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THANK YOU FROM THE PC AND NOTT

The Parish Council and New Orford Town Trust would like to thank Adrian, Neil, Nathan and Daryl for putting up and taking down the Christmas trees in the village. We really appreciate our local firemen who do this for us each year as it really does help the village feel a bit more festive!

Anne Macro (Chairman, Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council) and **Ian Thornton** (Chairman, New Orford Town Trust)

VILLAGE FUND

The New Orford Town Trust has already made grants to several local organisations from its Village Fund. The next applications will be considered in February and should be submitted to the Clerk by midday on Thursday 10 February. Please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form.

Kara Reed, Clerk, tel 459172, orfordtrust@btconnect.com

FEBRUARY AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

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

- First Sunday: 9am Sung Holy Communion with the choir
- Second and third Sundays: 9am Holy Communion Service (Second Sunday BCP)
- Wednesdays 6pm, Evening Prayer BCP
- On fourth Sundays we join Sudbourne Church for Holy Communion at 9am

A Church Near You Website www.achurchnearyou.com provides details of all church services and events in the local area. For further information contact the **Team Rector Rev Giles Tulk** 01394 450610 revgileswtr@gmail.com

FRIDAY SOUP LUNCH AT BART'S HALL

Still hoping to beat those Winter Blues with Soup and Music!

Friday 4 February 2022, 12.30–2.00pm. All welcome

Beat the winter blues! We at St Bartholomew's have been thinking up some cheerful events to look forward to in the winter months. For a starter we have come up with a mix of a hot soup lunch, some good company and lively music. We plan delicious healthy homemade soup, (and bread and homemade cakes) and we have musical entertainment thanks to Orford's favourite jazz pianist Nick Raison. Now we just need YOU to provide good company!

February dates for your diary

- Each Wednesday: chair pilates - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 11am-12noon
- Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm
- Thursday 3 February: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Friday 4 February: Friday soup lunch - Bart's Hall, 12.30-2pm
- Sunday 13 February: Valentine's Tea - Bart's Hall, Orford, sittings at 2.30pm and 4.15pm
- Saturday 26 February: Friends of St Bartholomew's Church quiz night - Orford Town Hall, 6.30pm
- Monday 28 February: Coffee and chat - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 1-3pm

We plan to hold the event in Bart's Hall on Broad Street the first Friday of each month from January through to April. If you need a lift to and from the hall we will do our best to help.

Friday Soup at Bart's Hall is open to absolutely anyone, locals and visitors alike, and regardless of beliefs. There is no charge – we just ask for a donation for your meal if you can afford it. Any profit made will support our church funds. To find out more, ask about special diets, a lift to the hall or if you have any questions please give me a call. Caroline Gill 01394 450302 or email caroline@tropic.org.uk

QUIZ NIGHT AND SUPPER organised by the Friends of St Bartholomew's Church on Saturday 26 February in the Town Hall.

Experienced Quiz masters Rev Giles and Graeme Kay are busy thinking up some fun questions for our first FOSB quiz. The evening promises some gentle exercise for the little grey cells, and a hot supper in good company. The event has been popular and nearly all the tickets have been sold but there may be last-minute availability so please get in touch.

Raffle prizes: We would be grateful for donations of any small items to fill a hamper – food, drink or bath luxuries.

To get in touch about tickets or donating raffle prizes. email caroline@tropic.org.uk or 01394450302

Caroline Gill

FEBRUARY AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Services/Preachers for February:

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| Sunday 6 February | 10.30am Stephen Caley |
| Sunday 13 February | 10.30am Service arranged and lead locally |
| Sunday 20 February | 10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland – Holy Communion |
| Sunday 27 February | 10.30am Stephen Caley |

Children stay in church helping to contribute to the morning service. Refreshments are served afterwards.

TEA ROOM open as usual every MONDAY and WEDNESDAY from 11am–2pm (winter timings). A great way to be with company to enjoy a varied choice of lunch menu and coffee, scones and cake! There's no need to book, just call in, you will be very welcome.

The Epiphany season has ended, however, we are delighted to report that services during Christmas and the New Year were well attended. The Nativity, which included children and adults was a great occasion, so too was the Candlelight Service later the same day which was followed by a sumptuous Christmas tea. The Christmas Day service was attended by many friends and visitors, concluding this shorter service with non-alcoholic sparkling wine, shortbread and chocolates – a great way to start the day's festivities!

On the first Sunday of the New Year an Epiphany Christingle service (with a difference) was held and delighted all in attendance. Throughout, support has been given to the charity 'Children in Distress'.

The Tea Room held a well-earned short break after serving two days of Christmas Lunch when the staff cooked and served traditional Christmas fayre of roast turkey and gammon with all the trimmings and homemade luxury Christmas pudding – all of this well received by friends and visitors. A 'Tea Room' raffle was held with many excellent prizes – the Christmas hamper (donated by Pam and Dave) was won by Jenny from Hacheston who kindly donated her prize to the local churches charity for those in need. Many thanks to all who donated prizes. Sales of art, craft and preserves from the conservatory and dresser were brisk throughout the season too.

Christmas gifts were given to the Tea Room staff in appreciation of all their support and work during the very busy year 2021. Many thanks to those who helped to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas – as usual the decorated trees looked splendid – many positive comments received.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Thank you for your ongoing support of the club. Friday evenings are very well supported with darts and monthly bingo sessions, also don't forget, we are open on Monday evenings as well.

Hopefully live music nights will start to gather apace, as we progress through the year.

Membership costs are £10 Adults, £6 for 16 and 17 years, £2 for 12 to 15 years.

Cost of hire is £30 for members (with or without bar), £50 for non-members (without bar), £75 (with bar).

Mark Smy, Secretary, 450358

FRIEND'S GARAGE SITE

Following two recent meetings involving representatives of Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council, the Friends of The Orford Community Interest Company, the developer and the site owner, we are pleased to report general agreement has been reached by all parties on a plan for the redevelopment of the Friend's Garage Site.

The basis of the agreed scheme is a modified version of that referred to in the recent written consultation sent to all households in the village.

At the request of the Community Interest Company, the overall size of the commercial space has been increased, and now provides suitable facilities to accommodate a new village shop and Post Office.

On affordable housing the originally proposed two x 1-bedroom apartments and one x 2-bedroom house have been replaced by one x 2- or x 3-bedroom and one x 2-bedroom house.

In order to alleviate concerns about congestion within the site, the proposed electric vehicle charging points will now potentially be relocated to the Quay Street Car Park. Resident and shop parking allocations are unchanged and remain sufficient to satisfy current planning requirements.

Despite reaching general agreement on the scheme, there remains a lot of work to do regarding the finer details, the

associated professional reports, the legalities and the fund raising, but it is hoped that all these should be finalised in time to submit a formal application to the East Suffolk Planning Department in March 2022.

Prior to this submission, it is intended that another Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall giving village residents the opportunity to view the proposed plans and discuss them with representatives of the Parish Council, the Community Interest Company and the developer. It is appreciated that everyone has their own ideas on design and, consequently, it is accepted that there will always be people who do not like the final scheme. However, by continuing to work together, we hope that the successful redevelopment of The Friend's Garage site will now occur to the benefit of the community in as timely fashion as is practicable.

For and on behalf of Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council, the Friends of Orford Community Interest Company, the developer of the site and the owner of the site

VALENTINE'S AFTERNOON TEA – SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Come and celebrate Valentine's Day with us at our bespoke Valentine's Afternoon Tea on Sunday 13 February in Bart's Hall, Orford, where the hard-working team from the Thomas Marshall Education Fund are at it again serving tiered plates overflowing with assorted dainty finger sandwiches, scones with cream and jam and a selection of delectable cakes, all accompanied with lashings of tea. Or you can just use it as a great excuse to indulge yourselves with family and friends, whilst having fun and helping to raise funds to continue supporting the education of some very deserving and grateful children and students in Mozambique.

There will be 2 sittings – 2.30 and 4.15pm, with a capacity of up to 40 people per sitting (so book your places quickly!) The cost is £10 per head. Contact Wendy Marshall on 01394 450090 or email contact@tmef.org.uk to reserve your table.

Wendy Marshall

ORFORD, SUDBOURNE AND GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW & FETE

It's that time of year again when thoughts turn to gardens, veg patches and allotments and in order that you can show off your growing skills, we are pleased to confirm that preparations are well advanced for this year's flower show.

The new show schedule contains some exciting and interesting new categories plus a re-vamped 'Arts & Crafts' section. You will find a copy of the schedule in this month's Link, and it will also be available from the Orford General Store and the Orford newspaper kiosk.

This year we have a new competition and it's one for all the family. The Grow Potatoes in a Bucket competition will reward the heaviest yield from one seed potato and the winner will receive a cash prize and the Golden Spud Trophy – seed potatoes will be provided free of charge and available from the Orford Country Market during February. A copy of the full details can be found in this month's Link, in the Orford General Store and the Orford newspaper kiosk.

We also have a Seed giveaway. The Flower Show has a limited number of Dobbies seeds to giveaway free to growers in the community. These seed varieties all appear on the new show schedule. Hopefully the resulting plants will make it to the show bench in August! The seed packets will also be available at the Orford Country Market during February.

Finally, the committee would like to express its thanks to Mike Redmond who is standing down as Chairman of the Flower Show committee after 6 years of sterling work. Gary Wingrove has agreed to take on the role of Chairman with immediate effect.

This year's show will take place on Saturday 27 August.

Gary Wingrove, Chairman of the Flower Show Committee

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Thursday 3 February 2022, Orford Town Hall, Main Hall, 7.30pm:
Amy Fellows on Marianne North – Victorian Plantswoman and Artist of Kew fame

Amy Fellows is an artist and garden designer from Hastings, graduating in 2015 with a first-class honour's degree in illustration from Norwich University followed by an MA in Communication Design.

In 2020 Amy was awarded funding from the Arts Council to undertake a six-month period of research and development into Marianne who is known to many as 'The Queen of Kew Gardens', botanical artist and explorer. She financed the construction of the gallery at Kew, housing over 800 of her paintings. It opened in 1882.

Discovering this little-known female icon and venturing (only virtually) around the world with Marianne North during lockdown, the project brought her story to life with stay-home friendly activities, a new website and social media platforms.

Amy is thrilled to bring Marianne's story to us with a small exhibition of illustrated pieces and paintings, followed by a relaxed and informal talk about this amazing woman. We will have drinks and nibbles to start whilst we look at the exhibition and there will be some of Amy's art for you to purchase if you wish... amyfellows.co.uk – take a look!

Wednesday afternoon, 16 February 2022: Snowdrop Garden Visit

To The Gables, Redisham, near Beccles by car. An opportunity to explore the wonderful collection of snowdrops developed by John (recently deceased) and Brenda Foster. Followed by tea and cakes.

Welcome to new members...

Please join us at any time of the year, for a single event or as a full member – no gardening knowledge required, just enthusiasm! Fees: £15 per annum and £4 guest.

A taster of future events:

- 3 March, Neill Ludmon 'Vertical Planting – wall shrubs, climbers and green walls'
- 7 April, Anna Greenland 'Eating your way to good health'. How to choose the best varieties and grow vegetables organically

We hope to see you soon!

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

LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Around two years ago a social housing property in Orford became available for rent. An Orford resident with a very strong connection to the village and a genuine need for a larger property to accommodate her young family, applied for the property, but it was allocated to a family from Essex who had no connection to the village. It is perhaps not surprising then that they have

now moved on, and we were astounded to find that the property, owned by Flagship Housing, is now for sale on the open market. Many of us know from personal experience about the lack of affordable housing in this area of Suffolk and particularly the lack of affordable housing for **local** people which has been covered in the local and national press. The benefits of keeping extended families in the same locality are both numerous and obvious.

None of the main political parties seem to care about the provision of affordable housing - they are happy to talk about it, but when it comes down to it, very little happens, and government policy does very little to encourage it. The government announces house-building programmes, but developers often do their best to provide as little social housing as they can get away with. Instead, developments are often built on farmland or greenbelt areas on the edges of villages and towns, and, certainly in many villages in Suffolk, these houses can be snapped up as second homes so therefore are not solving a housing shortage. This is certainly not environmentally friendly, and does nothing to help ordinary people in ordinary jobs to continue to live in the places where they were brought up.

To see a social housing property in Orford go up for sale is too ridiculous and unacceptable given the current housing situation. It's time that the government introduced legislation giving power to local councils to bring in measures which gives priority to the type of housing needed by small communities rather than for those who are lucky enough to afford two properties and until then perhaps common sense could prevail.

Mary Iliff

THE PROMETHEUS ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT

The Prometheus Orchestra concludes its cycle of the complete Beethoven Piano Concertos at the Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall with the magnificent 'Emperor' Concerto no 5. Nathan Williamson, the acclaimed soloist for Concertos 1–4 which he performed over one weekend in February 2020, returns to finish the series.

Sadly, Edmond Fivet, Prometheus Orchestra's conductor and founder, died just a few months ago. Edmond conceived and set up this project and his energy and leadership will be greatly missed. The orchestra welcomes Matthew Andrews to conduct this astonishing piece in an all-Beethoven programme. The concert is, of course, dedicated to the memory of Edmond Fivet. Sunday 20 February 2022, at Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall, performed twice at 3pm and 5pm.

Tickets from aldeburghjubileehall.co.uk £20/£10 (under 18s)

Chris Gill

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	

BANK HOLIDAY & STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE DATES

The surgery will be closed for staff training on Thursday 10 February from 13.00. When the surgery is closed please call NHS 111

Our Primary Care Network (PCN)

The PCN is network of surgeries in the area that work together to give patients the best care.

Pharmacist Team – The Pharmacists can call you to fulfil outstanding medication reviews or help with medication queries.

Physio Team – We have physios who can offer appointments to our patients. It includes direct and quick access to them for pain or injuries.

Patient Coordinators – they may call you to organize appointments/group consultations or collate referral information.

Mental Health Team – they ensure that all mental health needs are met in a timely manner, offering advice, support, follow-up and access to other agencies and services as required.

www.thepeninsulappractice.co.uk or 01394 411641



The Friends of St Bartholomew's Church
Invite you to a Quiz Night and Supper
At Orford Town Hall on Saturday February 26th

Doors open 6.30pm quiz starts approx 7pm.

Table prizes ~ Raffle ~ Bar

Ticket £15.00 pp to include a welcome drink & supper

Join a table or make up a your own table of 8

For further information or to buy tickets contact

Caroline Gill Telephone 01394 450302

Email caroline@tropic.org.uk

The Friends of St Bartholomew's Church Orford (Registered Charity number 1194884)

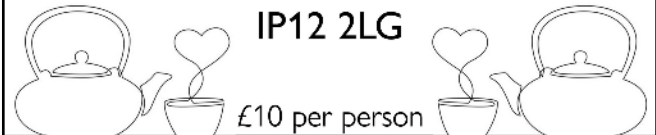
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Sunday
13th February
2022

Valentine's Tea

Bart's Hall Orford
IP12 2LG



Two sittings 2.30 to 3.45 and 4.15 to 5.30

Finger sandwiches, home made scones
with clotted cream and home made jam,
home made cakes, unlimited supplies of tea
and wonderful music on the piano

Tickets 01394 450090 or contact@tmef.org.uk

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We can help with any of the following:

- * 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 vaccinations/boosters, 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

COMMUNITY

Coffee & chat

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



Between 1.00pm-3.00pm
Re-starting on Monday 28th February

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