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### VILLAGE VOICE

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic the decision has been taken to publish this June issue of Village Voice in **digital format only**. All issues of Village Voice can be found on the Parish Council and New Orford Town Trust website: [www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net](http://www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net)

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### JUNE AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

In this interim time of isolation and there being no church services or weekly events/activities we are keeping in contact with all those associated with the church.

Sending out a weekly 'Keeping in Touch' newsy letter, Sunday Service, diary linked to the Psalms and, during 'schooling at home', a family diary, pastoral letters from the Chair of the East Anglia Methodist District too, together with reproduced paintings and photos plus much more! All this is sent via email and media links as well as post for those who don't access the internet! Also keeping regular contact by email and/or phone.

The web site for the local Methodist Church is [www.Methodistic.org.uk](http://www.Methodistic.org.uk) where you will find Sunday Services from various local churches and presenters, also Thought for the Day and other helpful material.

If anyone would like to receive our 'mailings' do get in touch on tel 450676 and we will be happy to include you on the contact list.

We are reminded that in June 1902 the newly built Chapel was opened (same year as the Town Hall) at a cost of just over £600, replacing a smaller chapel which eventually was demolished in 1960. Perhaps there are some who remember being at Sunday School in the former chapel? And those great (annual) Sunday School Anniversary services held in the 'new' chapel – those were the days!!

Every good wish, keep well and stay safe.

Kind regards,

**Stephen Caley**

### THE PENINSULA PRACTICE IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the rapidly changing situation relating to the Coronavirus and how it affects the services we provide please visit our website to find out the latest information.

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

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

### 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

### ORFORD NESS

Orford Ness currently remains closed. The National Trust are looking forward to welcoming people back, and while we're starting to open some of our car parks in England, the safety of our staff, volunteers, visitors and local communities is our priority. For the moment our pay-for-entry places, including Orford Ness, remain closed in line with the latest Government guidance about outdoor ticketed venues. We'll be updating our website with more info on how and when we'll be opening. We'd like to remind visitors that there is no access to Orford Ness via Slaughden or via private boat. The Ness is home to fragile habitats for wildlife as well as having the potential for unexploded ordnance, and so for those reasons we ask you refrain from visiting until we reopen safely. For up to date information please visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/orfordness](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/orfordness)

**Glen Pearce**, Visitor Experience Officer, National Trust

### THANKS TO EVERYONE!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made my life, and that of many others, so bearable during lockdown. The village shop, in particular, has been absolutely outstanding in the way they have coped with 'locals' and many others who really shouldn't have been there, over many hours. Both the Meat Shed and Pump Street Bakery were also so good in the service they gave. On top of all that, the great service was given by all with great good humour.

Thanks are also due to the great team of volunteers, working with the Good Neighbourhood Scheme, who gave all us 'oldies' such a great service! With thanks,

**John Curtin**

### ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

I can't believe we have yet another bright and sunny day – that lack of pollution seems to be doing its stuff!

Our aspiring wildflower meadow is looking great and my most proud achievement is to have managed (after 3 years trying) to get Yellow Rattle in there. This is the plant which reduces the growth of regular

grass to facilitate more native wildflowers to grow and thrive. Apparently once it takes hold it will spread. I think I have to thank Monty and Mark who gave our talk in the Gardening Club in March for their help and advice!! I know it's a long journey but we're getting there...

I see the Swifts arrived as promised on 7 May.

I'm hoping everyone who reads this will have made some difference in their plots or gardens since last month and enjoyed the new learning too. It's great that the nurseries are beginning to open again just when we need to get a few more plants. I'm off to get:

- French beans and Runner beans
- Squashes
- Courgettes
- Cosmos and Nicotianas to fill the gaps and to still sow:
- Cornflowers
- Corncockle
- More poppies
- Salad leaves
- Radishes
- Mange tout

and you will have some favourites of your own and we can pretend it's still May!!

Our Iris which have come from a range of sources, are beginning to come out and this reminds me we have Luci Skinner from Woottens on 5 November and hopefully a specialist from the Dahlia Society on 1 October. Fingers crossed.

I'm sure you've all had lots of gardening related links and videos but here are a few that might interest you when the sun goes in and we get some rain:

[ngs.org.uk/ulting-wick-essex-a-garden-jewel](https://ngs.org.uk/ulting-wick-essex-a-garden-jewel) where we were doing a visit next year in April 2021

YouTube is great for tips and advice such as on creating a water feature and planting hanging baskets to growing fruit and vegetables from Alan Tichmarsh and Matt Jones.

Keeping gardening and keep safe.

**Polly Sharkey**, [creativefutures98@btinternet.com](mailto:creativefutures98@btinternet.com) 01394 450959

### **SUDBOURNE HALL C.C. COVID-19 Update**

As you will all be aware no cricket has been possible this season so far. There is a slim chance that if we are allowed to start by 4 July or very soon after then, half a season would be possible, playing each team in the division just once. However, if we could not start until August then the league would organise a KO cup competition. Any delay beyond mid-August would mean that the season would be lost.

Unfortunately, the club has still had to pay for insurances, water bills, machinery, pavilion and ground maintenance and affiliation fees etc. This will make a severe dent to the Club's finances. It would be much appreciated if our ball sponsors would still like to donate their £20 to help the Club out. Also, if our loyal vice presidents would like to make a donation, that would also be much appreciated. These donations can be made straight into the Club's bank account. Account No: 00155583 Sort Code: 30-99-85 or to Rob Jenkin or club treasurer David Foreman at

6 Potkins Lane, Orford. If you do transfer into the bank account then a text to 07928 325561 or an email

to [foreman867@aol.com](mailto:foreman867@aol.com) would be useful so our treasurer can keep the accounts in order.

It is also with regret that the club has decided to cancel this year's awards dinner scheduled for November.

Best wishes to all our supporters, stay healthy and safe from all at S.H.C.C.

**David Foreman**

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

I know, I know, I can't be serious... but I am. I will be running the puzzle stall at the Christmas bazaar again this year (if there is not one I have room to store them for next year) and would like to ask if you could all consider donating any puzzles you are finished with to the stall to raise funds for the Church and Thomas Marshall fund. I am more than happy to store the puzzles if you want to be rid of them just ring me on 01394 459959 and we can arrange for collection or delivery. Hopefully there will be plenty as I am sure, like me, you have ordered puzzles to keep busy during the lockdown. The more the merrier! Thank you everyone.

**Sheila Stoker**

### **HUGH HOMAN**

Hugh Homan, who sadly died recently, aged 74, was for many years an active and effective contributor to Orford life. Of the many local issues and improvements that he was involved with, the setting up of the Orford & Gedgrave Housing Association was one of the most enduring. Hugh was instrumental, with others, in forming the Association in the late 1980s, negotiating its funding, and securing the purchase of the land at Peacocks Pyghtle, and the building of 12 houses that were then leased to local buyers on a shared-equity basis. Hugh was a distinguished and hard-working solicitor in a large City of London practice, but gave freely of his time and expertise to advise on all the legal aspects of the project, and to see it through to a successful conclusion. He served as Chairman of the Association until 1997, before moving to live in Wiltshire. These houses continue to be a source of affordable housing for people with local connections, and a lasting tribute to Hugh's selfless efforts on behalf of the local community.

**Geoffrey Smeed (Hon. Secretary, O.G.H.A.)**

I was so sorry to learn that Hugh Homan had died recently. I first met him in the early 1980s in Orford. He was a very personable and charming man and a real asset to the community. He realised that there was a need for tennis courts in the village and set about finding the best place to locate them and to organise the fundraising for two courts. I remember discussion about whether they should be put down near the sailing club but eventually an agreement was made with the Parish Council to put them on the Recreation Ground. Together with Neville Walton and Jack Robinson all the plans were made and many local people donated towards the cause. They opened in 1987 and have been used by several generations of locals and holiday makers ever since. We tennis players have all had hours of pleasure over the past 33 years thanks to his tireless energy and dedication to improving Orford facilities. He will be greatly missed in the community.

**Diana Grayburn**

# Orford, Gedgrave & Sudbourne Park Good Neighbour Scheme

## During the Covid-19 pandemic we will be offering the following services

### Collection and Delivery of Shopping from Orford General Store

We can arrange for a volunteer to pick up pre-ordered items from Orford General Store and deliver them to your doorstep. You must avoid contact with our volunteers so the items **must** be ordered either online or by telephone and paid for by bank card.

### Medical Prescriptions from the Peninsula Practice

We can pick your medication up and post it through your letterbox or leave it outside on the doorstep if large. If you are under 60 and pay for your medication you must ring the surgery pharmacy and pay using a bank card. If you are under 60 and have a medical exemption, we will need the exemption number. We need to know your Name, Address and Date of Birth in order to collect your prescription.

### Transportation to GP or Hospital Appointments

This is only available to clients who are not presenting symptoms of Covid-19.

### Companionship

We are offering telephone befriending during this challenging time. If you would like a one-off or a regular call from one of our volunteers please let us know.

### Walking Dogs

**RING US ON 01394 450235**

**Please spread the word about this Scheme**

### Other Useful Information

- Orford Meat Shed 01394 459890 to order and arrange delivery
- Orford Village Stores 01394 450204 or preferably order by email: [orfordgeneralstore@outlook.com](mailto:orfordgeneralstore@outlook.com)
- Orford Surgery Pharmacy 01394 411641

*Please bear in mind that the Scheme is run entirely by volunteers. We will always do our utmost to help. Abuse and aggression to any of us will result in our assistance being withdrawn on an individual basis. Thank you*