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## **COPY DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE OF VILLAGE VOICE IS MIDDAY ON THURSDAY 22 JUNE**

### **ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES**

There are currently two vacancies for Councillors to represent Orford on the Parish Council. Being a Parish Councillor is a voluntary role and the vacancies will be filled by co-option at the next Parish Council meeting, to be held on Wednesday 14 June 2023.

Anyone wishing to be considered for this vacancy should write a letter to the Clerk to arrive before noon on Tuesday 13 June 2023. Applicants must be 18 years of age or over and have had their main residence or place of work in Orford, or within 3 miles of Orford, for the past 12 months. The Parish Council as a body also acts as the Trustee for the New Orford Town Trust.

If you wish to discuss details of the role of a Parish Councillor, please call me at the office on 459172.

**Marie Backhouse**, Clerk to Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council, [orfordtownhall@btconnect.com](mailto:orfordtownhall@btconnect.com)

### **ORFORD'S CORONATION PARTY**

Well! What a day.

We sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed the party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7 May, and thank everyone for coming along and joining in. Blessed with glorious sunshine, you assembled in your masses to relax, chat, sing, dance, paint, and enjoy the afternoon. It was tremendous to see so many people out and about and enjoying the celebration.

A big thank you to our performers, Laura and Peter for the music, Steve the balloon twister and magician, Sam the face painter extraordinaire. You certainly all helped make the day. Also, a big thank you for the perfect posters designed by Nick.

An even bigger thank you goes equally to those individuals and businesses who donated to the event and volunteered their services. The donations of monies meant we could put the show on, the donations of cakes, bites and things to eat and drink for the luxurious refreshment buffet and barbecue. Your generosity is hugely appreciated. Now those volunteers, you are all big stars. We know we will forget someone, so we are not going to attempt to name you all, but you know who you are. Whether you carried tables, manned the buffet, encouraged mural masterpieces, flipped or tossed sausages and burgers, picked up litter, lugged chairs around, picked up the tea cups, climbed a ladder to put up bunting or any other

### **June dates for your diary**

- Each Monday: badminton - Orford Town Hall, 10am-12noon
- Each Monday (except bank holidays): Coffee and Chat - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Each Wednesday: chair pilates - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 11am-12noon
- Each Monday and Wednesday: Methodist Chapel tea room, coffee, lunch, afternoon tea, 11am-4pm
- Each Wednesday: badminton - Orford Town Hall, 7pm
- Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm
- Friday 2 June: Organ recital - St Bartholomew's Church, 8pm
- Sunday 4 June: T4Thomas - Chantry Cottage, 11am-4pm
- Saturday 10 June: Kreutzer Quartet concert - St Bartholomew's Church, 11am
- Friday 16 June: The Knucker of Knodishall performance - Orford Town Hall, 1.30pm
- Saturday 17 June: Bozzini Quartet concert - St Bartholomew's Church, 3.30pm
- Saturday 17 June: The Knucker of Knodishall performance - Orford Town Hall, 7pm
- Saturday 24 June: Marion Consort concert - St Bartholomew's Church, 11am
- Thursday 29 June: Alde and Ore Community Partnership meeting: Orford Town Hall, 6.30pm

contribution - to each and every one of you a massive thank you. Many hands certainly made light work and eased the burden of the committee. It looked like the royal volunteer day arrived a day early.

Your generosity in the donation buckets was outstanding and these have gone to the Fire Service and set aside for future events.

We hope the village are extremely proud of their efforts and celebration, it certainly showed how a small village working together can create a party to shout about.

Once again thank you to everyone who contributed to the day and for each and every one of you who came along to join in.

We look forward to the next event: the Village Feast in August.

NB: Glyn took lots of photos on the day and he has put them on his website. He is an amateur photographer who likes shooting event photos. Have a look at them on [gippingvalley.smugmug.com](http://gippingvalley.smugmug.com). Thanks Glyn for capturing the memories of the day.

**Orford and Gedgrave Village Events Committee**

## CORONATION PARTY THANK YOU

As a resident of Orford I wanted to say thank you to all those involved in the organisation of the street party over the Coronation weekend. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying each other's company (and the lovely weather!) in the square, celebrating the Coronation of Charles III. I know that there were many people who helped on the day, certainly too many to mention them all by name, but I would like to thank in particular members of the Backhouse family who took on many of the jobs and responsibilities so important for such an event to take place.

**Mary Iliff**

## T4THOMAS – SUNDAY 4 JUNE, 11am to 4pm

Yes, it's that time of year again when the garden of Chantry Cottage is open to host TMEF's very popular annual main fundraising event of 'T4Thomas' which is now in its fourteenth year! Everyone is very welcome to come along and enjoy some delicious food in great company from one of the best garden views in Orford.

Starting from 11am there will be the usual stunning, mouth-watering array of homemade cakes to choose from, as well as bacon rolls and a selection of delicious light lunches. As well as tea and coffee, there will be wine, beer and soft drinks also available.

So put the date in your diaries and on your calendars and come along on the day with as many friends and family as you can muster, to help raise some much needed funds to help the disadvantaged children and young adults in rural Mozambique gain access to both education and training which will then enable them to improve not only their lives but the lives of their families and wider community.

We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday 4 June.

**Wendy and Guy Marshall**, (*Thomas Marshall Education Fund - Reg Charity No. 1154635*)

## THE KNUCKER OF KNODISHALL

On Friday 16 and Sunday 17 June Orford Town Hall will host a brand-new theatrical collaboration between Orford Primary School and acclaimed touring theatre company Rust & Stardust Productions.

Featuring sword fights, pie fights, a seven-foot dragon puppet, original songs, and a sheep Olympics, *The Knucker of Knodishall* is a quick-witted farce for audiences of all ages to enjoy. Set in a fairy-tale past, it is based on local folklore of 'knuckers' – dragons that were said to once terrorise ancient England.

Twenty children from Orford Primary School will make their own puppets for the play and rehearse acting, puppetry, songs, and movement with four actors from Rust & Stardust.

It is being funded by the Arts Council, with tickets raising money for Orford charity The Thomas Marshall Education Fund (TMEF) which was founded to advance the education, training, and life skills of young people in Mozambique.

'We really hope people from across Suffolk will come along, as taking part in the project will be hugely valuable for our children to meet professionals in the industry and take part in a performance' said Orford Primary Head Gemma Cannon.

Brainchild of Sussex-based folklorist, actor, and award-winning writer Eleanor Conlon, *The Knucker of Knodishall* follows previous Rust & Stardust shows in Orford including 2021's *The Marsh Demons of Iken* and 2018's *Black Shuck*, both in collaboration with Orford Primary, and 2016's much-celebrated *The Wild Man of Orford*.

'We're so excited to be working with the children of Orford again,' Miss Conlon explains, 'and are thrilled to be offering Arts Award qualifications to them this year, as supported by the brilliant team at the New Orford Town Trust as well as supportive local businesses.'

Best of all, children from Years 3-6 at Orford Primary will be front and centre, with 100% of every ticket sold raising money for TMEF, founded in Thomas Marshall's memory.

With two performances, one on Friday 16 June at 1.30pm and one on Saturday 17 June at 7pm, tickets for the show are on sale now and are available by phone on 07745433267 or via email on [contact@tmef.org.uk](mailto:contact@tmef.org.uk)

For more information about *The Knucker of Knodishall* visit [www.rustandstardustproductions.co.uk](http://www.rustandstardustproductions.co.uk) or [www.tmef.org.uk](http://www.tmef.org.uk)

## SUDBOURNE HALL CRICKET

Despite the rather damp start to the cricket season, plenty has been happening at the club over the last month. League cricket has begun. Sadly, a less than auspicious start to our Division 7 campaign with two defeats at home to Woolpit and Yoxford as our batters have really struggled to come to terms with early season pitches and decent opposition bowling.

Very pleased to say, we recently ran our first 'taster' sessions for youth cricket, aimed at 5-11-year-olds, (all ages are welcome). The sessions are a pre-cursor to the official ECB backed Allstars and Dynamos cricket programmes starting early June. This is a brilliant initiative with all participants receiving kit, t shirts and bats. As mentioned in an earlier post, we want to pay tribute to Peter Clift with our youth cricket coming under the umbrella of the 'Peter Clift Academy'. We know he'd approve, and we hope to make things a little more official later in the summer.

In addition to our Allstars and Dynamos programmes, we are planning a couple of women's cricket sessions in July, just turn up and have a go with a social gathering afterwards, more info to follow in the July update.

The plan is also to run some mixed social softball / hardball cricket when the weather improves, and the days get longer towards the end of June. Open to all and probably on a Tuesday evening.

Early May also saw the launch of our Crowdfunder campaign to improve the infrastructure of the club. Full details can be found on the Crowdfunder website, (just search for 'Project Clifty'). We need funds to support ground upkeep, our youth programme and pavilion facilities and to simply keep the cub ticking over. The committee are passionate about providing a club that reaches out to all in the community. As I write, we have topped £1000, so well on our way to our £3500 target.

If you are interested in joining us in any of the activities above, please either visit our website [www.sudbournehallcc.com](http://www.sudbournehallcc.com) for details or email [andyhalliday1@me.com](mailto:andyhalliday1@me.com) or [nick.joel@me.com](mailto:nick.joel@me.com)

**Andy Halliday**

## THE MULTI-COURT WILL BE SAVED

Following the amazing report last month by Jeanette Pearce and the huge sum she made towards the renovation of the multi-court, I am delighted to announce that once I get outstanding amounts into the account we have raised enough money for me to instruct Suffolk Tennis Courts to carry out the renovations on the court this summer, probably at the beginning of August. I am quite overwhelmed with the fantastic support I received from everyone in the village, many not tennis players themselves, but who realised that this is a village asset which needed to be retained.

**Diana Grayburn**

## JUNE AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

All are warmly welcomed to join us at St Bartholomew's, Orford and our neighbouring churches for services in June:

Sunday 4 June	9.30am, Sung Holy Communion Rev Dr Stephen Thompson
Sunday 11 June	11am, Holy Communion Rev Giles Tulk (note time change)
Sunday 18 June	9.30am, Holy Communion BCP Rev Giles Tulk
Sunday 25 June	No service at Orford Sudbourne Church Holy Communion at 9.30am, Rev Robin Alderson Chillesford Church Holy Communion at 11am, Rev Giles Tulk

Tuesday 27 June 7.30pm, Archdeacon's Visitation Service for the Woodbridge Deanery. This service is to admit church wardens.

Sunday 2 July 9.30am, sung Holy Communion, Rev Giles Tulk  
A CHURCH NEAR YOU WEBSITE [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://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](mailto:revgileswtr@gmail.com)

*Events in Church – Concerts on your doorstep*

Friday 2 June 8pm, Catherine Ennis Memorial Concert with Olivier Latry, organist at Notre Dame, Paris.  
Book through Britten Pears Arts website or at the King's Head.

Saturday 10 June 11am, Kreutzer Quartet – an Aldeburgh Festival event. Book through Britten Pears Arts website

Saturday 17 June 3.30pm Bozzini Quartet – an Aldeburgh Festival event. Book through Britten Pears Arts website

Saturday 24 June 11am Marion Consort – Aldeburgh Festival. Book through Britten Pears Arts website

**Revd Giles Tulk**

### **JUNE AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday 4 June TRINITY SUNDAY – 121<sup>st</sup> Church anniversary and JMA commissioning  
10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 11 June 10.30am Pam Caley and friends

Sunday 18 June 10.30am Rev. Saul – Holy Communion

Sunday 25 June 10.30am Angus Armstrong Smyth – Cafe worship (Methodist Conference & Ordination Sunday)

Children/young people stay in church for the whole service, often sharing in its theme and always with their own activity. Refreshments are served afterwards.

On Sunday 4 June we celebrate the 121<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the opening and dedication of the present Methodist building (4 June 1902). During the Service our young people will be commissioned for JMA – connecting with God, the world and each other. Lunch will follow the service.

Chapel Tea Room – open every Monday and Wednesday between 11am and 4pm with a summer lunch menu and serving coffee, tea, cake and scones.

Our many thanks to all who assisted with the Coronation Service, big lunch and royal pageant (7 May). The free lunch (fit for a King) was generously donated by friends and the royal pageant was thoroughly enjoyed by a full church.

Calendar Reminder: thirty-fourth Quay Service – Sunday 6 August. Preacher: Bishop Mike Harrison (Bishop of Dunwich)

**Stephen Caley**

### **ORFORD SAILING CLUB TASTER SAILING SESSIONS**

Orford Sailing Club will be offering Taster Sailing Sessions which are open to everyone.

No experience is required. However, children should be at least 8 years old and everyone must be able to swim and be confident in water. These sessions are aimed at local families to create an opportunity to experience sailing on the river, and meet others who like sailing. There is no further commitment. We charge £5 per session.

Dates: Wednesday 7, 14, 21, 28 June and Wednesday 5 July all at 5pm. Also Sunday 18 and 25 June at 10.30am. Should you be interested please contact Sheena Barrow, [Sheenamargaretbarrow@gmail.com](mailto:Sheenamargaretbarrow@gmail.com) / 07867 978770

**Sheena Barrow**

### **NEWS ON THE RIVER DEFENCE PLAN**

Thursday 29 June, 6.30pm, Orford Town Hall

The public are invited to a meeting to hear about plans for improving flood defence river walls in the Lower Estuary. An Alde and Ore Community Partnership meeting. Members of the public are very welcome. More details at [www.aocp.co.uk](http://www.aocp.co.uk)

**Alison Andrews**, Hon Secretary Alde and Ore Community Partnership

### **ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

Our next events:

*Thursday 8 June: Open Garden – The Old Rectory, Orford courtesy of Tim Fargher*

We are delighted to be having the opportunity for our annual event in Tim's 4.5 acres of mixed borders and mature trees at this lovely time of year. Tim has always opened his garden for charity and we are so pleased that this year he has given us this chance to admire it whilst socialising with old and new friends. This is very much part of what our Gardening Club is all about. Do come and join us for a wander around this beautiful garden, enjoy tea and cakes and buy a plant or two!

*Wednesday 21 June: afternoon car sharing trip – members only – Ashe Park, Campsea Ashe*

It has taken us some time to find out how to book a visit to Richard and Julia Keeling's garden and at last, we've managed it! It has a long history of owners and many well-known visitors including Gertrude Jekyll. Ashe Park gardens have been redesigned by its current owners, keeping an original canal, restoring various areas including digging out the cellars of the High House to create a sunken garden. We will be taking picnics with us! New members are welcome all the year round so do contact me if you would like to join...

*Still to come in the Autumn...*

- Thursday 14 September: Penny Robertson of Suffolk Coastal Beekeeping Association - 'Helping Bees'
- Thursday 5 October: Lou Nicholls of Godinton Gardens in Kent – 'The Winter Garden'
- Saturday 18 November: Xa Tollemache of Helmingham Hall – "A garden well placed, A designer's harmony between house and garden." OPEN EVENT
- Thursday 7 December: AGM and Social Supper – Always great fun!

**Polly Sharkey** (Chair), [creativefutures98@btinternet.com](mailto:creativefutures98@btinternet.com), 01394 450959

### **LETTER FROM DEREK FORBES:**

I very much agree with the excellent item by Mary Iliff in the May Village Voice outlining the effects of our changing village environment. The difficulty is knowing what, if anything, could or should be done about it. We are fortunate to live in a democracy, which means anyone – within legal restraints – can buy or sell their assets from or to whomsoever they choose. If this alters the socio-economic profile of an area, the only realistic option is to learn to live with it.

There will always be those who agree or disagree with any local scheme or initiative, but that is the nature of living in a free and tolerant society. As Winston Churchill famously said: 'Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others.'

**Derek Forbes**

### **LETTER FROM MARY ILIFF**

I had a very encouraging response to the letter I had in Village Voice regarding housing in Orford (May's Village Voice) including comments from a few second home owners who have the strength of character to recognise that that second homes in excess are not a healthy thing. There are all sorts of way to make good a bad situation, and these include donating money to the New Orford Town Trust (NOTT) Housing Fund whose purpose is to purchase property for local needs. Indeed it was a far-seeing benefactor that made it possible a couple of years ago for NOTT to buy a house that is now lived in by a young local family. Please do consider contributing to this fund to help enable NOTT to purchase more property for local people to live in, thus helping the village to retain a year-round vibrancy and remain a sustainable place where we all love to live.

**Mary Iliff**, (writing as a concerned Orford resident, and not as a trustee of NOTT)

### TMEF EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!

Important date for your diaries... Sunday 23 July 2023 is your chance to de-clutter your possessions and find unique bargains! It's a car boot sale, organised by the Thomas Marshall Education Fund (TMEF), and will be held on the Orford Recreation Ground in Munday's Lane Orford, IP12 2LX. Set up is from 8am with gates open to the public from 9am until 2pm. There will be refreshments served by the TMEF trustees throughout. Car boot pitches are £10, and there is free entry to the public. Spaces are limited so to book a space please email [contact@tmef.org.uk](mailto:contact@tmef.org.uk) or contact 07745 433267.

TMEF's Trustees are very grateful to the Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council and the Orford Sports and Recreation Club for their kind permission to use their premises. Funds raised are used to

advance the education, training and life skills of the young people of rural Mozambique to enable them to make a sustainable living and provide active support within their communities.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 23 July 2023  
[www.tmef.org.uk/](http://www.tmef.org.uk/)

**Katherine Silver-Murphy, TMEF Trustee**

### STAFF VACANCIES

The Butley Orford Oysterage restaurant is looking forward to a busy summer season and would like to recruit locally. We have full time, part time and holiday jobs available.

If you would like to join our friendly team please email [Sarah@pinneysoforford.co.uk](mailto:Sarah@pinneysoforford.co.uk) or phone on 07702432062.

**Bill Pinney**

### JUNE UPDATE FROM THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

DAY	ALDERTON	ORFORD	ALDEBURGH
Monday	8.00 to 14.30	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 18.30
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

Thursday 15 June from 13.00: staff training. Aldeburgh surgery will be open for booking future appointments. Alderton and Orford surgeries will be closed.

All calls will be redirected to 111 for this afternoon.

### We offer an increasingly wide range of NHS services to our patients:

Mental health and wellbeing support; memory checks (if worried about dementia); menopause management; social prescriber – support for non-clinical health and wellbeing needs; Compassionate Companion service – to support end of life choices and care; paramedic appointments; same-day physiotherapy for acute musculoskeletal symptoms; ultrasound (by referral); single skin lesion clinic; insomnia support – SleepStation (a bespoke programme); full contraception services (e.g. coils) and sexual health

*Also available at our practice are non-NHS services (charged):*

Chiropody – foot care appointments & home visits; ear care – wax removal (see website); birth doula – holistic support for pregnancy and beyond

#### Reception

When you call the surgery, the phone will be answered by one of our experienced care navigators. They are highly trained to direct queries and care needs to the appropriate health or social teams. They are an integral part of the surgery and ensure patients are directed to the care they need at the earliest available time.

#### Compassionate Companions

Compassionate Communities is part of a local project to support living life fully before we die, providing companions for people and families affected by life-limiting illness, and starting conversations about end of life. If you or a loved one is interested in this and would like to find out more, in terms of becoming a companion, or looking for support, please contact the surgery.

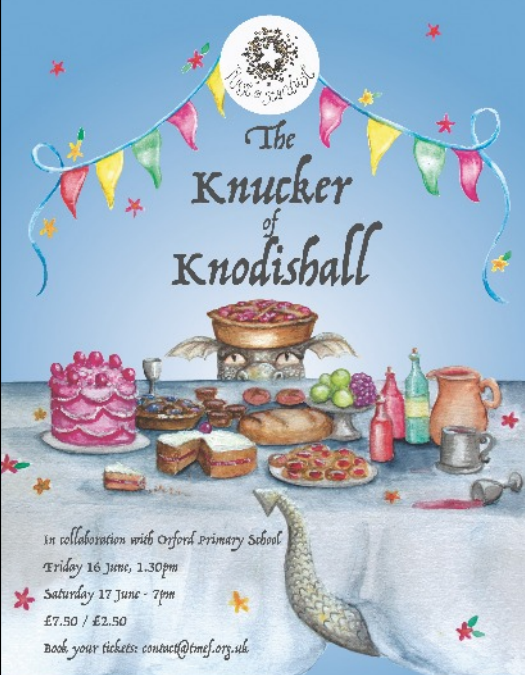
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