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## TREASURER WANTED

After 13 years Valerie van Leeuwen, Treasurer to both Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council and the New Orford Town Trust, is leaving.

The Trustee will truly miss her, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to her for her help, experience and sterling work over the years. She has certainly lived up to her job title and has been a 'Treasure'.

The Parish Council and New Orford Town Trust (a registered charity) are therefore looking for someone to take on this role as soon as possible. The successful applicant must have a proven accounts background with experience in handling payroll, VAT and year-end procedures. Excellent computer skills are also a pre-requisite. Knowledge of the charity world is desirable but not essential. Around 12 hours per week, salary negotiable, application deadline 21 November.

For further information or to apply with a CV and covering letter, contact Kara Reed, Clerk, New Orford Town Trust, Town Hall, Market Hill, Orford IP12 2NZ, email orfordtrust@btconnect.com, Tel 01394 459172.

## EDITOR FOR VILLAGE VOICE WANTED

Roger Hipwell, who has edited Village Voice for the past 6 years, is stepping down as editor after this issue. Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council and the New Orford Town Trust would like to thank him for his work in editing the newsletter, which is a great asset to the village.

This means there is a vacancy for a new editor to put together the copy and liaise with the printers to get this important publication to press each month. The position is unpaid, and should take around 5 - 7 hours per month.

Anyone who is interested should contact me at the Town Hall for more details. (Please note that I am on annual leave at the beginning of November, but will be back in the office on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November).

For the next month or two Village Voice will be edited from the Town Hall office, and any articles for inclusion should be sent to orfordtrust@btconnect.com The deadline for inclusion in December's Village Voice will be earlier than usual, on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## Kara Reed - CLERK TO NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

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## ORFORD AND GEDRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

In response to the Village Voice published October 2016.

Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council's main source of income is the precept, which is a percentage of the council tax paid by the village inhabitants. Each year our accounts undertake two audits, an internal audit by Heelis & Lodge, and an external audit by BDO. This ensures that every penny we spend is legal. The Parish Council has very different rules to the NOTT on how their money may be spent. We are not allowed, for example, to subsidise a business; although we are permitted to give a donation to the Church for the clock and the upkeep of the churchyard.

Each year, following both audits, we have a notice placed in the board outside the Town Hall inviting people to view the accounts. Our end of year accounts are also available to view at the Annual Parish Meeting every May, this is open to everyone to attend, and at which our Treasurer is present, who is willing to answer questions.

## Marie Backhouse - CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

## November Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: **Gardening Club** - Orford Town Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November: **Bonfire and Fireworks** - Bonfire field from 6.00pm

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November: **Sutton Xmas Market** - Memorial Hall 10.00am - 1.00pm

## NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

In response to issues that were raised in last months Village Voice it is important that the following points are noted:

**Stony Ditch:** When NOTT registered the river Ore with the Land Registry in 2007, due to an oversight Stony Ditch was omitted. Then, in 2008 Crown Estates claimed Stony Ditch, initially by presumption, but when challenged later by NOTT, by adverse possession. NOTT were not made aware of this initial claim at the time, consequently it was uncontested and their claim was granted. Navigation rights have been officially restored on charts following a campaign by a member of NOTT.

Since then NOTT have spent a considerable amount of money on legal fees in respect of Stony Ditch and have been advised to gather the facts, evidence and reasons in support of our claim. This has been done and once the information has been collated it will be sent to the relevant agencies in respect of our counter claim. Should this receive a negative response a decision will be made regarding the likely cost of successfully pursuing our claim via the legal route.

**Orford Business Association:** When the OBA website was being initiated a grant of £1000 was asked for at the NOTT meeting held on 14/12/2011. This meeting was attended by the Treasurer for the OBA and the following is an extract from the minutes of that meeting.

"Ongoing maintenance would be paid for from advertising revenue. Any surplus money would be ploughed back into the community by the Orford Business Association. The start up cost of £3000 would be met by an initial grant, the Orford Business Association and, hopefully, the New Orford Town Trust".

It was agreed unanimously that the New Orford Town Trust should contribute £1000 from the Feasibility Study money to the new Orford Community website.

The Treasurer of the OBA also attended the meeting in January 2012 when the above minutes were approved as being a true record.

So, NOTT granted £1000 as help to start up the OBA website and were, as the minutes of the meeting clearly state, assured that this would be self supporting in the future. This was a 'one off' grant and at no time did NOTT commit to any further financial aid. However since this meeting the OBA have approached NOTT for more financial aid on 2 other occasions, each time further grants of £250 were made. When a third request was made the NOTT were reminded that this was initially a 'one off' grant so why were further requests being made and had any formal accounts been seen regarding where these 'grants' were being spent. No accounts supporting the request for funds were offered. Several subscribers to the OBA have been asked if they had received a copy of any accounts for the OBA but none have been seen. Given the amount of businesses in Orford that subscribe to the OBA the Trustee felt that sufficient funds should be available for the maintenance of the website and that NOTT had fulfilled their obligation to assist in the set-up of the OBA website.

Whilst NOTT try to assist with grants to all worthwhile clubs/associations/organisations to assume that a 'one off' grant will become a regular payment is folly.

**NOTT Accounts:** With regard to the Chairman of the Orford Business Association comments relating to the NOTT annual accounts. These accounts are produced in hard copy for the Annual Parish Meeting which is held every May. The May 2016 Annual Parish Meeting was attended by THREE members of the public. Alternatively the NOTT clerk is available in the Town Hall office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9.00am - 11.00am where the annual accounts are readily available to be viewed by anyone. The previous 5 years accounts can be viewed on the Charity Commission website.

The Orford Village Voice, which is jointly funded by NOTT and the Parish Council, is NOT a vehicle for promulgating their accounts, or any other bodies accounts. It is a medium for advertising village events and informing parishioners of what is happening in the village. Whilst constructive criticism and airing of views is encouraged, the maligning of any individual or organisation is definitely not the purpose of the Village Voice.

### **Ian Thornton - CHAIRMAN NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST STONY DITCH**

This issue seems to get more and more complicated. One simple argument could be that as possessory title relies upon the owner not using or tending the land in question for 12 years, it can easily be proved that a NOTT employee - the late Harbourmaster, Ralph Brinckley, attended to various matter at the site almost daily. Other Parish Councillors/NOTT Trustees, past and present, also maintained and worked there on a regular basis. Bearing this in mind can we have an update from whoever is dealing with the issue so that parishioners can see what is being done please?

**Derek Forbes**

### **ORFORD WEBSITE**

In response to Ian's comments above I would like to explain a little about the background to the website and how it is managed.

When David Watson asked me to help re-launch the Orford Business Association website in 2011 as the editor of the Village Voice, I only agreed to help on the understanding that it would be a combined community and business initiative.

In a feasibility study commissioned by the Parish Council at the request of Michael Flint, published in December 2008, funded by Suffolk Coast and Heaths, Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council, Orford Business Association, The National Trust, English Heritage, RSPB, Suffolk Coastal Tourist Board and a Suffolk Rural Services Scheme and managed by a Steering Group comprising Michael Flint, Derek Forbes and myself, a number of conclusions were reached. These included a need for better information services to ensure that visitors understood the attractions on offer in the village in order that they could be managed in terms of car parking and general traffic management. With a well crafted website it was felt that we could educate and inform visitors about the attractions of Orford while encouraging them to respect the lives of the residents. The financial contribution of £1,000 to the website project authorised at the time by the Trust was the residual funding raised by Michael Flint and the Steering Group, not NOTT funds. The balance of the setup cost was met from a grant secured by the website planning team from the Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership and OBA funds.

The planned website sought to address the visitor issue as well as improve community communication by the provision of local club and organisation web pages. The Trust provided a representative to be on the planning team along with David Watson, Joanna Brennan and myself. This group agreed that the aim of the website should be *"To develop, promote and maintain a website that will contain information about Orford, activities by and of interest to residents and visitors and details of businesses which operate in the village and nearby. The website is expected to provide a platform to help to promote better community communication and integration, improve visitor understanding of the village and its sensitivity to the impact of increasing numbers of visitors and to promote the various business activities in Orford"*.

During the planning phase it was decided to limit advertising to the promotion of local businesses through individual web pages and the personalised buttons on the home page. This decision was based on the need to keep the look and feel of the website simple and the addition of commercial advertising was considered to be too confusing. The annual subscription for membership of the OBA which was seen as the revenue for the support of the website was expected to cover the hosting, developer support and administration costs. It was felt that this income would be sufficient to cover these costs while still allowing for the other activities carried out by the OBA. To keep down these costs, as well as managing and administering the website, I have taken over the developer support, previously charged at around £1,000 p.a. by the developer, at no charge (the developer provides informal email support to me, also at no charge) so the annual cost is around £1,500 for hosting and management. With OBA members annual subscriptions and the premium paid by the larger companies for a front page presence plus payments made by English Heritage, National Trust and RSPB the income for the current year is projected to be around £2,200. The bi-annual OBA brochure costs around £1,000 for design and

printing so this leaves very little to put back into the community although over the past two years £200 was paid to provide free access to the Town Hall Cinema at Christmas for local children, £500 for 3 theatre workshops for Orford School and £112 to publish the local business Christmas opening hours in a Village Voice insert.

Applications to the NOTT Village Fund have been made since the website went live to help to keep the website free for community information and NOTT has seen fit to award £250 each year from NOTT funds. The above figures show that, without the additional payment that the NOTT has been willing to contribute previously, the OBA may need to increase annual membership charges or cease to provide community events financial support to balance its books.

When the subject of ownership of the website was discussed during the planning stage the Trust representative stated that *"the Trust would be unlikely to take ownership and the continual changing of NOTT members would probably make it a bit of a logistical nightmare"* so the website really has no formal owner. The web site is not the OBA website. It is, as it says on the home page, the Orford Community and Business Partnership website although the OBA has always paid the majority of the costs. I am not a member of the OBA although I did agree to be their Treasurer when Stuart Bacon gave up in 2014 as the major part of the Treasurer's responsibilities is to issue invoices, chase payment and pay suppliers associated with the website. I also, independently, manage and administrate the website.

I have spoken to the Chairman of the OBA about the NOTT comments published in the October edition of the Village Voice and his response is this:

*"There was no intention to impugn anyone just to question the judgement of a charity that has assets well in excess of £2,000,000 and an income of approaching £250,000, but who refuses to support their own community web site to the tune of £250 but to leave it to a small organisation with zero assets and an income of less than £2,250."*

*The web site is not a marketing platform for the businesses in the village it is a genuine community web site paid for by the members of the Orford Business Association."*

A link to the 2008 Feasibility Study and the 2005 Parish Plan can be found in the Parish Council pages on the Orford website. [www.orford.org.uk](http://www.orford.org.uk)

A link on the NOTT web pages now points to the NOTT accounts page at the Charity Commission.

I have requested a meeting with the NOTT to discuss the future of the website.

**Roger Hipwell**

### **BONFIRE NIGHT**

This year Bonfire Night and Fireworks will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Bonfire to be lit at 6.00pm  
BBQ all evening sponsored by  
DARREN WORNE PLANT OPERATOR  
Fireworks from 7.00pm'ish

**Nicky Ehlert**

### **ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB**

The club will be open on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November from 8.00pm and every Friday evening from 8.30pm.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November Jimbo's Bingo from 8.00pm.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 80's night with Ahrico Road show from 7.30 pm.

### **Opening Hours - During King's Head Closure for Decorating**

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to members and non-members to the club and extend our opening times to the following days, whilst The King's Head is being re-furnished.

We will be open from 8.00pm on the following days:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

We look forward to seeing you.

**Dawn Phillips - CLUB SECRETARY**

### **LOOKING FOR SPONSORSHIP**

My name is Jamie, I have been resident in Orford for 18 years and I represent Suffolk at darts in the British Inter County Championships. I am looking for any company or individual who would like to sponsor me for the upcoming season for travel and accommodation expenses of around £300 - £400. If you are interested or would like more information please e-mail me at:

[thecollies2010@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thecollies2010@hotmail.co.uk)

**Jamie Collins**

## OCTOBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November - 3rd Sunday before Advent

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev M Roberts

11.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service

for whole Cluster - Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Christ the King

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

11.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Advent Sunday

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

4.00pm Advent Carol Service at Sudbourne, with the Choir and for Orford and all the six parishes in the Rector's care - come and share in this very special start to the run-up to Christmas.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 2

08.00am Holy Eucharist - Rev D Murdoch

**Rev David Murdoch**

## OCTOBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

10.30am Stephen Caley - followed by Soup & Pud lunch

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.30am TRADITIONAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November

10.30am Gloria Theobald

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November ADVENT SUNDAY

10.30am Rev. Martin Dawes - HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Stephen Caley - followed by Soup & Pud lunch

MONDAY TEA ROOM IS NOW OPEN From 11.00am - 2.00pm (Winter Timings) serving Morning Coffee & Cake, Hot Lunch Menu with Dessert and plenty to buy for that early Christmas shopping!

WEDNESDAY LUNCH is served at 12.30pm - Booking is essential for this 2 course meal.

Thank you to all who have and continue to support the East Suffolk Food Bank which has helped some 5002 people in crisis so far this year - A large amount of Harvest Festival Grocery was dispatched to the Food Bank - garden produce was also put to good use!

THE 17<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY of WEDNESDAY LUNCH was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October with plenty of support, all enjoying a wonderful meal. It really was a 'Swell Party'! Birthday Cake and Chocolate Goodies bags were taken home by all. Once again our thanks to the cooks and providers for another year.

Another successful CREAM TEA SERVICE was enjoyed by many and with voices raised in song - yes! a lovely afternoon for fellowship with each other.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** - The Wednesday CHRISTMAS LUNCH will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER : Join Us - early booking advised!!

**Stephen Caley**

## GARDENING CLUB

Date: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

Topic: How to make a Holly Wreath using various styles and methods

Venue: Orford Town Hall 'Back room'

Time: 7.30 pm

Alan Smith who is well-known for wreath-making will demonstrate how to make a holly wreath using various styles and methods. He will also have the requisite materials for making your own, available for sale.

At the end of the evening whilst we have our refreshments, there will be a raffle of the wreaths!!

Come along and be inspired to make your own for the by then, up and coming festive season!! Non-members welcome as always!!

Report on "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"

On the 6<sup>th</sup> October, about thirty of us - members and guests, spent the afternoon and evening with the Suffolk and Norfolk County Recorders for Fungi, Neil Mahler and Dr Tony Leech.

The cool but dry afternoon was spent in Captain's Wood foraging for and discussing a whole range of fungi. This was followed by a much appreciated afternoon tea in the Town Hall.

Then some additional members joined us and we had a really interesting talk by Tony on the range and diversity of

fungal forms found across Britain but especially in the region.

Overall, it seemed to be an event enjoyed by all and may well lead to further similar events in the future. Watch this space!

There was also an informal display of snaps taken by those of us who went on the Trip to Clare College Gardens, Cambridge.

Some of the up and coming events

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December Social Evening with Supper and a Quiz and the final competition (a pot plant) for members to win the Eric Mason Shield - and the AGM

Launch of the 2017 Programme!!! As a taster the January event : Bulbs for Autumn colour ....

We hope to see you at one of our events soon.

**Polly Sharkey - creativefutures98@btinternet.com**

**01394 45095**

## KINGS HEAD NEWS

If it is early in the month and you are reading this I am more than likely on the other end of a paint brush decorating the bar. As previously advised we are closed from last drinks on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October through to re-opening for lunch on Friday 11th November. Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused and we hope you are pleased with the decorating and new flooring when it is completed.

The good news is that you can all come and along and celebrate on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November as we have Soul Serenity back playing live from 9.00 pm. The great voice of Serena Grant with the guitar work of Richard Wright playing covers of music over the past few decades to the current day. A sample of their music can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-LhOERT6HU>. Everyone is welcome and it is free entry.

Do you remember your school days? The food they used to serve up? The style in which it was served? Now is your chance to re-live it as Suzanne & Zoe and the kitchen team bring you OLD SKOOL DINNERS for our food theme night on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm. Bookings essential.

Staying with the food theme our successful Curry and a Pint for £12 continues every Wednesday night between 6.00pm and 9.00pm, with 3 different curries to choose from. You can even have it as a take away.

Don't forget we have our bar food take away menu in operation for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Quiz night this month is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> and starts at 8.00pm. Only £1 per person to enter and the winners take all, plus the pleasure of setting the next quiz.

The Winter Darts Ladder is underway with numerous games having been played but there is plenty of room for new entrants, just call in and fill in the form. It is also hoped to organise a few friendly darts matches over the winter and run a couple of fun competitions.

We have just had confirmation that the kitchen closure is to take place in February to March next year and we will give you full details as it we get closer to the time.

Enjoy Bonfire Night and November and once again our apologies for the closure in the early part of the month.

**Ian & Suzanne Ballantine thekingsheadorford@gmail.com**

## POLICE REQUEST

I'm making contact to hopefully enlist some help. You may or may not be aware that a number of residents are complaining regarding a vehicle that appears to visit the town in the early hours with a noisy exhaust and wakes folk up.

This of course is entirely unacceptable and we would like to find the culprit as much as those complaining.

We are asking the community for information as to who may be responsible or where they may visit in the town.

People may be more comfortable sharing this type of information with councillors as opposed to the police directly.

Any information to help prevent this disturbance would be appreciated. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks

**Scott Cullum Sergeant 437**

## SUTTON CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sutton Christmas Market will be held at the Sutton Memorial Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am - 1.00pm.

There will be a selection of stalls selling cards, crafts, Christmas cards and decorations alongside a cake stall, tombola and raffle.

**Susan Collins**

# Christmas Bazaar

St Bartholomew's Church Orford  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 2.00pm



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2016

FROM 2PM

The popular annual Christmas bazaar will be held in the Church from 2pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December with 80% of the proceeds for the Church Fabric and 20% going to the Thomas Marshall Education Fund.

Always a great start to Christmas. Come along with your family and friends and have some fun on the bottle tombola, the raffle and 'Guess the weight of the cake' and grab bargains galore from the Bric-a-Brac and Book Stalls. Pick up those 'must have' gifts from the Christmas Stall which will be full of edible Christmas goodies and the latest limited 'knitted Christmas editions' of Father Christmas'.

Refresh yourselves with delicious mulled wine, mince pies, teas and cakes and listen to Nick Raison playing your seasonal favourites on the piano.

Raffle prizes and any items and books of good quality that you can offer to be sold or put on the bottle tombola would be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Church on the Friday afternoon (2<sup>nd</sup>) and on the morning of the bazaar, or alternatively contact the people below.

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	Pat Walker	Coach House, Sudbourne	450276
Raffle	Guy Marshall	Chantry Cottage, Gedgrave Road	450090
Bric-a-Brac	Caroline Gill	Seawinds, Gedgrave Road	450302
Christmas Stall	Wendy Marshall	Chantry Cottage, Gedgrave Rd	450090

## ORFORD MUSEUM CALENDAR 2017: LOCAL LIVES

The Orford Museum calendar for next year - 2017 - is now available. You can get it from Friends Garage, Orford or from Brundish Lodge, High Street, Orford. If you would like one, please telephone me on 01394 450622 or email to a.spinney43@btinternet.com and I will deliver or send one to you. The cost of the calendar is £6.50. If it has to be posted, please add £1.50.

The illustrations are of many different groups: the Orford String Band c1900, children's parties, football teams, school photographs, outings, and choirs to mention but a few. You may well recognise faces amongst them and we hope that some of them will bring back happy memories.

**Elizabeth Spinney - ORFORD MUSEUM**

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2016: BOOKS

If you are clearing out your bookshelves and have any novels, hardback or paperback, biographies, autobiographies, history, travel or books of general interest that you no longer read, we would love to have them for the bookstall on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. PLEASE - no cookery or gardening books, cds or videos - we can't sell them! You can deliver them to me, Elizabeth Spinney, at Brundish Lodge, High Street, Orford or I will collect if you ring me on 01394 450622 or email me at a.spinney43@btinternet.com. Alternatively, you can deliver them direct to the church on the morning of 3 December.

**Elizabeth Spinney**

## SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS

Besides our usual oil paintings, place mats and Alpaca scarves, wraps and blankets at The Jolly Gallery, we will be joined by our new addition, Lisa Marie of Orford's very own ice creams every Saturday and Sunday from 12<sup>th</sup> November till 18<sup>th</sup> December.

The hours will be 11.00am to 3.00pm. Changing seasons with Christmas Cards, wrapping paper, decorations and gifts for all plus her famous fudge. Come see our delights for a warm welcome and some mulled cider and mince pies.

**Jeremy Ruge-Price**

## ORFORD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our British summer has passed and that Winter Chill has definitely crept up on us.

The season of goodwill is fast approaching and Orford School will be hosting its annual Christmas fair at Orford Town Hall Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm - 4.00pm. We will be hosting a Grand Prize Draw, crafts, games, Refreshments, various stalls and so much more.



And not forgetting the guest of honour..... SANTA!!!!!!

Plenty of fun for all the family.

Come along and join in the festivities, whether you just want a natter over a cup of tea and a delicious slice of homemade cake or you fancy trying to win a prize or do a spot of shopping, everybody is welcome and we look forward to seeing you all.

If you wish to hire a table to sell your own wares please contact Jo on 07594 238 061 or Amanda on 01394 450 405.

Also all donations towards tombola and raffle would be much appreciated. Laura kindly has agreed that donations can be left in a donations box at Friends Garage.

Many thanks in advance and we look forward to seeing you all .

**Amanda Davis c/o ORFORD SCHOOL AND IT'S FUNDRAISING TEAM**

## RNLI COLLECTIONS IN ORFORD DURING 2016

I thought everyone would be pleased to note that although we did not have the house-to-house collection this year, with the Coffee Morning in July, the collection on the Quay and the Stall at the Flower Show, plus the generous contributions from the Orford Sailing Club, we were able to raise £1,064 for the Aldeburgh RNLI.

I am very grateful to everyone who helped at these events and hope we will be able to continue to keep up our support for this worthy cause in 2017, when I will have a license to collect in the Market Square and outside the shop.

**Diana Paterson**

## VILLAGE VOICE EDITOR

In December 2010 I took over the editing of the Village Voice for which John Curtin had been responsible during the preceding five years.

During that time I have attempted to produce an informative and uncontroversial newsletter covering local community and charitable news. I feel the time has now arrived for me to hand on to someone younger and I would like to thank all contributors and readers for their help and patience.

Coincidentally my computer crashed while compiling this last edition and I am now finishing it on Pat's computer from a backup.

**Roger Hipwell**

# WANTED

## Orford Shrimps Pre-School Treasurer required

Do you have accountancy or financial experience  
and a little time to spare?

Orford Shrimps Pre-School needs a well-organised  
number cruncher to fill the voluntary role of  
Treasurer

If you fit the bill, we would love to hear from you

Please call Shrimps' manager, Kathryn Littler, for an  
informal chat on 01394 459768 or 07854 264297