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THANK YOU FROM NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

NOTT would like to thank all those individuals who have made donations to our Property/Housing fund in memory of Liz Coddington. They are very much appreciated and will go towards securing more housing for local people in Orford and Gedgrave. We feel sure that Liz would be very happy to know that parishioners are supporting NOTT in this way.

Ian Thornton, Chairman, NOTT

VILLAGE FEAST

This event will take place on Saturday 28 August on Market Hill, which will be closed to traffic and parking from 5pm to 11.30pm. There will be a BBQ provided by the Meat Shed, a bar and live music from 'Flaming Cheek'. Please look out for the posters...

Marie Backhouse, Parish Clerk

AUGUST AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

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

- First to third Sundays 9am, Holy Communion Service (Second Sunday BCP)
- Fourth Sunday 11am, Family Service
- Wednesdays 6pm, Evening Prayer BCP

Please note that Zoom Services for both Sunday Holy Communion and Wednesday Evening Prayer will be suspended over the summer months. A Church Near You Website www.achurchnearyou.com provides details of all church services and events in the local area. From mid-July, Covid restrictions have been eased and congregational singing is allowed in church. Mask wearing at regular services is optional but encouraged.

For further information contact the Team Rector Rev Giles Tulk 01349 450610, revgileswtr@gmail.com

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.

Special August bank holiday events

Sunday 29 August: Choral Evensong

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy Festal Choral Evensong at 6pm on Sunday 29 August, with the full choir and, it is hoped, congregational hymn singing. The service opens with *We wait for*

August dates for your diary

Each Monday (except Bank Holidays): Coffee and Chat - Orford Sports and Recreation Club, 1pm-3pm

Each Saturday: Orford Country Market - Orford Town Hall, 9.30am-1pm

- Sunday 1 August: T4Thomas - Chantry Cottage, 11am-4pm
- Sunday 1 August: Orford Quay - annual Quay Service, 6pm
- Tuesday 17 August: ladies doubles tennis tournament
- Wednesday 18 August: mixed doubles tennis tournament (see further details about the tournaments on page 3)
- Friday 27 August: Garden Party at the Great House - 6-9pm. See further details on page 2
- Saturday 28 August: afternoon, Orford, Sudbourne and Gedgrave Flower Show - Orford Recreation Ground
- Saturday 28 August: evening, Village Feast on Market Hill
- Saturday 28-Monday 30 August: Art Exhibition at The Great House

thy loving kindness, written for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Philip Mountbatten in 1947 by Sir William McKie; other music includes Benjamin Britten's *Jubilate*, performed at the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, an anthem by the contemporary composer Sir James MacMillan, and service music by the late Philip Radcliffe of King's College, Cambridge and Thomas Tertius Noble, sometime organist of Ely Cathedral, York Minster and St Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City.

Church Bellringers visit

We have visiting campanologists who will be ringing our bells on Sunday 29 August at around noon.

Monday 30 August 3pm – 5pm

Teddy bears parachute jump from the church tower

Is your bear brave enough to parachute off the church tower? Bring him along to the church to find out. £1.00 per flight, parachutes are provided. Tea, squash and homemade cakes for sale.

Team Rector, **Rev Giles Tulk**

AUGUST AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services

Sunday 1 August 10.30am Stephen Caley
6pm 32nd Annual Quay Service

Sunday 8 August 10.30am Service lead locally

Sunday 15 August 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 22 August 10.30am Rev. Stephen Yelland – Communion

Sunday 29 August 10.30am Stephen Caley

Children stay for the service with their own activities. Refreshments are served afterwards.

Every Monday and Wednesday the Chapel Tea Room is open with tables inside and outside serving coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. There's always a great menu on offer. We are now able to accept card payments in the Tea Room and also for Sunday offerings and donations – this facility is already welcomed by visitors and Sunday worshippers alike.

Our recent 119th celebrations of the opening of the present building consisted of a wonderful morning of praise and worship culminating with a very successful lunch enjoyed by all.

Stephen Caley

32nd ANNUAL QUAY SERVICE

Sunday 1 August at 6pm – supporting the Fishermen's Mission (RNMTDSF). Preacher: The Very Reverend Joe Hawes, Dean of the Cathedral. Music by the Suffolk Phoenix Band. We look forward to seeing you.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Many thanks to everyone for your support at the club during the recent football screenings, much appreciated. Due to increasing numbers attending, a decision was made to allow members only for the football (that's one benefit of your membership).

Now the restrictions have been lifted from 19 July, the new operation within the club building is as follows:

- All drinks can be purchased at the bar, but no drinking will be permitted at the bar at this moment in time.
- Face coverings and signing in will be optional, and the seating arrangements will be put back to pre-COVID status.
- Hand sanitizers will still be available at entry points, and the non-members signing in book will return. (50p)

Please continue to act responsibly and to consider others.

Bike night is back on Thursday 12 August from 6pm, bar and BBQ available.

Club nights are Monday, Friday and Sunday nights from 7.30pm, with some of the activities returning (snooker, darts etc).

If you wish to join the membership, it's £10 for adults, £6 for 15 to 18 years, £2 under 15 years.

Mark Smy, Secretary, 450358

ORFORD CEVAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we come to the close of a very different academic year we have carefully been able to reintroduce some of the school's traditions, with parents and carers invited too, like report evenings, a trip to the castle and swimming pool, sports day and we also streamed and recorded the KS2 school play. The older children had the opportunity of working with a professional performance company 'Rust and Stardust' and the older children learnt how to make puppets and join in with a professional production in the church.

We were delighted to be able to have parents and carers of the year 6 children join us for their leavers' service in the church. We would also like to say a massive 'thank you' to Orford Sports and Recreation Club for their very kind donation enabling us to send our leavers off with a token leavers gift which the children very much appreciated.

With the National roadmap relaxing we are hoping to have more scope to add in these family shared traditions from September onwards, but for now we would like to wish everyone a relaxing and safe Summer break and we hope you like our entries for the Flower Show too!

Katie Butler, Executive Headteacher, Orford Primary School

ORFORD CEVAP PRIMARY SCHOOL RACE FOR LIFE

At a time when there is a lot of depressing news, I wanted to share a feel-good story!

Orford CEVAP Primary School is a small school with a massive heart. On 13 July the school arranged a 1km and 2km run in aid of Race for Life. All pupils took part and completed the run and they all ran and walked their little hearts out and everyone tried their best.

Our teachers go above and beyond for our children and it was such an amazing event that Miss Cannon organised. The team spirit of the children cheering each other on was second to none.

They have raised a lot of money for Cancer and the school would be able to provide an up-to-date figure which at the time of writing was over £2,000 – amazing for such a small school.

Claire Andrews

THE FRIENDS OF ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH – A NEW CHARITY FOR ORFORD

The Friends of St Bartholomew's Church is a new charity that aims to raise funds for the care and preservation of the church and help enable its use for the people of Orford.

The church is a beautiful, historic building of medieval origin, central to the village. As well as carrying out its religious mission, it attracts visitors and hosts events open to the whole local community. However, support available from the Church of England authorities for maintenance and repair is very limited. Its therefore vital to raise funds in other ways to maintain the church and its fixtures and churchyard.

Everyone is invited to become a Friend, regardless of any religious belief or none. Watch out for further information in future issues of Village Voice.

Richard Murley, chair of trustees, said, 'St Bartholomew's is a magnificent building with potential to be used more fully as an asset to serve our whole community. The charity will raise funds for basic facilities like better heating that are needed to help realise that potential, and for essential works to preserve the church.'

The charity is separate from the Parochial Church Council (PCC), which has overall responsibility for the Church and its mission. The charity number is 1194884.

Libby Pritchett, Trustee of the Friends of St. Bartholomew's Church, Orford

GARDEN PARTY AT THE GREAT HOUSE

An evening with Paella, Prosecco, Ice cream and live Jazz, Latin and Blues music by acoustic guitarist George Fall will take place on Friday 27 August from 6-9pm at the Great House, Church Street, Orford IP12 2NT. The event is hosted by Fiona and Chris Gerard and proceeds will go to the new Friends of St Bartholomew's Church charity.

Entrance is by ticket only. Tickets at £22 per person include the food, music and a glass of prosecco. Wine, beer, lager and soft drinks will be available at a cash bar. Buy tickets online at www.buytickets.at/GreatHouseOrford/541975 or call Sally Walton on 01394 450656 for further information.

Please print your tickets and bring them on the night to show at the door. There will be limited seating; please bring your own folding chairs or picnic blankets if you can.

Libby Pritchett, Trustee of the Friends of St. Bartholomew's Church, Orford

ORFORD, GEDGRAVE & SUDBOURNE HALL GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

On Monday 19 July Liz Feibusch invited the Good Neighbour Scheme to participate in her 80th birthday lunch, held at the Kings Head. It was a very happy occasion enjoyed by all. The Scheme would like to thank Liz, her very generous guests and the Kings Head for being wonderful hosts. The total raised was £485, which will enable us to maintain the Community Larder over the coming months.

Corinne Lusher

ORFORD, SUDBOURNE AND GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW, 28 AUGUST – UPDATE

Preparations for the Flower Show are moving ahead. There are two unknowns, firstly the weather, about which we can do nothing, and secondly the state of the virus in the country. We don't know what the rate of infections will be by end of August, but we can make preparations to minimise risks to attendees.

All the scientific advice suggests the risk of transmission of the virus in the open air is limited; the weak link in the Show is the marquee where a closed environment with lots of people would potentially be an environment to spread the virus. Given that it is not practical to have the sides of the marquee open (any significant wind would play havoc with the displays and cards), we have decided to proceed as follows:

- Numbers entering the marquee will be monitored, and when enough have entered at any one time, people will be asked to wait a while until others have left the marquee. With a little patience all round, we can all see the displays in comfort.
- Everyone entering the marquee to bring entries in the morning or later in the afternoon to see the displays will be required to wear a mask. This is to help prevent any problem, and give peace of mind to people coming into the marquee.
- There will be a one-way system around the marquee to view the exhibits.

Other issues. All entry forms submitted before the day will not attract a fee as before. This is to encourage submission of the forms early to reduce the crunch of processing the forms on the morning of the show. Deposit boxes for the forms will be in the shop and newspaper kiosk. Entry forms submitted on the day will incur a charge of 50p each.

Volunteers, we still need them. If you can help on the day before with setting up or on the day itself, even for an hour, please contact Alex Smith on 01394 459732 or Gary Wingrove on 01394 459875.

We are arranging another Tombola stall, and collections of items for the stall will be organised nearer the time. Bottles of liquid sustenance are always popular, and this is an opportunity to empty the cupboards of those unwanted Christmas presents still in their original packaging.

A reminder about bringing some cash. Many of us have become used to operating on a cashless basis, and we won't have the facility to handle card payments, although we shall try to set this up for the Tombola.

Lastly, in last month's issue, we gave the incorrect bank details for BACS transfers. The correct name of the account (with apologies to would-be contributors from Sudbourne) is 'The Orford and Gedgrave Horticultural Society'. Sort code 20-98-07 and account number 80675962 were correct. The good news is that there is still plenty of time to sign up as a Friend of the Show with a suitable contribution.

Let's hope for the return of a fun day for everyone.

Mike Redmond, Flower Show Committee

FLOWER SHOW REFRESHMENTS

It's the time of year again when I ask for donations of cakes/biscuits etc for refreshments at the flower show. Donations can be dropped off at the Recreation Ground Pavilion on the morning of the show or the day before, or I can collect them from you. All money raised will go to the Recreation Ground Charity. Many thanks!

Anne Macro, tel 450741

ORFORD, SUDBOURNE AND GEDGRAVE FLOWER SHOW, RAFFLE PRIZES

In the past, local businesses have been very supportive of The Flower Show and Fete and provided wonderful prizes for the Raffle but due to the problems COVID has caused we could not expect them to do the same for us this year.

Therefore, I am asking if any members or friends of our community would come forward with kind offers of prizes. Donations would be welcome too, as I intend to make up hampers of local products.

Please contact Linda Orford on 01394 459907 if you may be able to help – and please contact me please before 23 August if you are able to offer a Raffle prize.

Linda Orford

ORFORD SUMMER TENNIS TOURNAMENTS 2021

Ladies doubles tournament: Tuesday 17 August at 9.30am. No need to have a partner they will be drawn on the day. Cost will be £3.

Mixed doubles tournament: Wednesday 18 August at 4pm. £5 per couple.

Please let me know by 13 August if you would like to play.

Diana Grayburn, 01394 450771 or 07513520827, dianampaterson@btinternet.com

ORFORD RUNNERS

Come and join us! A group of relatively friendly people who love catching up with the week's TV and allotment-related gossip while attempting to run.

Meet outside Orford Town Hall on Wednesdays at 6.30pm unless too wet, too cold or too hot. We'd love to see you there...

Any queries – please contact Hannah 07375 023361.

Hannah Purkis

RNLI IN ORFORD

Let's give three cheers, the RNLI stall will return to the Flower Show on Saturday 28 August. I hope to have plenty of new items for sale and of course my usual array of half-price Christmas cards as I know the Aldeburgh Shop has been saving them for me for the past two years.

Like all charities that have been shut down during the pandemic, the RNLI desperately needs extra help at the moment to maintain the wonderful service they give along the coast, so I hope everyone will come along and support me at the Flower Show. You will need to bring cash for purchases as I do not have a contactless machine, but I can also accept cheques if necessary.

It will be wonderful to mingle together again on the Recreation Ground and we hope for a wonderful day and a big celebration of village life in Orford.

Diana Grayburn

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Mannington Hall Gardens Norfolk – Rose specialists

On Wednesday 7 July, a good-sized group of us went by coach, financed by the Gardening Club, to the estate of Lord and Lady Walpole. We had a wonderful guided tour of the garden where the roses are arranged in their date of origin. We learnt so much about roses – all the different species, where they came from and how they have developed into the roses we appreciate today. The historic background was very interesting and some of us (including me) found out the names of roses we have inherited in our gardens but didn't know what they were! Many of them were very fragrant and we had the opportunity to buy them. We also explored the wildflower meadow with over 150 species of flora and went along boardwalks to find bird hides. The outstanding array of native and foreign tree species in the Saxon Chapel ruins was not to be missed either. We were pleased to welcome a number of friends of members and others from our local community to join us.

St Bartholomew's Church Open Gardens

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank members and others who opened their gardens and sold plants for this very successful event. Also, the many who donated plants.

Herber and Co Workshop

In early September, Sarah Frances who spoke to us earlier in the year will be leading a workshop probably at White House Farm. We're really looking forward to finalising this event and hope many members will come.

Membership: join now at half price £7.50 and come to future events including discounted tickets for our talk by Fergus Garrett of Great Dixter in November. Do contact me...

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

THE MARSH DEMONS OF IKEN

The planned collaboration between Rust and Stardust and Orford and Bawdsey Primary Schools was delayed since last April by the COVID pandemic but Eleanor, Katie and Martin from Rust and Stardust and the Orford school staff worked hard with years 4, 5 and 6 for a week in July to produce outstanding performances of The Marsh Demons of Iken in Orford Church on Friday 9 July. Unfortunately, the COVID guidelines dictated that it was not possible to mix school bubbles, so we were without the children from Bawdsey School.

The performances were also restricted this year by the government COVID advice, but the seating was laid out to the guidelines and cleaned down before each performance and the audience was asked to remain masked during the performances. Both main doors remained open during the performances to allow for air movement, with the south door designated as the entrance and the north door as the exit and wheelchair access. Unfortunately, we had to abandon the provision of refreshments, but as the show only lasted about 90 minutes, everyone coped without their usual cake and tea or something stronger.

A socially distanced, appreciative audience of 56 enjoyed the enthusiastic acting by the children and the professional actors, presenting the story of the mysterious Yarn Hill where Botolph reputedly drove away the ghosts and marsh demons in order to build his minster. It was eventually completed on the site of the historic church at Iken which still bears his name, and you can see St Botolph's stone cross which is on display in that church.

The children's play finished with the cast building a replica of the cross in Orford Church.

The costs of this event were covered by an Arts Council grant plus a generous contribution from a charitable benefactor and programme sponsorship so that all ticket proceeds and donations went to the Thomas Marshall Education Fund to help fund their work supporting the young people of Mozambique to enable them to make a sustainable living and support their communities.


Roger Hipwell, Thomas Marshall Education Fund

ORFORD BANK HOLIDAY ART EXHIBITION

There will be an exhibition at the Great House Gallery over the Bank holiday weekend of works by Orford artist Michael Flint, and a number of other artists: artists Nicola Atchley and Marjoke Henrichs; sculptors Caro Burberry, Ed Murray, Craig Hudson, Meryem Siemmond and Antonia Hockton; and ceramicist Geraldine Gerard. Opening times:

Saturday 28 August: 11am-4pm, Sunday 29 August: 1-4pm, Monday 30 August: 11am-4pm.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be available, collecting in aid of The Friends of St Bartholomew's Church Charity. www.greathousegallery.co.uk



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 vaccination, 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 • Other activities as requested and agreed. *Thank you* to everyone who contributes to the Community Larder.

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	

STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE AFTERNOON
The surgery will be closed for staff training on Thursday 12.08.21 from 13.00. Surgery Closure: Bank holiday Monday 30 August. All calls will be diverted to NHS 111

Our Flu clinics will be starting in September 2021.
16 September – Aldeburgh Community Centre (All day) • 21 September – Orford Surgery (All day) • 30 September – Hollesley Village Hall (All day) • Starting 4 October – Housebound patients (surgery will contact those patients to schedule a date) • 13 October – Aldeburgh Surgery, Alderton Surgery & Orford Surgery (afternoon only)

From 11 August 2021
Flu appointments will be available to book.
Patients with Online Access: if you have online access it is the quickest and easiest way to book, we urge patients to use this booking facility rather than phoning the surgery as it will enable our care navigators to help book in patients without online access.
Patients without Online Access: for patients without online access our care navigators will be able to help arrange an appointment by phone.
Eligibility: anyone over the age of 50 – invite letters will not be sent for this group but you may receive a text. Pregnant patients. Anyone in an at-risk group aged 2-49yrs – you will receive a letter or text if unsure of your eligibility.

Booster Covid Vaccination: when available details will be on our website and Facebook. More information to follow in the September Issue.

www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk or 01394 411641