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#### **COPY DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 2021 ISSUE OF VILLAGE VOICE IS MIDDAY ON THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER**

#### **ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL, VACANCY**

There is currently one vacancy for a Councillor to represent Orford on the Parish Council. This vacancy is a **voluntary role** and will be filled by co-option at the monthly Parish Council meeting, to be held on Wednesday 10 November 2021.

Anyone wishing to be considered for this vacancy should write a letter to the Clerk to arrive before noon on Monday 8 November 2021. 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

#### **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 November and should be submitted to the Clerk by midday on Thursday 11 November. Please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form.

**Kara Reed**, Clerk to New Orford Town Trust, tel 459172, [orfordtrust@btconnect.com](mailto:orfordtrust@btconnect.com)

#### **NOVEMBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**

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

- First, second and third Sundays, 9am Holy Communion Service (Second Sunday BCP)
- Wednesdays 4 pm, Evening Prayer BCP (Please note the seasonal change of time)

On fourth Sundays we join Sudbourne Church for Holy Communion at 9am.

Special services this month

Sunday 14 November: outdoor Remembrance service in the churchyard. Please gather at 10.30am for a prompt 10.50am start. In the event of bad weather, the service will be in the church.

A Church Near You Website [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) provides details of all church services and events in the local area.

#### **November 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: chair pilates - Recreation Ground Pavilion, 11am-12noon
- Each Wednesday: badminton - Orford Town Hall, 7-9pm
- Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm
- Sunday 7 November: bulb planting at St Bartholomew's Church, 11am-1pm
- Tuesday 9 November: Orford and Sudbourne WI open meeting - Sudbourne Village Hall, 2pm
- Saturday 13 November: Gardening Club talk with Fergus Garrett - Orford Town Hall, 3pm
- Saturday 27 November: St Bartholomew's Church Bazaar - in the church, 2-4.30pm

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 distancing. For further information contact the Team Rector Rev Giles Tulk 01394 450610 [revgileswtr@gmail.com](mailto: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**

#### **NOVEMBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

**SUNDAY SERVICES/MINISTERS**

Sunday 7 November 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 14 November Remembrance, 10.30 Remembrance Service and two-minute Silence Rev. Stephen Yelland – Holy Communion

Sunday 21 November 10.30am Service lead locally

Sunday 28 November Advent Sunday, 10.30am Stephen Caley –  
TEA ROOM OPEN 10am-1pm

Children stay in church for the service with activities and assisting with the worship. Coffee, tea and biscuits are served in the Wesley Room afterwards.

TEA ROOM OPEN every Monday and Wednesday from 11am-2pm (Winter hours). There's always a great lunch menu available plus locally made cakes etc. Local crafts and cards also for sale – plenty to buy for Christmas! Booking not required – come along and enjoy.

Harvest Festival was a great occasion with the church decorated with sheaves of wheat, flowers and an array of produce. We concluded with an excellent cooked lunch which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Later, four large containers of donated goods were delivered to the local food bank organised by the Salvation Army.

It has been great to see the return of several friends this year, staying in Orford over the summer and early autumn, who have joined us at our services and who have enjoyed the Tea Room. Some have already made their 2022 booking to revisit.

**Stephen Caley**

## OTHER EVENTS IN ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

*Help St Bartholomew's plant a memorial carpet of bulbs*

We invite the community and their friends to join us in St Bartholomew's churchyard on Sunday 7 November between 11am and 1pm where we will be planting a carpet of 2000 purple crocus bulbs which will flower in February and spread to make a lasting memorial in the churchyard in the years to come.

If you would like to plant crocus, either in memory of a loved one or simply to make our churchyard look pretty, come to Orford church between 11am and 1pm to collect your bulbs. Our stewards will be on hand to help you plant them. Warm up afterwards with hot drinks and homemade cakes and biscuits which will be on sale in the church. We ask for donations towards the cost of the bulbs and any money raised on the day will be given to support Orford church.

Please note that, as we are naturalising the bulbs, they can only be planted randomly in a few specific areas rather than around individual memorials. In the event of heavy rain, we may need to postpone the planting. Please look on the church gate for information.

If you are unable to be with us on 7 November and would like us to plant bulbs for you please contact me: Caroline Gill email [caroline@tropic.org.uk](mailto:caroline@tropic.org.uk) Tel 07799 655825

*Paper Plane Flying Competition for pupils of Orford CEVA school, Wednesday 17 November at 3pm*

Children from the school are invited to build their own paper plane and see how far it will fly inside the church! There will be prizes for paper planes that fly the longest distance. Mums, dads, caregivers, grandparents and aunts and uncles are all welcome come and join the fun.

*St Bartholomew's Christmas Bazaar 2021*

The Bazaar is back! 2pm to 4.30pm on Saturday 27 November, with all the ingredients for an afternoon of festive fun and shopping. TMEF have their Christmas shop selling their delicious homemade goodies and decorations, try your luck at the bottle tombola and the raffle and enjoy a glass of mulled wine or a cup of tea and a cake.

This year we have a very special treat for children of all ages. We are thrilled that best-selling author and local artist Marjoke Hendrichs has agreed to give readings of her debut children's book 'No! Said Rabbit'. This beautifully illustrated picture book is for children 3+ and the story is described as 'an everyday battle of wills between a mother and child where everyone ends up a winner'. One review calls it 'a celebration of play, family and love'. Perfect for children of all ages. Marjoke will be reading at 2.30pm and 3.15pm in the children's corner in church and, for those looking for Christmas presents, she will be selling copies of her book.

Also new for 2021, taking the place of Bric a Brac, we have Kitchen Stuff, selling good quality second hand equipment for the heart of the home.

Finally, we are very pleased that Orford School is joining us. They are raising funds for the school and are warmly welcomed.

We are grateful for all donations. Bottles for the tombola (to Suki Pearce 450011 or Diana Grayburn 450771), cakes to Libby Archer (07713 413494).

## ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Many thanks for your on-going support of the club, much appreciated as always.

As well as regular club nights on Friday and Monday evenings from 7.30pm, coming up in the not too distant future:

- Friday 29 October: Bingo night from 8.00pm
- Saturday 27 November: 70s 80s and 90s Disco in aid of charity (more details below)
- Saturday 11 December: live music from the Aldertones, 8 till late

And whilst you are visiting the club, look out for the Christmas Draw, tickets will appear on sale in the next few weeks.

**Mark Smy, Secretary, 450358**

## 70s, 80s and 90s CHARITY DISCO

At Orford Sports & Recreation Club on Saturday 27 November, 7.30pm–12 midnight. All welcome and fancy dress optional. Admission £3 on the door. All proceeds going to Suffolk Mind. Dust off those dancing shoes and come along to party the night away for a very worthy charity.

**Tracy Worne**

## FRIENDS GARAGE UPDATE

The new proposed plans for the Friends Garage site, which can be viewed online at <https://artisan-pps.co.uk/orford/>, are **not** the result of negotiations with the Community Interest Group and have come out of the blue, apparently precipitated by the separate sale and development of the Seaforth House site adjacent to the commercial Friends Garage site. The Seaforth house plot had been a fundamental part of the project up to now and was the site earmarked for the shop and post office. The removal of the Seaforth house site from the project means the plan and negotiations have to be started again.

The Friends Garage site retains its Community Asset status as a commercial site, and we anticipate continued full support from East Suffolk Coastal in ensuring that the commercial element of the site is protected. Any housing on the site is contingent on an acceptable commercial element – in this case a larger, workable village shop, post office and vehicle recharging facility.

The preliminary concerns regarding the proposals are as follows:

- The space proposed for the shop, post office and customer parking element is insufficient and unviable.
- There is no access for delivery of goods to the shop.
- While the existing garage site is unsightly, the proposed designs for the residences and shop are poor and uninspiring. Their facings and window design are more appropriate in a low-cost urban setting, rather than a village noted for the charm of its built environment.

Orford's CIC group (Community Interest Company) will continue discussions with the developer and site owner and expect the ongoing support of East Suffolk Council and the Parish Council.

**On behalf of Harry Cole for the Community Interest Company (CIC) developing the Friend's Garage Site for the villages of Orford and Gedgrave**

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to the school for donating the goods brought to the Harvest Festival service in the church to the Community Larder. This is much appreciated.

**Corinne Lusher, Orford, Gedgrave and Sudbourne Hall Good Neighbour Scheme**

## ORFORD RECREATION GROUND CHARITY

In consultation with Orford Sports & Recreation Club, the Charity would like to convert part of one of the changing rooms at the Pavilion into a public toilet so that anyone using the Recreation Ground can access this from the outside. The conversion would be block built to ensure that the Club is secure at all times. It was very noticeable this year how much more the Recreation Ground was being used, and parents had to pop with youngsters into the

trees when needed as the nearest toilets are at Bakers Lane. I have only one quote at the moment and that came in at just under £9000. If you would like to know more about this or would like to donate please contact me, Anne Macro on 01394 450741 or [annemacro@btinternet.com](mailto:annemacro@btinternet.com)

All donations would be gratefully received.

**Anne Macro**, *Chairman, Orford Recreation Ground Charity*

## 2021 POPPY APPEAL

In light of the continuing COVID 19 threat I have decided that this year's Poppy collection will be adjusted accordingly: there will be few if any door to door collections in Orford or the surrounding area. But I will ensure that the shop and other retail outlets have Poppy trays so you can make a donation and wear your Poppy. There will also be a Poppy tray in each of the 4 churches so that you can make a donation online or by text and take your Poppy to wear if you so choose. If you would wish to make a cash donation, and are not able to get to a Poppy tray, then please call me on 450093 and I will come to you. Finally, I am looking for a keen volunteer to take over from me as Poppy appeal co-ordinator. I have been in the role for 6 years now and feel the time has come to hand the task on.

**Mike Finney**

## ORFORD & SUDBOURNE WI, OPEN MEETING

Flower and Greenery Decorations for Christmas – A Demonstration by Lyn Eatwell, Sudbourne Village Hall. Tuesday 9 November at 2pm. Arranged by the WI. A raffle will be held for the completed arrangements.

**Pauline Caswell**, *Treasurer, Orford & Sudbourne W.I.*

## FITNESS

Come and join the chair Pilates class, discover muscles that you didn't know you had, and have a good laugh whilst you are doing it! We are a small friendly group. The class is held every Wednesday at 11am in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground, Orford, and the cost is £5 per session. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Ballentyne on 450386 or [maureen.ballentyne@live.co.uk](mailto:maureen.ballentyne@live.co.uk)

**Maureen Ballentyne**

## ORFORD MUSEUM

Now that Orford Castle has returned to its normal opening pattern, we are able once again to welcome visitors to the Museum on the first floor of the Castle. Currently, the Castle is open only at weekends but will re-open fully seven days a week in Spring 2022. We have at last, after protracted negotiations, been able to set a date for the Orford stocks to move to their new home in the Museum. On 8 November they will be taken from Dick Murphy's workshop in Sudbourne Park to the Castle where they will be displayed protected by a specially made Perspex cover as they are at least three hundred years old and very delicate. There will also be an information sheet explaining their use and the restoration work undertaken by Dick for which we are all very grateful. They actually belong to the NOTT and therefore to the village and we very much hope that they will be able to stay in their new home for many years to come.

Orford Museum now has a new Chairman. Sue Snowdon, who everyone knows as the proprietor of the wonderful Orford Stores, Chair of Orford CEVAP School governors and many other things besides has very kindly agreed to take over from me and I am most grateful to her and I do wish her well. I shall stay on as a Trustee for the time being to assist Sue with the hand-over. We also have a new Curator. Jenna Ingamells, who has been doing this job admirably for the last four years, now has a very much more demanding job with the Suffolk County Council Museums' Service and this, together with the demands of a young family, has made it impossible for her to carry on with us. However, we have been lucky enough to find the ideal replacement. Stephen Mael who is currently working part-time for Aldeburgh Museum has now joined us as Curator. Stephen, who was born in Iken and went to

school in Orford, Butley and Woodbridge will work for us initially for two days a week. He has extensive experience working in museums and is deeply interested in local history so we have been very lucky to find him. We hope soon to be able to organise exhibitions and open days as we used to. We also hope to set up other collaborative projects with Aldeburgh Museum as so much of Orford's history is entwined with that of Aldeburgh. I do urge people to visit the newly re-furnished Aldeburgh Museum in the Moot Hall. They have done many of the things we would like to do and it is most impressive.

We would love to resurrect the Friends of Orford Museum and re-start publication of our renowned Orford & District Local History Bulletin and to this end we are, as usual, looking for volunteers from the village who might be interested in joining our team to help with this. We have a possible editor for the Bulletin waiting in the wings – all we need is more help with administration. Another important benefit that the Friends enjoy is free entry to the Castle and it is such a shame that, at the moment, we cannot make use of this.

We would also like to strengthen our Trustee board and anyone with an interest in local history would be very welcome. We would particularly like to hear from new residents in the village and surrounding area who might like to learn more about Orford's history. If this is something that you feel you might be able to do, please get in touch either with me, Elizabeth Spinney or Sue Snowdon. Her email address is [suesnowdon1@hotmail.com](mailto:suesnowdon1@hotmail.com). Also, if you would like any of our publications, please let me know – I can supply them.

**Elizabeth Spinney**, *a.spinney43@btinternet.com*

## ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

*Successional Planting: Fergus Garrett, head gardener at Great Dixter*

Saturday 13 November at 3pm in Orford Town Hall. Tickets are limited but some may still be available for £15 from: The Secretary at 4 Toller Close, Orford IP12 2LR

This is the Centenary Year of Christopher Lloyd's birth. He was a gardener, 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 his quote shortly before he died: "If Dixter remains loved and retains its own identity, everything else will fall into place" November 2005.

We will also be having a raffle in aid of Perennial who support many gardeners in difficult times in so many ways...

**Matt Tanton-Brown** – *Winter Container Planting*

We were pleased to welcome so many of our members back to the Town Hall in October after a whole year. Matt provided us with a very informative and entertaining talk about planting containers. He re-introduced us to many species bulbs and spoke about the types of bulbs which are most suitable for containers, tulips in particular. We learned that we should use wool-based compost and that we would need to feed the containers more regularly than garden plants.

Matt regularly speaks on Suffolk Radio if you would like to hear him...

*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

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2.00 to 4.30**

WITH ORFORD SCHOOL

MULLED WINE  
MINCE PIES

BOTTLE RAFFLE

JAMS

CAKES

at ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS STALLS

BOOKS

Please donate

Bottles to Suki Pearce 01394 450011 Cakes to Libby Archer 07713413494

In aid of Alzheimer's Research UK

**SUDBOURNE CHARITY Arts & Craft Fair**

**Saturday November 20 10am to 4pm**

Sudbourne Village Hall Snape Rd IP12 2AT

**Tombola & Raffle prizes**

**Homemade soups & bread 12 - 2pm**

**Coffee/cake served all day**

Come along and find those perfect handmade Christmas gifts!

If you would like to book a table or for further information please message Jacqui Joels via the Sudbourne Village Facebook page / email [esse.jay292@gmail.com](mailto:esse.jay292@gmail.com) or telephone 01394 459949

ORFORD, GEDGRAVE & SUDBOURNE HALL  
**GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**

**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 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

## 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	

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