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ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEW COUNCILLOR

The Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council is pleased to announce the co-option of a new Councillor, Dr Peter Smith. We welcome him and look forward to working with him.

TWO DATES FOR YOU DIARY:

Wednesday 18th December 3.00pm is the Older Generation's Afternoon Tea at the Recreation Hut. Transport is available if needed, please contact Anne Macro on 01394 450741.

Also Saturday 21st December 2.30pm is the Children's Christmas Party at the Town Hall. Could you please ensure that Laura (Friends Garage) or Anne Macro (Tel 01394 450741) has any child's name that will be attending.

Anne Macro - CHAIRMAN ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

ORFORD BOATYARD

Due to ill health Laurence Hebson feels he can no longer operate the Orford Boatyard beyond the end of this winter lay up.

NOTT has therefore agreed that he can relinquish his lease next Spring as soon as he has launched boats stored for the winter and cleared the sites. He has indicated that he would like to continue to rent Chris Martin's old shed.

NOTT propose to take back the sites and operate them for storage of boats that can be launched and recovered by the owners themselves with boatyard services being provided by mobile operators. It is believed that the sheds behind the Quay office are beyond economic repair and NOTT propose to demolish them and offer sites for erection of storage sheds similar to those on the river frontage.

Provisional calculations indicate that the plot rents and storage charges would match and probably exceed the rents being currently received.

CAR PARK ATTENDANT

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Jonathan Cheney to the position of Car Park Attendant.

SPEEDING – ORFORD

Complaints of speeding in the village of Orford have been made. Police will ensure that enforcement sessions will take place in the village.

Michael Pearce - CHAIRMAN NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

December Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 1st December: **Friends of Oliver Fundraising** - Bart's Hall 10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday 7th December: **Church Christmas Bazaar** - St Bartholomew's 2.00pm

Tuesday 17th December: **Gardening Club AGM** - Sudbourne Village Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th December: **Christmas Tea Party** - Recreation Ground Hut 3.00pm

Saturday 21st December: **Children's Christmas Party** - Town Hall 2.30pm

Sunday 22nd December: **Candlelight Carol Service** - Methodist Church 4.30pm

Monday 23rd December: **Carol Singing** - Orford General Store 6.30pm

EMAIL RECEIVED VIA ORFORD WEBSITE

Hello we visited Orford whilst on holiday this week, we visited on Monday 28th October, we paid our £2.50 at the ticket machine as we were wanting to have lunch - however, we soon discovered that everywhere was shut due to no power following the storm. We didn't experience power failure where we were staying. I should just like to know how the ticket machine had power, when everywhere in the town of Orford was completely without power - we stayed 20 minutes and left wasting our money - I look forward to hearing from you. many thanks

For anyone else who may have wondered how the ticket machine was able to work when we were all struggling without power, the new machine is solar powered. Full marks to NOTT.

Roger Hipwell - EDITOR

FRIENDS OF OLIVER FUNDRAISING 1ST DECEMBER



On Sunday 1st December at Bart's Hall Broad Street Orford IP12 2NQ from 10.00am to 3.00pm, coffee, tea, cakes and tombola. All raising money for Friends of Oliver, a charity which

is finding a cure for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans.

Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) is so rare that few medical professionals have encountered it but it is one of the rarest and most disabling genetic conditions known to medicine, causing bone to form in muscles and other connective tissues such as tendons and ligaments.

Details can be found at <http://www.friendsofoliver.com/>

Julie Thacker

GARDENING CLUB

We hold our AGM on Tuesday 17th December at Sudbourne Village Hall at 7.30pm, with mince pies and a glass of wine. At the same meeting, members can offer their own Christmas table decorations in the final competition for the Eric Mason Shield, which will be awarded that evening.

Lorna Davis - 459449

THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

LOOKING FOR LOCAL RECRUITS



The Orford Fire Station is looking to recruit on-call fire-fighters who must live and/or work locally, in order to get to the station quickly. Not only would you be trained to handle emergencies, but also to help your local community understand the importance of fire safety. Officers are also needed at Woodbridge, Saxmundham and Framlingham.

The work is part-time and there is a retaining fee plus drills, turnouts and attendance allowance.

For more information see www.suffolkjobsdirect.org or call Russell Punchard, the On-Call Liaison Officer on 01473 260588.

Sonia Lambert

ORFORD BRANCH LINE

I looked for the East Suffolk line recently in Bradshaw's 1852 Railway Atlas.

The line was built from north-east Suffolk towards Ipswich. The first section was to Halesworth and opened in 1854. This is shown in the 1852 Atlas with a continuous black line, presumably because it was already under construction.

The remainder, Halesworth - Ipswich, is shown as a pecked line, still in the planning stage. It was actually opened in 1859.

Most surprisingly it also shows a proposed branch line from Melton to Orford, via Chillesford/Butley after which it appears to go through the Sudbourne Hall Estate. Indeed it may well be that that was where the idea to have it built came from. Major landowners were often the prime movers behind rural rail projects. Apart from its convenience, rail facilitated cash crops and raised property values.

None of the branch lines that were actually built are shown - to Felixstowe, Framlingham, Snape and Aldeburgh.

Charles Iliff

A CHRISTMAS WALK TO THE LIGHTHOUSE

On 30th December a walk for residents of Orford and Gedgrave is being arranged to visit and tour the inside of the Lighthouse.

Decommissioned at the end of June and acquired by Orfordness Lighthouse Company in September, numerous residents have been wonderfully supportive and expressed a wish to gain access. In recognition of the objective to allow all permanent residents to visit and tour the inside of the lighthouse for free, an accompanied walk to the Lighthouse will take place on Monday 30th December between 10.00am and 3.00pm. The rest of the Ness will be out of bounds.

The Lighthouse has been a feature of the Suffolk coastline and the Orford horizon since 1792. It is now very vulnerable and is likely to be taken by the sea in the next few years.

See how close it is to the encroaching sea. Admire the stone staircase spiralling up. Climb to the Sector Light (half way up), then the Bulb Room and finally up to the main Optic, some 90 feet high. From the top take in the stunning panoramic view over the Ness down to Shingle Street, up to Aldeburgh and back to Orford.

Mince pies and (hopefully) a drink will await you. Please bring your own picnic. The walk is roughly 40 minutes each way. There will be a small number of places for non-walkers. The visit is free and is primarily for permanent residents of Orford and Gedgrave.

Numbers are limited, but if this visit is not possible for everyone, there will be further opportunities in the future - while it is still there! Fingers crossed for the weather. If the

weather is too ghastly on the day, another date will be fixed.

To book places please contact Diana Paterson asap on 450771 or dianampaterson@btinternet.com

Nicholas Gold - Orfordness Lighthouse Company Ltd

THOMAS MARSHALL EDUCATION FUND

Many of you will know of the Thomas Marshall Education Fund that has been part of the Vila Maninga charity that operates in Mozambique. The fund has now been registered in the UK as a separate charity to advance the education and training of young people living in rural Mozambique through the provision of grants and services to enable them to make a sustainable living and provide active support within their communities.

Put a date in your 2014 diary for our St. Valentine's Fundraising Ball. More details in January's Village Voice and on the TMEF website www.tmef.org.uk. Tickets can be pre-ordered at tmef@hotmail.co.uk

Wendy Marshall

Christmas Bazaar

St Bartholomew's Church Orford

Saturday 7th December from 2.00pm



Refresh yourselves with delicious mulled wine, mince pies, tea and cakes and enjoy Nick Raison playing your seasonal favourites on the piano

Proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church and the Thomas Marshall Education Fund

Any items that you can offer to be sold, raffled or put on the bottle tombola would be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Church on the Friday afternoon (6th) and on the morning of the bazaar, or alternatively contact the people below for collection.

Books - Dizzy Spinney Brundish Lodge, High Street **450622**

Bottle Tombola - Suki Pearce Beacon Cottage, Broad Street **450011**

Toys - Shirley Smith The Old Police House, Ipswich Road **459128**

Cakes - Rosemary Unwin 53, Church Street **450362**

Raffle - Jane Allen Bell House, Quay Street **450789**

Bric-a-Brac - Lizzie Carr Haven House, Front Street **450866**

Christmas Stall - Wendy Marshall Chantry Cottage, Gedgrave Road **450090**

DECEMBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

1st December - Advent Sunday

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Advent Carol Service - Rev D Murdoch

8th December - Advent 2

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev S Affleck

11.00am Family Service - Mr G Marshall

15th December - Advent 3

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

22nd December - Advent 4

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service - Mr G Marshall

11.30pm Midnight Mass - Rev D Murdoch

25th December - Christmas Day

11.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

29th December - Christmas 1

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev S Affleck

11.00am Cluster Eucharist - Rev S Affleck

Christine and I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Please see the Christmas card with the December Link for services in all five parishes.

Rev David Murdoch

DECEMBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

1st December 10.30am Cafe Style Worship

8th December 10.30am Local Arrangement

15th December 10.30am Stephen Caley

22nd December 10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes

Holy Communion

4.30pm CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

followed by Christmas Tea

29th December 10.30am Stephen Caley

January 2014

5th January 10.30am Stephen Caley

12th January 10.30am Local Arrangement

19th January 10.30am Rev. Norman Davis

26th January 10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes

COVENANT SERVICE Holy Communion

Monday Tea Room will be open from 11.00am on 2nd, 9th, 16th December - **NOT OPEN** 23rd & 30th December.

Reopen on January 6th and each Monday thereafter.

Wednesday Lunch is served at 12.45pm

Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 18th December

NOTE: NO LUNCH on 25th December & 1st January - reopen Wednesday 8th January

ADVENT CANDLELIGHT SUPPER - FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER at 7.00pm £10.00 each. HOPING TO ATTEND?? - LET US KNOW ASAP

We have received many enquiries from 'Well Wishers' concerning the state of the Chapel building after the high winds of Monday 28th October. We were even mentioned in the national Church of England Times newspaper! Unfortunately the central pinnacle was blown off the roof together with stonework and several courses of brick, leaving a gaping hole to the front roof elevation and debris crashing onto the porch roof. Thankfully, and with adequate insurance, the Methodist Insurance Company are to meet all the costs of the re-instatement, however it appears that the project is likely to be ongoing well into the New Year. As we continue to be 'open as usual' for all our services and activities (with access via the side doors only) we are asking that care is taken at all times when on the premises and within the grounds

Various early flu symptoms have been active amongst some of our friends, Audrey Bantoft has had a few days in hospital and is now home, others continue to receive hospital treatment. For all of these we pray a blessing for a goodly measure of good health.

We were sorry to learn of the recent death of Jean Thompson who regularly attended the Wednesday Lunch sessions until she moved to Northumbria, 2 years ago, to be near her family. Margaret Cuddiford (Sudbourne) has also passed away - Margaret attended the Wednesday Lunch for many years as the oldest attendee until mobility prevented her from doing so. A lifelong member of the Anglican Church she also kept a keen interest in the work at our Methodist Church. At Margaret's request Stephen Caley was able to assist and preach the address at her Funeral & Thanksgiving. We give thanks for these two friends and pray for their family and friends in their bereavement.

Wednesday Lunch celebrated its 14th Birthday on October 16th - another excellent meal with birthday cake and prizes too! If you would like to join us either on a regular basis or 'now and again' you would be very welcome!

We extend our very best wishes to all Village Voice readers and beyond for a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Stephen Caley

A SAD FAREWELL FROM LIZ CODDINGTON

I am writing to the Village Voice to say a sad goodbye to the people of Orford, so many of whom I hadn't time to see or funk seeing before I left for my Retirement Home in Woodbridge.

Bob and I spent many happy years here, originally as "weekenders" staying in furnished cottages left empty by the Americans and found for us by our good friends, Minnie and Sid at The Jolly. We learnt to sail in one of George Brinkley's 10 footers and regularly took part in the races on Saturday afternoons, watched by his eagle eyes, as we graduated to bigger and slightly faster boats.

Twenty years later we were thrilled to be able to retire to Lavender Cottage; to live in the place and amongst people we loved, to fish, sail and paint.

Liz Coddington

ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Thank you to Tina Moss for all her hard work and effort in her time as secretary of the club.

Dates for your diary,

December 14th singer Mike Solo

December 21st Bingo and Xmas draw with lots of great prizes including first prize of a fresh free range turkey. Tickets available from the club or from Friend's garage, if you would like to donate a prize please take it to me (Mark) at the garage. Also the club will be open on New Year's Eve for anyone to come along and see in the New Year. Myself and Nigel Read would like to say a huge thank you to all those who helped and supported us in our 55 hour snooker marathon. We raised £2,155 of which we sent £600 to the Macmillan cancer care and the rest to the rebuild fund. Members with membership subs due for next year will receive reminder letters in each relevant month. If you wish to hire the hall please contact Janice on 01394 450809. Cost of hall hire including bar if required £30.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the club in the last year and we look forward to your continued support in 2014. HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Mark Lambert - CHAIRMAN

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

POST OFFICE



Tuesday 24th December: Close at 12 noon
 Wednesday 25th December: Closed
 Thursday 26th December: Closed
 Friday 27th December: Open as normal
 Saturday 28th December: Open as normal

Tuesday 31st December: Close at 4.00pm

Wednesday 1st January: Closed

LAST POSTING DATES 2013:

INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL

Wednesday 4th December: Asia, Far East (incl. Japan), New Zealand

Thursday 5th December: Australia

Friday 6th December: Africa, Caribbean, Central and South America, Middle East

Monday 9th December: Cyprus, Eastern Europe

Friday 13th December: USA

Saturday 14th December: Western Europe

INLAND SERVICES

Wednesday 18th December: 2nd Class and Royal Mail Signed for

Friday 20th December: 1st Class and Royal Mail Signed For

Monday 23rd December: Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed

PAYMENTS INCLUDING BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

Due on 24th December will be paid on 23rd December

Due on 1st January will be paid on 31st December

GENERAL STORE:



Monday 23rd December: 7.30am - 7.00pm

Tuesday 24th December: 7.30am - 4.00pm

Wednesday 25th December: Closed

Thursday 26th December: Closed

Friday 27th December: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Saturday 28th December: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Sunday 29th December: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Monday 30th December: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Tuesday 31st December: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 1st January: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Thursday 2nd January: 8.30am - 4.30pm

BUTCHER:



Monday 23rd December: 7.30am - 4.30pm

Tuesday 24th December: 7.30am - 4.00pm

Wednesday 25th December: Closed

Thursday 26th December: Closed

Friday 27th December: 7.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday 28th December: 7.30am - 4.30pm

Sunday 29th December: Closed

Monday 30th December: 7.30am - 4.30pm

Tuesday 31st December: 7.30am - 4.30pm

Wednesday 1st January: Closed

Thursday 2nd January: Closed

Friday 3rd January: 7.30am - 4.30pm

PINNEY'S SHOP:



December 25th and 26th – Closed

Last orders for post on or around December 21st

RICHARDSON'S SMOKEHOUSE:



Closed from 1.00pm December 24th and then probably closed until New Year's day. But please check, we may be open during this time.

Last postage day Thursday 19th

BAKERY:



Monday 23rd Open 9.00am - 4.00pm

Tuesday 24th Open 9.00 - 12 noon

Wednesday 25th – Closed

Thursday 26th – Closed

Friday 27th – Closed

Saturday 28th Open 9.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday 29th Open 10.00 - 4.00pm

Monday 30th Open 9.00am - 4.00pm

Tuesday 31st Open 9.00am - 12 noon

Wednesday 1st – Closed

Thursday 2nd – Closed

Friday 3rd Open 9.00am - 4.00pm

RIVERSIDE TEAROOM:



Open Saturday 28th December to Tuesday 31st December

PLUS New Years Day 10.00am to 4.00pm

THE KINGS HEAD



Open as usual 12 noon - 3.00pm and 6.00pm - 11.00pm throughout the season with the

exception of Boxing Day when we'll be open 12noon - 6.00pm and New Year's Day when we'll be open 12noon - 6.00pm.

Christmas Day we will be open 12noon - 9.00pm offering drinks.

ORFORD COUNTRY MARKET:



Saturday 22st December Free refreshments including mulled wine and mince pies. **Raffle in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Prizes include home-reared Bronze turkey, dinner for two at the Crown at Snape, Christmas cake, a selection of handmade crafts and a food hamper. Come and join us for a great start to the festive season.**

Saturday 21st December 9.30am to 1.00pm
Saturday 28th December 9.30am to 12.30pm

Pump Street Carols
Round the Christmas Tree
 Orford General Store
 Monday 23rd December 2013
 6.00pm - 7.00pm

with
 THE KINGS HEAD
 The Woodbridge Excelsior Brass Band
 Orford General Store will serve
 hot chocolate and mince pies
 and the King's Head will serve
 mulled wine

Merry Christmas

ORFORD BONFIRE AND FIREWORK NIGHT

A Massive **Thank You** to everyone who was involved from the Venue, building of the Bonfire, making of the Guy, helping with the Fireworks, Buckets, BBQ and Clearing up. I cannot name everyone as there are so many who do help over the months before lighting up. We have raised enough for next year due to the support and generous Donations given.

Nicki Ehlert

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all the readers of the Village Voice from the Editor and all at Leiston Press