



The newsletter for the community of Orford and Gedgrave

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November dates for your diary

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

NOVEMBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 1 November	9am	Holy Communion - Revd Giles
Sunday 8 November - Remembrance Sunday	9am	Holy Communion - Robin Anderson
	10.50am	Act of Remembrance by War Memorial - Revd Giles
Sunday 15 November	9am	Holy Communion - Revd Giles
Sunday 22 November	11am	All Age Family Service
Sunday 29 November		No service

Jacki Maslin

NOVEMBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services:

Sunday 1 November	10.30am	Rev Stephen Yelland
Sunday 8 November		Remembrance Sunday Traditional Remembrance Service at 10.30am Stephen Caley
Sunday 15 November	10.30am	Service led locally
Sunday 22 November	10.30am	Rev Martin Dawes/Stephen Caley
Sunday 29 November		Advent Sunday 10.30am Stephen Caley

The Chapel Tea Room continues to provide good food – lunch, coffee/tea and cake. We are open on MONDAY and WEDNESDAY from 11am–2pm(ish) – winter opening hours. Booking is essential due to Covid regulations – Test and Trace applies.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service led by Rev Stephen Yelland was a great blessing. The 'first fruits' were well displayed alongside plenty of sheaves of wheat. Afterwards we were able to socially distance outside to enjoy coffee and cake – yummy! The Woodbridge Salvation Army Food Bank received a large quantity of non-perishable food from the harvest display.

Stephen Caley

ORFORD COMMUNITY LARDER – TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

For a trial period the Orford, Gedgrave and Sudbourne Park Good Neighbour Scheme will be offering a Community Larder. Items in the larder are free to anyone who needs them.

Goods, which must be non-perishable and within their sell-by date can be donated, by calling the Good Neighbour Scheme. The

larder will be located on the grass in the entrance to the King's Head car park.

Corinne Lusher, Orford, Gedgrave and Sudbourne Park Good Neighbour Scheme, 01394 450235

A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST

I write, somewhat belatedly but nevertheless with sincerity, to congratulate you and your fellow trustees for the recent purchase of a bungalow for rent at an affordable price in Town Farm Estate.

I have as you know long been an advocate of using the monies amassed by the NOTT for the benefit of the village, while of course maintaining funds for the inevitable 'rainy day'. The purchase of the bungalow is a sound financial investment. But more importantly it is an excellent and demonstrable investment in the good people of Orford. Well done all! With best wishes,

Mike Finney

POPPY APPEAL 2020

As you might imagine, COVID 19 restrictions will affect severely this year's Poppy Appeal. There will be no door to door collections, but there will be Poppy Tins and Poppies available at the usual outlets ie the Village Store, pubs etc. Another problem is that we have become a mainly cash-free society, so cash in coins and notes is not readily available. You may care instead to donate by sending a text to the number 70545. Texting "**POPPY2**" will donate £2, "**POPPY5**" £5 and "**POPPY10**" £10. You may consider making a donation like this, and then simply pick up your Poppy etc when next in the shop. Finally, any Memorial Service will follow the restrictions in force on the day, so watch this space.

Mike Finney

FROM ORFORD CEVAP SCHOOL

Hello to everyone from Orford School. We have had a different, but great half term. The children, staff and parents have learnt the new safety systems, which can be restrictive, but we have made the learning as exciting as always for the children. We have maintained many of the wider opportunities the school is known for while adhering to the guidance. The children have enjoyed forest schools, cooking, specialist sport coaching, Zoomed worship from in school and guests,

Class 2 even went on a trip to Foxburrow farm and we have all been doing the usual high quality learning in class bubbles too.

The next half term has been planned to have all the excitement of the build up towards Christmas. We are starting with a firework dressing up day and then a Christmas decoration workshop. We have lots of surprises along the way planned for the children and we will still be doing our Nativity and filming it for parents and carers.

Orford CEVAP School and Bawdsey CEVCP School have already been able to see the benefits of collaboration, and sharing the wider expertise of two teams of school staff has helped at both schools; the EYFS teams have been pooling ideas and activities, the SENDCo at each school has worked together to bring Thrive into the two schools (a mental health and well-being intervention which is timely for the pupils), the Senior Teachers have helped the teachers with identifying gaps and targets for all the pupils after lockdown and partial opening, and we have come up with a plan for lots of activities for the pupils at both small schools to enjoy and celebrate Christmas as usual, but again, within the guidelines.

When the children can be brought together this will extend our links further with the staff having planned activities and ideas already. Orford and Bawdsey will share their resources of Forest schools and Beach Schools respectively and possibly have combined sport teams. As always, Orford and Bawdsey schools are putting the children's needs and education at the heart of all they do. Even when it is nationally one of the most difficult times in education, it is a privilege to be a part of it.

Mrs K Butler, Executive Headteacher

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

*'To see a world in a grain of sand,
And heaven in a wild flower,
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand,
And eternity in an hour'*

William Blake

I thought this quote was particularly pertinent for us, in our area, at this moment in time...

October Dahlia Talk

For our first talk in the Town Hall since March we had Donny Andrews, Chair of the Norfolk and Suffolk Dahlia Society. He enlightened us on the various types and sizes of dahlia and demonstrated the rings used to assess the correct size of them when exhibiting in shows! We were amazed at how huge the flowers needed to be to fit the categories – no wonder I've got it wrong in the Flower Shows of the past! He showed us how to propagate from cuttings and shared his own lifetime experiences and those of his friends and colleagues. Twenty-three members, many new to our Club, came and we were all very well spaced and socially distanced in the big hall. They said how good it was to get out within the village. There were flowers and plants to purchase and we donated the proceeds to the Red Cross – Beirut.

Autumn colour ideas – in case you need any

Bedding and pots

- Cyclamen
- Purple Sage
- Nandina
- Ornamental cabbage
- Plumbago for pollinators
- Winter pansies
- Colourful grasses
- Heuchera – range of colours

Trees and shrubs

- Acer
- Rhus
- Amelanchier
- Cotinus
- Hydrangea

Autumn programme

Sadly our November Iris Talk has been cancelled by Woottens, but you can find out about the wide range of Iris for every time of the year from their website. But we are delighted to say that we have been able to secure Sarah of Herber and Co to talk about medicinal plants and herbal remedies.

We may be able to visit RHS Hyde Hall because, as affiliates, we are entitled to a group visit free once a year.

Enjoy the delightful autumn colour around us in our villages, woods and coastal places...

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

UPDATE FROM THE ALDE AND ORE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (AOCP)

The AOCP held its fourth meeting on 17 September by Zoom: members of the public attended too.

The important news about the grant application for the first part of the Estuary Flood Defence Project is still awaited.

The newly formed AOCP, which provides a voice for the local community and is the guardian of the Estuary Plan, is getting fully organised. The draft constitution was agreed. The communications plans are being developed so that AOCP can reach out to everyone in the estuary. The method for monitoring the estuary for coastal squeeze, impact of rising sea level on the various estuary habitats, was confirmed. The draft minutes of the meeting are on the AOCP website.

If anyone has any questions do email the Temp Hon Sec on aldeblackburn@aol.com.

The next meeting, also most probably by Zoom, is set for Thursday 10 December 2020 at 18.30. Members of the public are welcome. Details will be available on the AOCP web site www.aocp.co.uk

Alison Andrews, Temp Hon Sec AOCP

PENINSULA PRACTICE

GP TRAINING & STAFF MEETING CLOSURE DATES: The surgery will be closed on Thursday 12 November at 13.00 for GP training. Please contact NHS 111 when the Surgery is closed.

Flu Vaccinations

The surgery is hoping to receive more flu vaccinations at the end of November. We will initially administer these to unvaccinated vulnerable patients first. Then we will vaccinate the 50-64 year old category of patients. If you fall into this category and have not received a letter from the surgery please DO NOT contact the surgery. We will contact you individually when we have the vaccinations available.

Nicola Thompson, Medical Administrator, Peninsula Practice

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	