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### **COPY DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2021 ISSUE IS MIDDAY ON THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2021**

#### **THANK YOU FROM THE PC AND NOTT**

The Parish Council and New Orford Town Trust would like to thank Adrian, Neil, Nathan and Daryl for putting up the Christmas trees in the village, and in anticipation of them taking them down. We are very appreciative of the local firemen who are willing to do this for us each year. The Parish Council and New Orford Town Trust would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a healthy and happy New Year.

*Anne Macro (PC Chairman), and Ian Thornton (NOTT Chairman)*

#### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH**

Here are the services for the end of December and January. Please note there is NO service in St Bartholomew's on Christmas Day this year but the Church is open all day. We hope some of you will visit for a moment of quiet and visit the crib and the Christmas Tree decorated with stars made by the community.

Wishing you a peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Christmas Eve 8pm Holy Communion with choir and organ providing music.

*(Christmas Day SUDBOURNE CHURCH 9am Holy Communion)*

Sunday 27 December 11.00am Family Service Guy Marshall

Sunday 3 January 9.00am Holy Communion Rev Giles

Sunday 10 January 9.00am Holy Communion Rev Giles

Sunday 17 January 9.00am Holy Communion Rev Robin Alderson

Sunday 24 January 11.00am Family service Guy Marshall

Sunday 31 January 6.00pm Candlemas. Choral Evensong with choir. Rev Giles

#### **ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

Orford Methodist Church Services for January - every Sunday at 10.30am. Seating is socially distanced, masks are a necessity. and hand and space sanitizing too. We are longing to be able to sing again! Thank you to all who have supported services and with monetary gifts.

Monday Tea Room (extended on Wednesdays) will resume early January - this continues to be a popular eating place for visitors - all within Covid restrictions and safety. We are still unable to recommence our usual Wednesday meal which is disappointing for many, however, space available, you are welcome to call in on Mondays and Wednesdays when we continue with our winter menu.

'Mary's Story' presented by Ellen was a wonderful and well received service and included more hand signing to the words of carols and the blessing. Thank you to all involved.

*Stephen Caley*

#### **ORFORD, GEDGRAVE AND SUDBOURNE HALL GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**

The Good Neighbour Scheme has been helping our community for nearly a year now. Thanks go to the volunteers who give up their time to help and the New Orford Town Trust and Orford Flower Show who helped fund the venture. It is good to hear that our efforts have been recognised by the County as we have just received a Certificate of Merit from the Lord Lieutenant for outstanding service to the community of Suffolk during the COVID 19 pandemic. Now winter is here, please all keep a special look out for those residents in our community who are vulnerable and may need help. One of our volunteers has offered to deliver a plated meal on Christmas Day to a resident who is alone at Christmas. If you are aware of anyone locally who would benefit from this offer, please phone the GNS helpline.

We are pleased to see that The Community Larder is being used and will continue it during 2021. We will be expanding it so that it is easier to see what is in there, and once restrictions allow, into somewhere where books, games and surplus vegetables could be exchanged, and where we could put an informal village noticeboard. Thank you to Ian and Suzanne Ballantine of the King's Head for their continued support of this project.

At the time of writing, the Covid 19 vaccinations are available from centralised hubs. If anyone with an appointment for a vaccination needs transport please ring us, giving us as much notice as possible.

**Helpline: 01394 450235**

#### **ORFORD CEVAP SCHOOL**

We have had a fun build up to Christmas at Orford CEVAP and Bawdsey CEVAP Schools. We started by sharing a Remembrance day service and silence, with Rev. Giles leading it virtually for the two schools. Then the children took tributes to the church in Orford and the war memorial in Bawdsey, as we wanted the communities to know we remembered the people who fought for us and who still do.

Since then both schools have been pooling ideas; having decoration workshops, shared assemblies, filming nativity plays for the parents/carers. The schools are both wanting this time to be as special as it normally is for everyone. We are virtually showing the Christmas service in church to Orford parents/carers and will release

the logins for the Nativity. Christmas lunch at both schools was a special occasion, with the traditional walks in the villages afterwards. We have been lucky enough to be part of the Christmas extravaganza led by Tiffany, who works at Orford School, to bring a bit of happiness in the community by decorating your houses to spread a bit of festive cheer.

Thank you for all the support you have given and continue to give Orford CEVAP and Bawdsey CECVP Schools and we all wish you a merry and healthy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Katie Butler**, Executive Headteacher, Orford CEVA and Bawdsey CEVC Primary Schools

### RETURN OF THE FLOWER SHOW

We are working on the assumption that we shall be able to put on the Flower Show next August bank holiday. While it is still very early days in the COVID vaccination programme, there is a reasonable chance that come the summer normality will be returning, and as a community we shall feel comfortable again putting on the show.

We usually issue the class list for exhibits in January, so that exhibitors know what to plan for. As we are still not 100% sure of having the show, we would for the moment prefer to avoid the expense of printing up a new schedule, and have 'doctored' last year's list which wasn't used, with next year's date. Copies will be available in January in the village shop and the newspaper kiosk. It is also on the Flower Show website. Once things are more certain, we shall get the full schedule printed up as usual.

So exhibitors, let's get planting!

**Mike Redmond**, Flower Show Committee

### ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

'For me it's not a fashion, it's a passion', Beth Chatto  
Catherine Hopwood: A Life with Plants

Catherine gave us a really interesting Zoom event about Beth Chatto – hence the quote above. She used beautiful and informative slides taken from her book and explained to us about Beth's life and as one member put it 'we saw another side of Beth'.

She explained to us how Beth's love of gardening came about and spoke of her gardening friends who include Piet Ouldorf who apparently used to buy plants from her as a young man when returning to Holland. In the 1950s she grew very close to the artist Cedric Morris of Bearded Iris fame and whose Art School, Benton End has been purchased by The Garden Museum and is currently being restored. We look forward to taking a trip there in the future. She also co-authored a book with Christopher Lloyd of Great Dixter. He had challenged her 'You'll never make a garden there' when she began her garden.

Beth set new standards as to how plants were arranged when she began showing at The Chelsea Flower Show. Her major colour was always green! She went on to design show gardens too.

Apparently Beth was the only woman gardener to be given the whole hour on 'Woman's Hour' in 2008 for her eighty-fifth birthday and when she was awarded an OBE.

### The 2021 Programme

We are still finalising our programme of talks, trips and visits for next year but most of the cancelled events of 2020 have been re-booked.

Here is a trailer:

- 14 January Sarah Frances of Herber and Co 'Using Medicinal Herbs and Plants' - Town Hall or Zoom
- 4 February Neill Ludmon 'Vertical Plantings' - Town Hall or Zoom
- 4 March Claire Ratinon
- 17 March Roses Workshop in Barts Hall and a local garden

We hope to meet more of you in the coming year. There is no test to join us, just an interest in gardens, plants and the people who inspire us. New members: £15, guests for an event: £4

**Polly Sharkey** (Chair), [creativefutures98@btinternet.com](mailto:creativefutures98@btinternet.com)

### SCAM WARNING

Watch out for coronavirus scams

Lots of scammers are using coronavirus to trick people into giving them money or personal information they can use to commit fraud. Help stop them in your community by talking to your friends and family about scams, and what they can do to protect themselves.

Scams to look out for include:

- Advertising face masks or medical equipment at high prices
- Emails or texts pretending to be from the government
- Emails offering life insurance against coronavirus
- People knocking at your door and asking for money for a fake charity

Protect yourself against coronavirus scams:

- Make sure you use only trusted sources of information about coronavirus
- If you see emails about coronavirus from someone you don't know, don't click on any links or buy anything
- Don't give money or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust – for example if someone knocks on your door and offers to help

**Information from Citizens Advice**

### READY, STEADY, CENSUS

The decennial census is almost upon us.

Households across Orford and Gedgrave will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](http://census.gov.uk)

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	

### THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

#### STAFF MEETING CLOSURE DATE

The surgery will be closed between 14.00 – 16.00 on Thursday 21 January for a staff meeting.

We appreciate that not all of our patients have internet access, but in the current rapidly changing climate our website and Facebook page are the most direct route for you to find up-to-date patient information.

If you are unable to access the internet please call the surgery if you have any queries on 01394 411641.

[www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk)

**Nicola Thompson**, Medical Administrator, Peninsula Practice