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## **COPY DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF VILLAGE VOICE IS THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2020**

### **FROM ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Community Speedwatch:** we are looking for volunteers to help with the Community Speedwatch. We have finally managed to move this on and are now able to undergo the necessary training. If anyone is interested, please contact the Clerk. There is a Police form to complete, and this can be hand delivered or emailed to you.

**Dogs Mess:** this is a continuing problem within the village and last year the Parish Council paid for two more dog poo bins. People are still not tidying up after their pet, and some people are picking it up but depositing the black bags in the hedges. Please, if you see someone not tidying up after their dog, take a photo and report them. Telephone Environmental Protection on 0333 016 2000 or email on [ep@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:ep@eastssuffolk.gov.uk). They could be fined for this.

**Climbing Dome:** the Parish Council is raising funds for a climbing dome to be placed in the play area at the Recreation Ground. The cost for this is about £9,500. So far we have raised £3,500, but we still have a way to go. If anyone has any ideas where we may obtain more funding or indeed are able to donate themselves, please contact the Clerk.

Any assistance with all these items will be appreciated.

**Marie Backhouse**, Clerk to Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council, tel 459172, [orfordtownhall@btconnect.com](mailto:orfordtownhall@btconnect.com)

### **ORFORD CLUSTER**

All of our churches in the cluster were able to decide from 14 June to open for private worship, bearing in mind the guidelines, i.e. sanitizers, social distancing, no touching of objects, etc. Orford Church decided to open from 10am–4pm each Sunday starting on 21 June.

Revd Giles Tulk and Graeme Kay have done some terrific services on Zoom every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. They have brought our churches together in both the Orford and Hollesley clusters. We are able to sing, hear readings, and also a very moving sermon from Giles. If you would like to be on the list, please email me on [jackimaslin@btinternet.com](mailto:jackimaslin@btinternet.com).

On 31 August, we will have our annual Gift Day. We have had 6 concerts cancelled with Snape Maltings as well as cancelled weddings. We have still had to pay our monthly expenses, without

the contributions of worshippers. Please help us: we will be in Market Square the Bank Holiday Monday from 9am–1pm.

I hope all of you are keeping safe.

With love and best wishes,

**Jacki Maslin**

### **NOTES FROM ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

SUNDAY SERVICE 10.30am each Sunday

CHAPEL TEA ROOM is re-opening BUT NOT ON MONDAY – now on WEDNESDAY from 5 August – the usual coffee, lunch and tea will be available, please allow a different approach/directions.

The WEDNESDAY LUNCH session is on hold, but NOT abandoned, as we prepare for social distancing measures to enable this weekly event to resume as soon as possible (and the TEA ROOM to revert back to Mondays). We look forward to the celebration of its twenty-first year in October.

ANNUAL QUAY SERVICE NOW CANCELLED – we are disappointed that this year's service is cancelled due to restrictions. This year's Guest Preacher, Fishermen's Mission Representative, Band and Local Clergy have been re-invited to the 2021 Quay Service on Sunday 1 August.

It has been great to get back to holding our Sunday Service since 5 July with all the regulations in place. Having spent many hours deep cleaning the church premises and in anticipation of re-opening, there are hand sanitising stations, the provision of sealed virus wipes, gloves and masks.

Although, at present, there is no singing, we are invited to read the words of selected hymns as music is played. We have provided 'personal' hymn books and bibles in folders so that after use they are returned to each individual folder. In this way sanitising after use is not necessary.

You are welcome to join with us, mindful that you will be directed to a socially distanced seat after hand sanitising, with the offer of mask and gloves if you should need.

**Stephen Caley**

### **ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB**

At this moment in time, due to the COVID 19 situation, the club remains closed.

We wish all our members and customers to keep well, and stay safe.

**Mark Smy**, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358

## THE PENINSULA PRACTICE IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the Pandemic, our service has had to adapt to keep both patients and staff safe, and to manage your medical care with responsiveness, professionalism and compassion.

Because of the rapidly changing directives we receive in relation to the pandemic, we are unable to inform patients via local newsletters of these changes to our service. Therefore, all practice updates are posted on our website: [www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk/coronaviruscovid-19](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk/coronaviruscovid-19) and The Peninsula Practice Facebook page.

*Nicola Thompson, Medical Administrator, Peninsula Practice*

## SUDBOURNE HALL C.C.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions the two counties league which we play in has been scrapped for the entire season. They have however grouped the teams into smaller localised groups which will allow a few friendlies to be played with certain restrictions. The first was played at Melton St Audrey's in mid-July which was won by the hosts who chased down 181 with two overs left.

Many thanks to the vice presidents and ball sponsors for their donations who responded to the appeal in June's online version of the Village Voice. All of the details of how to donate are still available online.

*David Foreman, Club Treasurer*

## BOOK REVIEW: BEYOND THE BAR by Richard Roberts

The recent restrictions of lockdown have provided me with a perfect opportunity to take from my father's shelf Richard Roberts' book *Beyond the Bar* and read it with ample time. It is a detailed compilation of various sailing adventures including his own on his small yacht *Quantz*. Anyone who spends more than a short time in Orford should read it.

Woven into his own story are accounts of others which, tied together, make a charming collection of memories. He steps seamlessly from *Quantz* to *Katrina* and from Lowestoft to Gibraltar. We are provided with a thorough examination of the evolution of cruising as various skippers and crews venture across the sea and along rivers, occasionally dicing with death and coming out the other side. The appeal of such adventures is great and pan-generational. Much of the book's charm arises with the "bold, perhaps not wholly planned" nature of the trips. It is impossible to go for a perfectly planned, calculated sail especially in the blistering winds and turbulent conditions of the North Sea. Charles Iliff "didn't mean to go to sea", David Foreman's yacht *Tuesday* was hit by lightning off the coast of South America and Henry Baker fell off the back of his catamaran into the ocean.

It would be a much harder task to read this book if it was not written in the way Richard has done. He has related stories not only in their factual context but with care and feeling which gives a sense of the friendships of the participants. The breadth of endeavour in this book is remarkable. So many families and so many sailors have embarked on adventures and cruises but binding them all together is their common experience. That is one of discovery and adventure, launched from a river and a village we all know. Reading such ventures is a little bittersweet at the moment on account of the lockdown but this does not detract from the pleasure of reading such a delightful record. The imaginings conjured by the book are relief from confinement. They encourage us to dream of returning to the sea. My resounding sentiment upon turning over the final page is that more adventures, great and small need to be had and recorded with such charm and care.

*George Pickthorn*

## ORFORD, GEDGRAVE & SUDBOURNE FLOWER SHOW 2020

It will come as little surprise that we shall not be able to put on the Flower Show this year. Even if current rules on numbers of people congregating together were to be relaxed in the coming months, some form of social distancing will remain which would

be impossible to achieve in the show. On top of that, the supplier of the marquee is not operating this year. Regrettably, therefore, we have to cancel the event.

We shall try to recognize in a small way efforts that exhibitors may already have made in preparation for the show, by arranging for photos of some of the plants in the allotments, and craftwork which children at the school may have created, and uploading these to the Flower Show Facebook page.

Rest assured, we plan to be back in 2021.

*Mike Redmond, Flower Show Committee*

## ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown, that never dies"

*Gertrude Jekyll*

Well, as I write for the August edition, I am hoping that the above quote will be true for many of us who didn't garden before this year and/or who have been inspired to try out new seeds, plants and ideas...

Now is the time to make a note of what you did, how you did it and what you may wish to do the same or differently in the next season or the next year. Personally, I'm not very good at doing this as I have a pragmatic approach to gardening as it has always been my release from everyday life and work rather than another structure to be 'obeyed'. But the above advice is what the gardening programmes and magazines suggest we should do!

As the season begins to change, it's a good idea to take a look around your plants and pots and refresh them. Try a new species of nerine or chrysanthemum to perk up your favourite spot or try out some grasses which come into their own in the Autumn. Place them where you pass by frequently or pot up a container with plants that don't like your soil but you can grow this way. Experiment with geraniums and succulents for example. Do something different...

Now is also the time to be considering which bulbs would enhance your space and order for next year. Don't forget lilies too, you can buy them in pots now, dahlias too. Autumn bulbs are often neglected but can bring that late summer splash...

Try white in your garden if you haven't before, it really stands out in the light we have in our area! It's become my favourite colour!

RHS Hyde Hall, not far away is a garden to visit in late summer and autumn and will fill you with inspiration – they are really well organised for the current situation.

We hope that the guidance will allow us to continue with our programme soon and we will be in touch!!

*Polly Sharkey, creativefutures98@btinternet.com, 01394 450959*

## THE ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY PLAN UPDATE

### Another link in the chain for Partnership, Trust and IDB

The decade-long story of planning for the renewal and maintenance of the river walls that are a defining feature of our local landscapes continues, with signs that we are nearing the final stages with the submission of an application for funding – here's an update from the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board, which made the submission and will carry out the works if and when the programme is approved and funds granted:

*"Following a lengthy consultation with the Environment Agency, the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board (ESIDB) has submitted the outline business case to request Government funding towards works at Aldeburgh, Iken and Snape. Since the Environment Agency and the Internal Drainage Board have done so much work over the past few months on the case, the review process will be a quicker route than was originally planned. We expect to hear the outcome from the Environment Agency in the Autumn, as the innovative nature of the project will mean that it is likely to be closely scrutinised.*

*"Once feedback has been received, work can then commence on the second business case which enables the ESIDB to bid for funding for works covering Boyton, Butley, Chillesford, Gedgrave,*

*Orford and Sudbourne. The whole estuary programme of works will take some 7-8 years to complete."*

Meanwhile the new Alde and Ore Community Partnership has been meeting virtually, and is working on new ways to keep local parishes and communities informed, and to make sure their voices are heard. The Partnership has been reconstituted from the former Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership, with strong parish representation, and will be working closely with the ESIDB and

the Alde & Ore Estuary Trust, who are respectively leading the programme of works and its funding.

All are welcome at AOC meetings, virtual or actual, and more information on the three organisations and the Estuary Plan can be found on their websites, or directly from Alison Andrews email: [aldeblackburn@aol.com](mailto:aldeblackburn@aol.com). The next meeting will be in September.

**Alison Andrews**

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New Orford Town Trust has a 2-bedroom cottage to let in Bakers Lane, Orford. Downstairs there is a living room, kitchen, rear lobby and bathroom, and there are 2 bedrooms 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](http://www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net) (look under New Orford Town Trust, then Housing). If anyone who applied for the recently advertised bungalow in Town Farm Estate would like to be considered for this property, please let the Clerk know, as there will be no need to submit a new application.

Completed applications should be returned to the office (details above) by midday on **Friday 7 August 2020**.

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We offer the following services to the residents of Orford, Gedgrave and Sudbourne Hall:

- Friendship and companionship
- Transport and support with GP and hospital appointments (sorry, we are unable to do this during the Covid-19 pandemic)
- Collection of medication from the Peninsula Practice
- Shopping
- Dog walking / feeding pets
- Form filling and help with technology
- Minor household repairs
- One-off garden tidy
- A healthy meal
- Other activities as requested and agreed



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