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October dates for your diary

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

• Friday 23 to Monday 26: Art exhibition at The Great House

FROM ORFORD AND GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Play area fence – you may have noticed that the play area on the Recreation Ground has a new fence. This has certainly improved the look of the play area and made it a secure area for children to enjoy. Thanks must go to the team that removed the old wooden fence; this included John Backhouse, Hannah Backhouse, Nathan Smy and family, David Golder, Raydon Hall Farm, and a group of Parish Councillors.

Update on the climbing dome: the Parish Council has almost raised enough money for this to be purchased. We have already received donations from the Flower Show Committee, County Councillor Andrew Reid and Orford Sports & Recreation Club.

Anne Macro, *Chairman, Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council*

OCTOBER AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Sunday 4 October 9am	Harvest Holy Communion - Revd Giles
Sunday 11 October 9am	BCP Holy Communion - Revd Giles
Sunday 18 October 9am	Holy Communion - Revd Giles
Sunday 25 October 11am	Family/Village Service - Guy/Jackie

Jacki Maslin

OCTOBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services:

Sunday 4 October	10.30am Stephen Caley
Sunday 11 October	10.30am Rev. Stephen Yelland
Sunday 18 October	10.30am Stephen Caley
Sunday 25 October	10.30am Stephen Caley/Rev Martin Dawes
Sunday 1 November	10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland

Monday Chapel Tea Room is back to Mondays – and just lately as busy as ever with outside tables, socially distanced, and where many are enjoying great food on offer. Bookings are taken for those who prefer to sit inside! As per Government requirement, we are completing Test and Trace forms!

Hopefully we will introduce the same Tea Room format on Wednesdays, commencing 7 October – but not as the normal Wednesday Lunch due to the 6 rule! (check out Wednesday's opening hours).

Stephen Caley

NOTT HOMES IN THE VILLAGE

It was very interesting to read in the September Village Voice on the subject of New Orford Town Trust purchasing property for young people with local connections being able to rent homes bought by the Trust. Hope that you carry on with this enabling families to remain in Orford. Well done.

Phyllis Ward

Thank you to the Town Trust for purchasing a property for a young couple to be able to rent in the village thus preventing it becoming yet another holiday home and well out of the reach of local people. The benefits will repay the outlay. Well done.

Joan Bedingfield

ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need"
Cicero.

What more can I say...

Abundance Garden Party

Our Abundance Garden Party was a huge success with 23 members and guests attending, well spread out around our garden and wild field. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity in their own way – some to look in detail at our planting or wild meadow, some interested in the arty pieces we have, some to admire the view across to the sea wall. Others to wave at, or have a socially distanced chat with friends they hadn't seen in a while...

Many of those who came brought delightful cakes or scones, plants from their gardens as they divide up for autumn and others produce, such as figs, herbs, pears, quinces and apples. The preserves and jams were very popular too.

We raised £81.50 for the Red Cross in Beirut from sales and donations so were very pleased that we managed to squeeze the event in before the rules changed again...

Thank you everyone for making the event, the first since March, so amazing.

New Members

Interest in gardening has grown particularly over these past months and I'm delighted to say that we now have 5 new members for our Club! Hopefully, we will inspire a few more. Do contact me in the first instance if you are interested – we have great plans for 2021!

Autumn Events

We are still in discussion about the talks we have been promoting but do still hope to be able to go ahead as previously advertised on 1 October with the Dahlia Talk.

We will be letting members know about the Covid guidelines required so that they can make a decision about attending. Everyone who would like to come will need to book through me.

Keep on gardening and making notes about what you are going to do next year and get your bulbs ordered.

Get out and about to look at as many gardens and green spaces as you can.

Hoping to see you soon...

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

OBITUARY: MICHAEL JOHN PEARCE

Born in 1937 Finchley, London, Mike grew up in Hampshire, before training as a Chartered Accountant and joining his father's packaging firm which had sites in Slough and Great Yarmouth, and after the war was the first company to ever introduce pulp egg packaging into the UK. Michael met and married Suki Pearce (nee Aikens) after meeting sailing on the River Ore at Aldeburgh regatta week in 1968, and with whom he went on to have 3 children; Nicholas, Elizabeth and Richard.

With a first house on the Wroxham broads, a career move took him across the border to Bury St Edmunds where he joined Danish-owned vacuum cleaner manufacturer Nilfisk as their Financial Director. Then in 1982 Mike joined Marlow's, who were at that time East Anglia's largest timber merchants, as Financial Director. After 12 years at Marlow's Mike semi-retired to help run a GP's surgery in Ipswich before moving to Orford and fully retiring. Mike's public spiritedness – which has been much commented on since his death – extended over his lifetime as Governor of various schools,

Chairman of Bury St Edmunds' farmers club, rotary member, Citizens Advice Bureau volunteer, Chairman of the NOTT, parish councillor, Orford Sailing Club Commodore, OSC Treasurer and enthusiastic lifetime supporter, Chairman of the Emergency Committee, Snape usher, Orford Choir member and Aldeburgh music, Good Neighbour Scheme volunteer, Jolly Ore rowing race organiser, Orford Men's Luncheon Club, and a much-loved member of the Treacle Miners (an Aldeburgh golf club group!)

Mike held a great passion and love for Orford and the river. As a lifelong passionate and accomplished sailor, Orford offered him both his hobby and a community to whom he was both deeply fond of and committed. He was never happier than chatting and/or being near or on the river where he originally met Suki, and watching his 8 Grandchildren who likewise remain happiest both on – or in! – the river itself.

Thank you to everyone who has been so kind to the Pearce family in the weeks since Mike's death. He has left an immeasurable gap in our lives but we also take comfort in what he achieved and both the affection and respect with which he was held by so many people in the village.

We also know the last thing he would want was any fuss!

Nick Pearce

'ART' IN A WORLD OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

We are pleased to announce "A POP UP" Autumn Exhibition at the Great House Gallery, Orford IP122NT.

Friday 23 OCTOBER evening event – pre-booked entry times between 4-7.30pm*, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 – 11-4pm, and Monday 26 – 11-3pm open to the public (2m apart)

A unique selection of original works by Michael Flint – Orford artist; Nicola Atchley – Orford artist; Marjorie Henrichs – Orford artist; Caro Burberry – sculptor; Antonia Hockton – sculptor; Meryem Siemmond – sculptor

Collection in aid of the Orford village primary school.

* If you wish to book a time slot on Friday 23 October or over the weekend please call Fiona 07779 593366 to request a time – max party number of 6 persons.

www.greathousegallery.co.uk

THE PENINSULA PRACTICE

GP TRAINING & STAFF MEETING CLOSURE DATES

The surgery will be closed on Wednesday 7 October at 13.00 for GP training. The Surgery will be closed between 14.00 & 16.00 on Thursday 15 October for a staff meeting.

Please contact NHS 111 when the Surgery is closed.

Flu Vaccination Clinics 2020

Due to social distancing we are unable to host our Health and Wellbeing Event this year but we will be holding three Flu Vaccination Clinics. The clinics will be open from 09.00 until 18.00 and by appointment only.

Who is eligible for a Flu Vaccination?

Anybody over the age of 65 years old.

Anybody with a pre-existing health condition who has received a letter from the Surgery.

Flu Vaccination Clinic dates and venues

Monday 12 October - Hollesley Village Hall

Thursday 22 October - Aldeburgh Community & Sports Centre

Tuesday 27 October - Orford Town Hall

Wherever you live you can attend a clinic at a venue of your choosing. Please call the surgery to book your appointment for the Flu Clinic.

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	



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

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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