFORD GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**

Good Neighbour Schemes are supported by Community Action Suffolk. A scheme is a voluntary initiative run by a group of local residents who want to help the people in their locality to enjoy a better quality of life by offering them support with everyday tasks. This helps to build a stronger and more resilient community where people know each other and help out where needed. Tasks may include dog walking, transport to surgery and hospital appointments and befriending. In this area, successful schemes operate in Snape, Rendlesham, Hollesley and Wickham Market. It is likely that Orford would benefit from such a scheme, however this will only be possible if enough people offer to help. If you feel you could spare some time for this initiative or want to know more please contact Corinne on 450849 or Anne on 450741.

**Corinne Lusher**

## **CARPET BOWLS**

Carpet bowls is a game most people can play and is a good way of meeting other people and having a good time together. The clubs provide all the equipment, so all that has to be done is turn up on club evenings and play. No one has to be an expert player, so if you have never played before then you will be more than welcome to come and give it a try, when you will be helped to learn the game.

The details of the local clubs are as follows:

**ORFORD** – Meet Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, recommencing 10 September with the season lasting until April. Matches are played on a regular basis throughout the season in the Heritage Coast League Division 1.

Contact: David Emeny Tel: 01394 450687

**SUDBOURNE** – Meet Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, recommencing 4 September and playing through until the end of July. Only the occasional friendly matches are played.

Contact: Terry Bugg Tel: 01394 450543 Email: gwenandterry@btinternet.com

## **EVENTS AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, ORFORD**

Our ever popular Camerata Group, for the third year running will be practising on 14 and 15 September, and then giving a concert on Sunday 15 at 4pm. It will be publicised, but I do not know at this time what the price of tickets will be.

On Saturday 28 September, the ever popular Cadenza Group will be performing - 12 singers in the Tudor period and madrigals. Tickets will be £8 if booked before the concert and £10 on the door. Doors open at 7pm with a licensed bar, performance at 7.30pm. This is in aid of the Organ Fund. Please call me for tickets.

*Jacki Maslin, 01394 450799*

## **ORFORD TENNIS TOURNAMENTS 2019**

We had a beautiful day on Monday 12 August for the Ladies Doubles Tournament. Sadly we only had 5 competitors but we managed to organise a format where we all played each other, and the two with the highest points at the end won the cup and they were Diana Grayburn and Lyn Townsend. We hope more ladies will compete next year.

This year the Mixed Doubles Tournament was scheduled for 14 August, but it proved to be a terribly wet and windy day. We therefore rearranged the event for Tuesday 20 August. There were six couples which meant that an order of play had to be drawn up by my husband John Grayburn, so that every couple could play each other. This involves each pair only sitting out for one game between each change of players with five games in each combination. As usual there was great competition and the final game was the decisive one and Jonathan Mullen and Kate O'Connor were the winners. We toasted their success with a glass of Pimms.

*Diana Paterson (Grayburn)*

## **RNLI IN ORFORD**

We organised the Street collection on 3 August at the Town Hall, Pump Street Bakery, Orford Stores and the Quay for the RNLI Lifeboat in Aldeburgh and this raised

£453, which although a little less than last year was an excellent result. Many thanks to everyone who helped at the various positions.

At the Flower Show my stall was again very popular and we took £544. I much appreciate all the enthusiasm I get annually from my regular shoppers and the help from the Aldeburgh shop in supplying the goods.

Finally, the Sailing Club kindly gave us £100 which was half of the proceeds from the Boat Jumble at the Flower Show. Many thanks to them for this donation which added to the previous sums made a total of £1,097 towards the Lifeboat in Aldeburgh.

This is a magnificent amount and I am very grateful for the support in Orford.

*Diana Grayburn*

## **SUFFOLK MOBILE LIBRARY**

The mobile library comes to Orford every four weeks. It parks up at Barons Meadow from 2.10pm-2.30pm and in the Market Square from 2.35pm-3.50pm. Dates for this year are as follows:

Friday 27 September

Friday 25 October

Friday 22 November

Friday 20 December

## **ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

*The Flower Show, 24 August 2019*

Our stall with the strap line 'Gardening for the Next 100 Years' was a great success and thank you so much to everyone who contributed to that in so many ways – by donating plants, vegetables, fruit, gardenalia, bunches of delightful flowers and by giving their time to be on the stall with the Committee so that we could speak with so many people who come to the show.

We provided demonstrations, examples and information about aspects of what can be done with recycling and to be plastic free, composting, planting trees and wild flowers, bee keeping and water conservation. Our local Swift expert, Mark Linsley loaned us a swift box and some information to help saving swifts to go along with our bug houses.

We were very pleased with the number of members, interested gardeners and potential gardeners who came to chat with us. We hope we inspired them with fresh ideas! The funds generated will be used towards the cost of our Bob Flowerdew 'No Work Gardening' up and coming event. This is at 3pm on Saturday afternoon, 9 November and you can buy tickets @ £12.50 for non-members at Orford Craft Centre.

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW for membership @ half price for the remainder of the calendar year @ £7.50 and come to our events including Bob Flowerdew at the reduced membership fee of £7.50!

*Events still to come in 2019 ...*

- Wednesday afternoon, 2.30pm, 25 September, Clare Gardens 'the best in Suffolk' visit, wander around the garden, bulbs for sale. There will then be refreshments at Platform One Cafe in the award-winning country park when you can choose what you fancy.
- Thursday evening, 7.30pm, 3 October, Making the most of Autumn: late perennials planting, surprises for spring and preparing for winter – Susie, Owner of Katie's Garden Ipswich.

- Saturday afternoon, 3pm, 9 November, Bob Flowerdew 'No Work Gardening'. Members tickets @ £7.50 via the Gardening Club and non-members from Orford Craft Centre @ £12.50

We hope to see you soon...

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

## **ORFORD AND SUDBOURNE WI DAY TRIP TO NORWICH**

Thursday 14 November 2019. Pickups in Sudbourne, Orford and Snape to arrive outside John Lewis about 10.30am and depart from there at 4pm. Cost £14.00 per person.

To book a seat contact Louise Schofield on 01394 450108. ***louiseschofield0104@gmail.com***

## **ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET**

Hi all! Fancy a good read or maybe a cookbook? Please come visit Orford Country Market and help us support The Blossom Appeal with our book swap. We are helping to raise £2.5 million for a new breast care centre at Ipswich Hospital. Just leave a small donation for the book, please. We've collected £212.21, so far this year. Thank you!

Why not have a cuppa and scone, while reading your book! We've got a new and improved food menu, including full English breakfast and a few sandwich selections. You are also welcome to pick an item from our scrumptious selection of homemade products and relax at one of our lunch tables.

The market is held in the Town Hall, every Saturday, from 9.30am until 1pm. See you there!

***Susan East, market committee member***

## **THE PENINSULA PRACTICE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

GP AND STAFF MEETING CLOSURE DATES

Staff Meeting, 2 October 13.30-16.00. Phone calls accepted during this period.

The surgery will be closed on Wednesday 11 September at 13.00 for training. Please contact NHS 111 when the Surgery is closed.

### **WELLBEING & HEALTH EVENT**

We are delighted to announce that The Peninsula Practice in conjunction with our Patient Participation Group will be hosting a Wellbeing & Health Event on Thursday 10 October at Hollesley Village Hall between 2pm and 5.30pm.

Along with the WALK IN FLU CLINIC, there will be a host of interactive stands and information from: Citizens Advice, physiotherapy, Suffolk Family Carers, Onelife Suffolk, St Elizabeth Hospice, Wellbeing/Shaw Trust, Good Neighbourhood, Social Prescribing, Healthwatch, Compassionate Communities.

***Nicola Thompson***

## **ALDE & ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust has raised over £24,000 following their inaugural summer flotilla as part of their

Save Our Suffolk Estuary campaign. With over 110 participants taking part in the event on Sunday 28 July, the local water-loving community got behind the flotilla to raise money for vital flood defences along the estuary.

Swimmers and paddlers made their way along the 7 kilometres from Aldeburgh Yacht Club to Orford Sailing Club with the support from safety boats and the RNLi. First to complete the course was nifty paddler Edward Greenwell, with George Rudland and Gemma Cannon being the fastest male and female swimmers, respectively. Local resident and BBC journalist Nick Robinson was at the Orford Sailing Club finish line to congratulate participants as they completed the course.

Event Director, Mark Nicholls, said, 'We were absolutely delighted to have the support of so many swimmers and

paddlers. Our team of hardworking volunteers, together with the generous sponsorship from local businesses, ensured there was a wonderful atmosphere throughout the flotilla and 100% of the donations received will be used along the river walls. With the match funding, we are thrilled £24,000 has been raised to help protect our beautiful estuary'.

The funds raised by The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust support the upgrade of vital flood defences of the River Alde & Ore to protect the area's economy, homes and landscape from floods such as those of 1953 which devastated the area and the 2013 storm surge which breached the Hazelwood Marsh, west of Aldeburgh.

Trustee and Chair of the Funding Group, Jane Maxim, said, 'After the success of this, our first flotilla, there seems to be an overwhelming consensus to make it an annual fundraiser for the Save Our Suffolk Estuary campaign. We are enormously grateful for everyone's support'.

A detailed, costed programme of works by the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board shows £26.9 million is needed to upgrade the river defences throughout the Alde & Ore Estuary over the next 6 to 8 years, with £12m to be raised through voluntary donations from the local community, applications to charitable foundations and the support received from local businesses.

## **CLAY WORKSHOPS AT THE HAYLOFT, ORFORD CRAFT CENTRE, FRONT STREET**

Every month we hold clay workshops for all ages and abilities. Learn the skills to hand build your unique masterpieces. Emma will teach you the steps as fast or a slow as you need. You will learn the skills of slab building, coiling, carving, under glazing – making your own unique pieces. Small friendly group with fabulous Tutor. Very relaxing. Come and join us.

Next Dates: Fridays 10.00-13.30 or shorter session if you wish: 13 September, 11 October, 8 November, 12 December. Tel: 01473 735007 to make a booking or email: [ejrceramics@btinternet.com](mailto:ejrceramics@btinternet.com)

***Emma Robertson***