



The newsletter for the community of Orford and Gedgrave

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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 14 September 2022.

Anyone wishing to be considered for this vacancy should write a letter to the Clerk to arrive before noon on Tuesday 13 September 2022. 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

SEPTEMBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

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

- First, second Sunday: Holy Communion 9.30am (Second Sunday, Book of Common Prayer)
- Third Sunday (18 September) Holy communion (said) at 9am. Harvest Festival Evensong at 6.30pm.
- Fourth Sundays: we join Sudbourne and Iken congregations for Holy Communion at 9.30am at Sudbourne Church.

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

Events in Church in September:

- *Saturday 3 September, 10.30am-12.00pm, visiting bell ringers from Hadleigh*
- *Saturday 10 September, Ride and Stride Event*
Sponsorship forms and information are available in the church. Please note that there is a wedding on this day, so riders and striders please follow signs to the outdoor check in station behind the back of the church.
- *Harvest Festival Choral Evensong, Sunday 18 September at 6.30pm*

September dates for your diary

- Each Monday: badminton - *restarts on 12 September*
- 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, serving lunch, 11am-2pm
- Each Wednesday: badminton - *restarts on 14 September*
- Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm
- Thursday 8 September: Gardening Club - Orford Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Saturday 10 September: Ride and Stride event
- Wednesday 14 September: Orford Museum re-launch event - Butley Priory, 6pm (please see Orford Museum entry for further details)
- Thursday 15 September: Youth Club - Bart's Hall, 6.30-8.30pm

All are welcome to join us after the service for fellowship and a hot supper in church.

- *Recording in Church 21-23 September*

Please note there will be limited access to the church on these dates.

Looking ahead...

- *Saturday 15 October, 7.30pm, Aldeburgh Voices and the Ensemble Hesperii Concert*
Part of the Early Music Day. Tickets from Britten Pears Arts. Access to the church may be limited for part of this day while the church is set up.
- *Saturday 3 December, Christmas Bazaar, 2-4.30pm*
- *Sunday 4 December, Brass Band Concert*

Revd Giles Tulk

SEPTEMBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Saul Tadzaushe

Sunday 4 September 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 11 September 10.30am Service arranged locally

Sunday 18 September Harvest Thanksgiving

10.30am Stephen Caley – Harvest lunch follows

Sunday 25 September Rev Saul Tadzaush – Holy Communion

The circuit Welcome Service for Rev Saul Tadzaushe and his wife Tariro, together with the Felixstowe Methodist Church's new Minister,

will take place at Trinity Methodist Church, Felixstowe at 7pm on Thursday 1 September.

Chapel Tea Room open as usual every Monday and Wednesday 11am– 4pm with a lunch menu, coffee, tea and cake. Art and crafts, cards and much more also available. Call in and enjoy!

The successful 33rd Annual Quay Service held on 7 August was well attended, with Reader Roy Wilson and Lay Minister Stephen Caley leading with Paul Kunert reading, and the Revd. Canon Julian Pursehouse, Chair of the East Anglian District of the Methodist Church as the preacher (paying his first visit to Orford). Many thanks to the New Orford Town Trust, the Suffolk Phoenix Band and all friends who assisted in any way toward this service. The collection for the Jubilee Sailing Trust amounted to £526.25.

Next year's Service will be held on Sunday 6 August at 6pm, supporting the RNLI (Aldeburgh Boat).

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Once again, a big thank you for the excellent turnout on the August Bike Night, yet again the weather was very much on our side. Let's hope for another good night on the next Bike Meet night on Thursday 8 September from 6pm (bike not essential). Bar and BBQ available, last one of the season.

Don't forget the members coach trip to Cambridge on Saturday, 10 September, leaving the school at 9.30am, departing Cambridge at 8pm. One member one seat, no cost to members, please contact Sam Davis on 07887 540678.

- Saturday 17 September, live music from 'Roach' from 8pm.
- Friday 23 September, Bingo night from 8pm.

Mark Smy, Secretary, 450358

ORFORD BADMINTON CLUB

Just to let everyone know that we will be back playing badminton in the Town Hall on Mondays (10am–12noon) from 12 September, and Wednesday evenings (7–9pm) from 14 September. We look forward to seeing old friends and new. You don't have to be experienced players just come along and enjoy a few games. For further information please ring

Jill Robinson on 01394 450976

NEW YOUTH CLUB IN BART'S HALL

Just42 are really pleased to announce that we will be starting a new Youth Club in Bart's Hall, Broad Street, Orford in September. We will be running the club in partnership with St Bartholomew's Church, who were really keen to offer something for local young people, so they approached Just42 to help them run a new club.

The club will be for young people in year 6 and upwards. It will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting on 15 September from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Then on 20 October, 17 November and 15 December.

There will be no charge to attend the club, but there will be a tuck shop available, so you might like to bring some money to spend.

The club will offer various activities like sports, games, crafts, cooking and food. Occasionally the youth clubs go on local trips too. Please come along, meet your friends and make new ones! The club will be run by Just42, a Woodbridge-based youth and children's work charity. Just42 currently run 4 other youth clubs in the villages around Woodbridge. The club will be run by May Raison who has lived in Orford her whole life. May will run the club on behalf of Just42 and will be supported by local volunteers. If you would like to support the club in any way, please do get in touch with May at Just42 may@just42.org.uk or Rev Giles Tulk on revgileswtr@gmail.com

To find out more about volunteering or attending the club please get in touch or simply come along in September to say hello.

Caroline Rutherford, Charity Manager Just42 Ltd

ORFORD, GEDGRAVE & SUDBOURNE HALL GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME: NEW SERVICE – TRIPS TO WOODBRIDGE

Starting in September we will be offering a weekly trip to Woodbridge for those who are unable to transport themselves. Trips will normally take place on a midweek morning and will allow for up to 1 hour 30 minutes for visiting shops, banks and other Woodbridge attractions. We ask for a donation of £2 per person to cover expenses including parking charges. A maximum of three people can be transported at a time.

Places can be booked by ringing the GNS Helpline (01394 450235) by the Friday before the trip.

Corinne Lusher

SUDBOURNE HALL CRICKET CLUB

Sudbourne Hall Cricket Club are pleased to announce that after several years absence, the annual club dinner is back. Save the date: Friday 28 October, Orford Town Hall. More details to follow.

Sadly, with 3 games remaining, relegation looks a likely outcome for season 2022, barring a miraculous change in fortune. However, recent weeks with good availability have shown that we can be competitive when we can field a decent cricketing side.

After a barren July, we achieved our third league victory of the season in early August. In a heat-reduced 30-over game we posted 167 for 6 and the visitors, Sudbury, could only muster 124 for 9. Skipper Ed Robson led the way with 81. After a miserly opening spell of 3-13 from Ian Lockyer, Sudbury were never really in the hunt.

It was lovely to see our own 'Sudbourne Barmy Army' enjoying the sunshine and supporting the team.

The week before, we ran Earl Stonham close and a season's first, a magnificent century from Patrick Ritchie, Sudbourne posted 217. The hosts reached the target with 3 wickets to spare. Throughout August, we've been boosted by a crop of youngsters supporting the Saturday side. Aside from Patrick, we've seen Robert Mark, Arthur and Wilf Milligan, Ollie Nisbet and Dan Peck. School prevents many playing until mid-July, but the average age of the team has been appreciably lower in recent weeks and we've been more competitive in the league.

Off field, the club are keen to build solid foundations ahead of 2023. We are keen to strengthen our links with the villages to build a club that is a valued asset within the community.

September fixtures:

- Saturday 3 September, Melton (away), 12.30pm
- Saturday 10 September, Chappell and Wakes Colne (home), 12.30pm
- Sunday 25 September, Alan Burt memorial game (home), 1pm

Andy Halliday

LIFT REQUEST

Is there anyone from Orford who goes to or passes through Tunstall between 7.15am and 7.45am, or around 5.30pm (going back to Orford) that would be willing to give me a lift to work and back to Orford? I am very happy to contribute towards the cost of fuel. Many thanks.

Laura Gillespie, 01394 450741

ORFORD MUSEUM

Sadly, we have to report that our President and longstanding Trustee, Michael Flint, has decided to retire from both positions. Michael, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and Life Vice-President of the British Archaeological Association, took over the chairmanship of what was then the Orford Museum Charitable Trust (now The Orford Museum CIO) in 1997 following the death of Charlie Underwood, former lighthouse keeper and keen collector of everything to do with Orford's history. At that time the Museum was homeless but, after seven years of protracted and difficult negotiations with English Heritage, it finally found a home in 2005 on the first

floor of Orford Castle where it remains to this day. This was achieved thanks to Michael's energy and enthusiasm and we are all most grateful to him.

As I reported in July, we have now re-started the Friends of Orford Museum organisation after a two-year break and are working on publication of the next edition of our very popular local history bulletin. The new editor, Jack Cooke, has brought a fresh eye to this and we hope that you will find his ideas interesting and stimulating. We are also working on a new website and hope to have this up and running in the autumn. In partnership with the Friends of St. Bartholomew's Church, we are planning to re-install the interactive screen in the Church so that those unable to access the Museum in the Castle, can get an idea of what is there. There will also be information about the history of the Church.

We are holding a re-launch event at Butley Priory (by kind permission of Sir Edward and Lady Greenwell) on Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 6pm. There will be a tour of the Priory and gardens, talks by Valerie Fenwick, noted local historian and author, and by Jack Cooke, also an established author and now editor of our bulletin. There will be refreshments in the form of wine, soft drinks and canapes and we hope that this evening will appeal to Friends and guests alike. There will be a charge of £10 per head for Friends and £15 for non-Friends. If you would like to come to this, please contact Elizabeth Spinney at a.spinney43@btinternet or on 01394 450622. Should you wish to become a Friend, please contact the Administrator, John Grayburn, at john@graylink.co.uk. Friends of Orford Museum have free access to Orford Castle and the Museum, a free copy of one or two historical bulletins a year, newsletters and invitations to historical walks and talks.

Finally, if you want to research any aspect of Orford's history or just learn more about the Museum itself, our Curator, Stephen Mael, is in our office in Potkins Lane on Thursdays and Fridays and is always happy to help. Please contact him either at 01394 459477 or at orfordmuseum@btconnect.com.

Elizabeth Spinney, *Chairman, Orford Museum*

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our Next Event: Lucy Skellorn – My Family and Other Irises

Thursday 8 September, 7.30pm, Orford Town Hall
Not to be missed!

Little did we know when we were seeking Iris speakers and found Lucy, that she'd be at Chelsea with Plant Heritage and interviewed for *Gardener's World*! She also featured in the May edition of *Country Living* – it's great to have an already well-known plantswoman based in Suffolk. Lucy's great great grandfather Sir Michael Foster was recognised as an authority on iris cultivation and breeding in the 1870s until he died in 1907. He had a library of over 200. It is this family heritage that she is working from. Whilst studying Lucy worked at Langham Hall and the Museum of East Anglia's walled gardens as a heritage garden apprentice. She has also worked at Ickworth House and Helmingham Hall. Lucy is also Research Assistant at Benton End the place where Cedric Morris (also breeder of the famous Benton Irises) and his partner artist Lett-Haines set up the East Anglian School of Painting and Drawing, Maggi Hambling and Lucian Freud being two artists who trained there. Benton End has been acquired by the famous Garden Museum of Lambeth in London and we are very excited to have secured a visit and tour of the house and garden there in Spring 2023!

Do come and join us for this event at £4 on the door or join the Gardening Club for the rest of 2022 for £7.50.

The Orford and Gedgrave Flower Show

By the time you read this, you have probably been to visit us on our stall here.

We were delighted to have Nancy Bevington, artist and originator of the snowdrop cards we sold in aid of Perennial, the charity for gardening folk, and Mark Linsley who is working hard to save our swifts locally also a keen meadow owner. The Helmingham Wildman, famous on Instagram, spoke to us about all the interesting insects to be found in our gardens...

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

SEPTEMBER UPDATE FROM 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	CLOSED
Wednesday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 13.00	8.00 to 18.30	CLOSED
Thursday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 13.00	8.00 to 18.30	CLOSED
Friday	8.00 to 18.30	8.00 to 13.00	8.00 to 18.30	CLOSED

STAFF TRAINING DATES

Aldeburgh and Orford surgeries will be closed for staff training on Thursday 8 September from 1pm. Alderton surgery will be open for booking future appointments only, and Alderton pharmacy will be open. All calls will continue to be redirected to 111 for this afternoon. This means that there will be no clinical staff available during this afternoon at any site.

When the surgery is closed please call NHS 111.

Flu season 2022

We are planning our flu vaccination clinics for the 2022/23 winter period. We currently have flu vaccine clinics organised for the following dates:

Tuesday 4 October 2022 – Orford Surgery

Wednesday 12 October 2022 – Aldeburgh Community Centre

Thursday 20 October 2022 – Hollesley Village Hall

Appointments for our flu clinics will be released on 12 September 2022; these will be available to book online, via text link direct from the surgery and by calling the surgery after 11am each day.

For our housebound patients, we will be vaccinating from 10 October. We will contact all our housebound patients to confirm a date prior to arrival.

Our aim is to deliver the flu vaccine with the Covid-19 Autumn Booster. There are still many variables to work out for this to be possible; please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details as they become available.

Email change

Our practice email address has changed. Please use this email to contact the surgery: sneeicb-ies.peninsula-practice@nhs.net

www.thepeninsulappractice.co.uk or **01394 411641**

<https://www.facebook.com/ThePeninsulaPracticeGPSurgery/>



01394 450235

- 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 and from hospital and GP appointments
- Provision of a personal care alarm and key safe, supported by the Orford & District CIO
- A Community Larder located in the entrance to the King's Head car park
- Starting in September: weekly trip to Woodbridge (see separate entry)
- Support for anyone who is impacted by a scam
- Other activities as requested and agreed