



The newsletter for the community of Orford and Gedgrave

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#### **COPY DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF VILLAGE VOICE IS THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020**

#### **FROM NEW ORFORD TOWN TRUST**

Back in 2018 New Orford Town Trust set up a designated fund to purchase houses, or land on which to build houses, with the aim of adding to the Trust's stock of homes available to rent to people with a strong local connection and who would otherwise be forced to move away from the village, families and friends. In that way, we hoped to help achieve a healthy mix of age groups in the village and to maintain the working and school populations, so that Orford is able to continue as a well-balanced and sustainable community for generations to come.

NOTT already owns and rents out the cottages in Bakers Lane on this basis – these have been described as 'the jewel in the Trust's crown'. In December 2019 one of the Trustees learnt of a property that had recently come onto the market in Town Farm Estate. It was a spacious bungalow with 2 bedrooms, bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, a good-sized garden with a garage and off-street parking. It was too good an opportunity to miss and the Trustee decided to put in an offer, which was accepted. We are proud to announce that a young local family is to move in, freeing up a cottage in Bakers Lane and thereby allowing a young couple to move back into the village.

We have found there is a housing need and it is vital for the long-term wellbeing of Orford we that carry on with this endeavour which will be expedited with the help of people making donations or leaving a charitable gift. We hope that you will feel strongly enough to support this cause to ensure our legacy to future generations is not an empty shell of a village but a vibrant healthy place to live in and a Trust well founded to support a venture that is clearly a positive force for good.

*Ian Thornton, Chairman, New Orford Town Trust*

#### **MICHAEL PEARCE**

It was with great sadness that we heard of Michael Pearce's death on 1 August.

Michael served as a Parish Councillor and Trustee of the New Orford Town Trust twice, first in the late '90s/early2000s and again from 2010-2015. During these times he was Chairman of the Riverside Committee and Chairman of NOTT from 2011. He continued to Chair the local Emergency Group.

The Parish Council and, particularly, the New Orford Town Trust benefited hugely from his experience. Our thoughts and sincere

#### **September dates for your diary**

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

- Saturday 12 September: Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride - further details on the next page

condolences go out to his wife Suki, and children Nick, Elizabeth, Richard, and their families.

*Orford and Gedgrave Parish Council/Trustees of New Orford Town Trust*

#### **THE LINK AND VILLAGE VOICE - THANKS**

I'm sure that everyone in Orford greatly appreciates reading The Link and Village Voice each month, efficiently delivered by a band of volunteers. We'd like to thank Ron and Linda Scarce for allowing us to use the newspaper kiosk as our 'distribution hub' during the ongoing pandemic – it really is very much appreciated.

*John Bevan and Peter Beaumont*

#### **SEPTEMBER AT ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

##### **Services for September**

Sunday 6 September 10.30am Stephen Caley

Sunday 13 September 10.30am Service arranged locally

Sunday 20 September HARVEST THANKSGIVING

10.30am Rev Stephen Yelland

Sunday 27 September 10.30am Stephen Caley/Rev Martin Dawes

Sunday 4 October 10.30am Stephen Caley

At present mandatory regulations require distancing and masks to be worn when attending services. A welcome awaits you!

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be a little different this year, however, we shall celebrate, with thanks, God's gift of creation supporting the needs of others.

The Monday Tea Room (for the time being, held on WEDNESDAYS) has returned to its popularity – serving excellent food within the restrictions/regulations. We have been able to accommodate bookings inside and non-bookings outside. As soon as possible we shall return this event back to Mondays and reinstate the weekly Wednesday Lunch – hopefully in time to mark the occasion of its twenty-first year.

*Stephen Caley*

#### **ORFORD SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB**

By the time this goes to press, the club will have re-opened.

The club is now open for club nights on Friday, Sunday and Monday evenings from 8.30pm.

COVID measures are in place - please sign in on arrival, and use the hand sanitiser available and adhere to the floor and wall signage in place (for social distancing). As well as cash, we now accept card/contactless payments, to make it easier (and cleaner) for everyone. Due to the restrictions currently in place, we are sorry but we cannot take bookings for private functions at this moment in time.

So, with all this in mind, welcome back to Orford Sports & Recreation Club. We look forward to seeing everyone again.

**Mark Smy**, OSRC Secretary, tel 450358

**SHCT (Suffolk Historic Churches Trust) RIDE AND STRIDE**  
Saturday 12 September 2020

It has recently been confirmed that this will go ahead as usual on the date above to raise funds for our churches. If churches are not open on the day, cyclists or walkers should sign self-registration forms in porches or take a photo instead. If you own a classic vintage car there is a new 'pedal and drive' event! Orford cyclists have been prominent in earlier years and we hope there is a new generation to follow the example of the Rev Giles Tulk and Sarah with the faithful Reggie who are planning to stride. Sponsorship Forms are available from me as stand-in local organiser, at: Smithy Cottage, 29 High Street, Orford, IP12 2NW, 01394 450567. email: catspaw@phonecoop.coop

**Richard Roberts**

**ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

*"Live every day as if it were your last and garden as though you will live for ever"*

Scottish Proverb

I thought this quote to be particularly pertinent just now...

Well, September beckons and we are hoping that the Gardening Club will be able to be up and running for the Autumn, being Covid secure, of course!!

For members in September we will be having a Coastal Foray at Sizewell beach with Vivian Bamford who took us on a Foray a couple of years ago around Butley and Chillesford.

Because we were unable to have our usual Garden Party last June, we have decided to hold an 'Abundance Garden Party' at our home in September. It has a large very wild area with views across to the sea wall as well as more secluded spots with lots of room for everyone to spread out, bring their own drinks and us to provide some cakes! Hopefully, there will also be plants, flowers and produce which we will be selling in aid of the Red Cross Appeal for Beirut.

On 1 October we have Donny Andrews, Chair of the Norfolk and Suffolk Dahlia Society coming to talk to us about Dahlias and he will be bringing bunches for us to sell! Many of us love to grow Dahlias but I'm sure we all want to know how we could improve.

On 5 November Luci Skinner of Woottens Plants, Wenhaston will tell us all we need to know about Irises. I didn't realise there is one for every season and every garden situation! Bet you didn't either...

Both these events will be held in the Main Room at the Town Hall with Covid Secure Guidelines adhered to.

We will be in touch with members direct about all these events. If you are now inspired to know more about gardening, please do join us in the Gardening Club, no previous knowledge is required!

Contact me if you are interested...

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THE 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	

GP TRAINING CLOSURE DATES  
The surgery will be closed on Thursday 10 September at 13.00 for GP training. 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.

**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 & Venues**  
12 October Hollesley Village Hall  
22 October Aldeburgh To Be Confirmed  
27 October Orford Town Hall

Wherever you live you can attend a clinic at a venue of your choosing. Please call the surgery after 14 September to book your appointment for the Flu Clinic.  
[www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk), 01394 411641

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