



The newsletter for the community of Orford and Gedgrave

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FROM ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

ICE CREAM TRADER

An opportunity has arisen in the village for an ice cream concession. This is for two sites – the Castle track and the Quay Street car park. This would start from 1 April 2022. If you would like to tender for this concession, please contact the Clerk by Tuesday 15 March.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Parish Council is looking for someone to cut and trim the grass areas on the Recreation Ground. This would include cutting the grass in the play area, around the outdoor gym equipment, keeping the shrubs and bushes trimmed back and general tidying of the area. If the person has the equipment to enable them to cut the large grass area and the various village greens within the village this would be an advantage. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

BUNTING

The village will be holding a street party to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It is hoped to decorate the village with bunting. If anyone has any bunting that they could offer us to help decorate the village, this would be greatly received. Alternatively if anyone is able to make some red, white, and blue bunting this would also be appreciated.

If anyone would like to assist with the street party, it will be held on the Market Square on the afternoon of Saturday 4 June, so please do let the Clerk know.

Marie Backhouse, Clerk to Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council, orfordtownhall@btconnect.com, tel 459172

HOUSING IN ORFORD

Further to the letter in February's Village Voice regarding a social housing property in Ferry Road being sold on the open market, the Parish Council wrote to the owners of the property, Flagship Homes, in December 2021. In their reply they reassured us that the proceeds of the sale would be invested back into affordable housing, suggesting that the investment would, again, follow their wider area strategy rather than replacing what will be lost in Orford – i.e., the proceeds will support a community but not our community. These **non-local decisions** not to let the property to the Orford resident 2 years ago and now its subsequent sale, **have now lost Orford a house.**

This is very uncomfortable for us to accept. Strong, sustainable, and affordable communities are built on strong family networks. Keeping local affordable housing available to local people is the best way to support that aim. We understand that the tenants (a local family) who moved out 2 years ago wanted to buy the property but were turned down as it was not the housing association's policy to sell properties. Flagship has said that their preference when selling properties is to offer them to like-minded organisations with either a strong social purpose, local presence, or long-term interest in the area, but Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council, which might have been able to help with this, was not informed that the property was going to be sold. We are sure Flagship can't be expected to know of all these

March dates for your diary

- Each Monday (except bank holidays): Coffee and Chat - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 1-3pm
- Each Wednesday: chair pilates - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 11am-12noon
- Each Monday and Wednesday: Methodist Chapel tea room, lunch, 11am-2pm
- Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm
- Thursday 3 March: Orford & District Surgery Charitable Trust AGM - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 7pm
- Thursday 3 March: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall
- Friday 4 March: Friday soup lunch - Bart's Hall, 12.30-2pm
- Friday 18 March: Friday soup lunch - Bart's Hall, 12.30-2pm
- Monday 21 March: OBA social networking event - The King's Head, 7pm

'like-minded' organisations across the county but contacting the local Parish Council would have been a good way to find out.

There was an interesting article in the EADT on 29 January about the same problem in Aldeburgh. The problem is undoubtedly affecting other communities up and down the country and the situation is only going to get worse.

Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council

MARCH AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Please note: from 1 March 2022 Holy Communion will start at the new time of 9.30am.

All are welcome to join us at St Bartholomew's, Orford for the following services:

- First Sunday: Sung Holy Communion with the choir 9.30am
- Second and Third Sundays: Holy Communion 9.30am (Second Sunday, Book of Common Prayer)
- Wednesdays at 6pm: Evening Prayer (BCP)
- Fourth Sundays: we join Sudbourne and Iken congregations for Holy Communion at 9.30am at Sudbourne Church

Looking forward to April, there are the following special services at Orford and Sudbourne:

Easter at St Bartholomew's

- Ash Wednesday, 2 April at 7pm: Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
- Palm Sunday, 10 April at 9.30am: Holy Communion
- Good Friday, 15 April at 2pm: The Cross of Christ – music and readings for congregation and choir, with organ
- Easter Eve, 16 April at 8pm: Easter Vigil – Holy Communion and Service of Light
- Easter Day, 17 April at 9.30am: Holy Communion at All Saints, Sudbourne
- Easter Day, 17 April at 10am: Easter Service for families led by Guy Marshall with Easter egg hunt

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

CHURCH BOOK STALL

Visitors to the church will have noticed that there are now second-hand books and jigsaws 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.

CROCUS BULBS IN FLOWER

Those of you walking past the churchyard on a sunny day will notice that the crocus bulbs we planted three months ago are in flower. They should naturalise to form a lovely swathe of flowers. Not only do they look lovely but they provide some much needed nectar and pollen for insects coming out of hibernation. Newly woken queen bees are known to use crocus flowers as a temporary shelter before they build their nests, so tread carefully. Thanks to everyone who bought and planted the crocuses.

Two chances to Beat the Winter Blues! **Friday Soup Lunch** at Bart's Hall: Friday 4 March, 12.30-2.00pm, Friday 18 March, 12.30-2.00pm. All welcome.

Beat the winter blues and join us for a hot soup lunch and some good company. We plan delicious, healthy homemade soup (and bread and homemade cakes), and we need YOU to provide good company!

We plan to hold the event in Bart's Hall on Broad Street on the first Friday of each winter month. This month we have an extra soup lunch on 18 March, and this will feature live music with Orford's own jazz pianist, Nick Raison. If you need a lift to and from the hall, we will do our best to help.

Friday Soup at Bart's Hall is organised by St Bartholomew's Church and 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. Volunteer soup makers, servers and washers-up would be welcomed.

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

MARCH AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 6 March, First in Lent 10.30am Stephen Caley
Sunday 13 March, Lent II 10.30am Service arranged locally
Sunday 20 March, Lent III 10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland – Holy Communion
Sunday 27 March, Lent IV, MOTHERING SUNDAY
(British Summer Time begins) 10.30am Stephen Caley

Children stay in church for the service which includes their own activities. Refreshments are served afterwards.

CHAPEL TEA ROOM continues to attract friends and visitors who enjoy homemade soup or a cooked lunch with a tempting dessert – or just coffee and cake. All of this is on offer each MONDAY & WEDNESDAY from 11am–2pm. There is no need to book – you will be welcome to visit us.

Good to have visiting friends, old and new, join with us for the Sunday Service. Our children share in the prayers and readings and with flags, instruments and movement to songs and music too.

A lunch time children's 'birthday party' for recent birthday celebrations was held after the morning service on 13 February when most of the congregation shared a buffet lunch and an enormous birthday cake. Great fun was had by young and old, especially the Musical Parcels games. Many thanks to both Pams for arranging this.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Events coming up:

Live music on Saturday 26 March: Handle with Care

Bike meet night will be on Thursday 14 April

Mark Smy, Secretary, 450358

NEW TOILET FACILITIES AT THE RECREATION GROUND

With permission from the Sports and Recreation Club, the Recreation Ground Charity has changed a part of one changing room into a toilet to be used by anybody using the Recreation ground. The toilet will be locked every night and reopened in the morning.

Many thanks go to County Councillor Andrew Reed, District Councillor Ray Herring, Orford Sports and Social Club, NOTT, Orford Tennis Club and Orford Festive Makers Market. The toilet will be open by the end of February.

Anne Macro

ORFORD & DISTRICT SURGERY CHARITABLE TRUST AGM

Thursday 3 March, 7pm at Orford Sports & Recreation Club

The Orford and District Surgery Charitable Trust owns Chapman House and works with the Doctors to fund services and equipment for the benefit of users of the Surgery. Funding is also available to help maintain the independence of the frail, elderly and disabled of Butley, Chillesford, Iken, Orford & Gedgrave and Sudbourne. If you would like to know more, to hear about our plans or have suggestions for improvements to the surgery please come along. All are welcome.

Corinne Lusher, Secretary, ODSCT Management Committee, 01394 450849

ORFORD MUSEUM

Orford Museum is delighted to report that we are now able to re-start the Friends of Orford Museum which we – with much regret – had to close two years ago as we had no editor for the Orford & District Historical Bulletin or any help with the administration of the Friends organisation.

The Bulletin was started by the late Jane Allen in 2003 and has always been immensely popular. It is sent to all Friends once or twice a year and is one of the main benefits of membership together with free entry to Orford Castle. In response to an article in Village Voice and the Link last year, Jack Cooke, who was born in Iken and now lives in Sudbourne, has offered to take on the job of editing this marvellous publication and we are most grateful to him. He is an established author himself, a great enthusiast for the history of this area and has been, for a long time, an admirer of the Bulletin. He has already started work researching and collecting material and we hope to bring out Issue 34 this summer. He plans to make this a 'bumper' issue to celebrate the re-launch of the Friends. If anyone has ideas that they feel might be of interest to Jack, you can contact him at jackcooke@outlook.com.

John Grayburn, who has offered to handle the administration of the Friends, lives in Orford and has had long experience of working with such organisations. He will be contacting all past Friends and we very much hope that they will want to renew their membership. We would also like to reach out to others in the local area – particularly new residents – who might be interested joining us and learning more about the history of the area in which they have come to live, the museum in Orford Castle and our large collection of artefacts, maps, photographs and documents stored elsewhere in the village. If you would like to renew your membership or join as a new member, please email either John at johng@graylink.co.uk or me at a.spinney43@btinternet.com or the museum itself at orfordmuseum@btconnect.com.

We are all very much looking forward to a bright new future for The Friends of Orford Museum and the Orford & District Historical Bulletin.

Elizabeth Spinney, Orford Museum

NORMAN DAVIS

Lorna, Samuel and Caroline would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone in Orford and the surrounding villages for all the messages of condolence following Norman's unexpected and sudden death at the end of December. Such messages have been a great comfort to us during this sad time. Originally from Berkshire, Norman's connection with Orford started in 1967 and he retired here permanently in 2004. Norman loved living in Orford and in Suffolk in general. We will miss Norman greatly but the support that we have had from our warm and caring community has made us feel very fortunate to live here. Thank you very much from **Lorna, Samuel and Caroline**

SOCIAL NETWORKING EVENT TO RELAUNCH THE ORFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of several members of the Orford Business Association in The King's Head on Wednesday 16 February it was agreed that there should be an initiative to relaunch the association to better serve the local business and domestic communities and to position the businesses in Orford and the surrounding area to benefit from the anticipated improvement in the economy following the Covid 19 pandemic.

Draft objectives were agreed as follows:

1. Promote business co-operation to obtain shared advantages e.g. group buying discounts
2. Set up social networking events for its members
3. Support wider community activities such as local charities and communities

To launch this initiative there will be a social event in The King's Head on Monday 21 March from 7pm. Local businesses in any of the parishes of Butley, Chillesford, Iken, Tunstall and Orford are invited to meet other local businesses and exchange ideas for improving communication and interaction between local business as well as between local businesses and the local and visitor communities.

This is a chance for local businesses to help to shape the commercial future of the local area. Refreshments will be provided by The King's Head free of charge. If you are a local business, small or large, please join us

on Monday 21 March and help to build a business association that can benefit you.

Roger Hipwell, Treasurer, Orford Business Association

ORFORD RUNNERS

Come and join us! A group of relatively friendly people who catch up on a weekly basis with the week's TV and various allotment related incidents whilst attempting to run.

Now running every Tuesday, starting outside the Orford Town Hall at 6.30pm unless too wet, too cold or too hot. We'd love to see you there... Any queries – please contact Hannah 07375 023361

Hannah Purkis

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our Next Event: Vertical Planting – wall shrubs, climbers and green walls with Neill Ludmon

Thursday 3 March, Orford Town Hall, Main Room

Neill has been coming to talk to us and run workshops over many years and always draws a big audience! He is a celebrated garden designer and plantsman living close by and he taught for many years at Capel Manor Horticultural College before settling in Suffolk. Neill will talk to us about how to choose and care for a wide range of climbers and wall shrubs giving particular attention to the developing change in our climate globally and locally. He will also tell us about green walls which have become a popular and effective way to combat climate change. As always Neill will take questions from us so come armed with those challenging questions you'd like to have answered!

Amy Fellows on Marianne North – Victorian Plantswoman and Artist of Kew fame

We had a great, sociable evening with Amy, with her providing an excellent exhibition about Marianne and giving a short enthusiastic talk about her background, life, and travelling the world. Marianne then financed and built The Marianne North Gallery in Kew Gardens holding 800 of her paintings. Amy told us about her Arts Council Funded Project which is hosted on marianneorth.co.uk and her art on amyfellows.co.uk. Members were very pleased to be able to come out again and socialise and we recruited two new members!

Welcome...

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 pa, £4 guest

A taster of future events:

- 7 April, Anna Greenland 'Eating your way to good health'. How to choose the best varieties and grow vegetables organically
- 5 May, Peter Maddison, National Butterfly Conservation Society. 'What to look for and plant in our plots and how butterflies play an important role in our gardens and in the wild'

- 9 June, afternoon – our annual Garden Party in a delightful Orford garden

We hope to see you soon!

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

NEWS FROM THE KING'S HEAD

As the pandemic starts to clear things are starting to return to normal and we are planning ahead with some of our events we have had in the past and some new ones.

Friday 18 March – Curry Night

We have a menu of five curries and lots of accompaniments to tantalise your taste buds all for just £18.00 per head. It's a taster style menu so you get to try them all. To book your place drop us an email, give us a call or call in.

Friday 25 March – The Return of Open Mic Night

We are delighted to welcome back our popular open mic night which will be on the last Friday of each month starting at 9pm. The hosts for the events will be Steve Boyce and Billy Hunt. It's down to you what the content will be and in the past it has been a very eclectic and entertaining selection. If you would like to perform just turn up and let Steve or Billy know, they will make sure you get on.

Sunday 27 March – Mother's Day – Live Music from Peter Hepworth

Why not book a table for lunch and treat the Mother in the family, then at 3pm sit back, relax and listen to the very talented Peter Hepworth. If you want to listen to some of Peter's music just visit his website peterhepworth.co.uk. Even if you don't want lunch feel free to drop in and listen.

Saturday 16 April – Live Music from Serena Grant

What better way to spend an Easter Saturday than listening to Serena performing music from lots of decades all guaranteed to get you in a good mood and get the feet tapping. Starting at 9pm Serena will entertain you with her beautiful vocals.

Take Aways

Just a quick reminder we are still doing our take aways on a Friday and Saturday night. If you are not on the email list and would like to be just drop us an email and we will add you to the circulation. You will only get the take away menu – no other marketing gumph.

Housekeeping Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a housekeeper to work morning for a couple of hours to help clean and prepare the pub and assist in getting the letting rooms ready. If you are interested in joining our team drop us an email or give us a call and ask to speak to Suzanne.

We hope that these events are of interest to you and follow our Facebook or Instagram page for more updates of these events and all the others to follow. We look forward to welcoming you all to The King's Head.

Ian, Suzanne, Benji and all of the Team,
thekingsheadorford@gmail.com 01394 450271

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 Wednesday 9 March from 13.00.

When the surgery is closed please call NHS 111

Peninsula Practice Patient Experience Survey

Healthwatch Suffolk (HWS) is working with Peninsula Practice and the Patient Participation Group to evaluate the support and services provided by the practice. Now, as a patient at the practice, we would like to hear about your views and experiences again to see what's working well and what could be improved. This information will help Peninsula Practice develop future plans to provide the best healthcare possible for you.

How to take part [Online]

The survey will be open until 18 March 2022. You can complete the survey by going to:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PeninsulaPractice2022/>

The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete.

Paper copy surveys should be returned via freepost to: Freepost HEALTHWATCHSUFFOLK

This survey is also available in Easy Read. Please call the practice on 01394 411641 to request an Easy Read version.

www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk or 01394 411641

NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST
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March 2022

New Orford Town Trust has a 1-bedroom cottage to let in Bakers Lane, Orford. Downstairs there is a living room, kitchen, rear lobby and bathroom, and there is a bedroom plus landing bedroom upstairs. There is a front garden and small rear yard with shed.

When considering applicants NOTT will look at their housing need, long-standing family connections within the Parishes of Orford and Gedgrave, and suitability of housing available.

Further information, including NOTT's Housing Allocation Policy and an application form, is available from the Trust Clerk (contact details as above) or can be downloaded from our website www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net (look under New Orford Town Trust, then Housing).

Completed applications should be returned to the office (details above) by midday on **Tuesday 15 March 2022**.

All personal information will be treated in strict confidence and in accordance with the Trust's Privacy Policy.

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



01394 450235

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

Sudbourne Park



Sudbourne Hall Old Gardens

Open Days 2022

April 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th

April 30th, May 1st & 2nd

June 3rd, 4th & 5th

Parking on grass (as signposted)

Please keep to path & take litter home!

Dogs must be on a lead & keep their owners under control