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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)

The copy deadline for inclusion in the July issue of Village Voice is Thursday 23 July 2020.

## ORFORD CLUSTER

All of our churches in the cluster were able to decide from 14 June to open for private worship, bearing in mind the guidelines, i.e. sanitizers, social distancing, no touching of objects, etc. Orford Church decided to open from 10am – 4pm each Sunday starting on 21 June.

Revd Giles Tulk and Graeme Kay have done some terrific services on Zoom every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. They have brought our churches together in both the Orford and Hollesley clusters. We are able to sing, hear readings, and also a very moving sermon from Giles. If you would like to be on the list, please email me on [jackimaslin@btinternet.com](mailto:jackimaslin@btinternet.com).

On 31 August, we will have our annual Gift Day. We have had 6 concerts cancelled with Snape Maltings as well as cancelled weddings. We have still had to pay our monthly expenses, without the contributions of worshippers. Please help us: we will be in Market Square the Bank Holiday Monday from 9am – 1pm.

I hope all of you are keeping safe.

With love and best wishes,

**Jacki Maslin**

## NOTES FROM ORFORD METHODIST CHURCH

We are busy cleaning and sanitising the church premises and putting in place for safe distancing as required by the Government. We await the authority of the Methodist Church for the re-opening of the church for worship and weekday activities. In the meantime, our people continue to receive weekly mailings by post or email and join with services streamed or via radio and TV and via our website for daily devotions, prayers and poetry. Our thanks to those who have contributed toward Keeping in Touch letters, weekly Diary and Psalm Diary write-ups, children's stories, painted cards and so much more sent out.

We are very grateful for donations given, which so far has covered costs for providing our weekly mailings. We are also in receipt of some very local and generous donations to the church account – these have been gratefully received.

## 32nd ANNUAL QUAY SERVICE – SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

We are keeping an eye on government guidance to see if this will be able to take place, so watch out for further information.

**Stephen Caley**

## 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**

## THE PENINSULAR PRACTICE, IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the Pandemic, our service has had to adapt to keep both patients and staff safe, and to manage your medical care with responsiveness, professionalism and compassion.

Because of the rapidly changing directives we receive in relation to the pandemic, we are unable to inform patients via local newsletters of these changes to our service. Therefore, all practice updates are posted on our website: [www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk/coronaviruscovid-19](http://www.thepeninsulapractice.co.uk/coronaviruscovid-19) and The Peninsula Practice Facebook page.

You will currently find on both these social media sites a video message from Dr Lindsey Crockett, our senior partner addressing:

- Why we are seeing most patients at Orford
- Asking patients to attend Landseer Road for blood tests where possible
- Particular reassurances for Aldeburgh patients

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

## ORFORD, GEDGRAVE & SUDBOURNE FLOWER SHOW 2020

It will come as little surprise that we shall not be able to put on the Flower Show this year. Even if current rules on numbers of people congregating together were to be relaxed in the coming months, some form of social distancing will remain, which would be impossible to achieve in the show. On top of that, the supplier of the marquee is not operating this year. Regrettably, therefore, we have to cancel the event.

We shall try to recognize in a small way efforts that exhibitors may already have made in preparation for the show, by arranging for photos of some of the plants in the allotments, and craftwork which children at the school may have created, and uploading these to the Flower Show Facebook page.

Rest assured, we plan to be back in 2021.

**Mike Redmond, Flower Show Committee**

## ORFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

*"The more one gardens, the more one learns; and the more one learns, the more one realises how little one knows"*, Vita Sackville West

*"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"*, Audrey Hepburn

Here are a couple of quotes which I researched recently. The first one resonates with those of us who have gardened all our lives and those who have only recently found enjoyment in doing it. We don't think of Audrey Hepburn as a gardener, do we? That's why I think it is particularly pertinent now...

Welcome to July, the month according to gardening books that allows you to cash in on relaxation, enjoyment and the colour and scent of the garden. So whether this season is your first attempt at gardening or you are an avid, experienced gardener, this month is supposedly your time.

Borders should be extravagant with large bushes of alchemilla and purple sage. Take the chance during the day to enjoy your verbenas, bonariensis and penstemon, your alstroemeria and osteospermum. Have an early evening drink

surrounded by asters and lysimachia and if you have been really lucky, your spiky eryngiums. During the evening, take pleasure in smelling your lilies and dianthus. And generally just enjoy your phlox, campanulas, salvias and clematis. Maybe even your roses.

Speaking of roses, this is the time to take care of them and continually deadhead and look after them in order to prolong their beauty and your enjoyment. Our trip to Mannington Hall in Norfolk which specialises in roses has been postponed and will take place next year at the beginning of July.

We hope that our Dahlia specialist will be coming to talk on 1 October, bringing bunches of them for us to buy and Luci from Woottens will be telling us all we need to know about Irises on 5 November...

Keep enjoying your gardens and other outside spaces and book into the RHS at Hyde Hall, the National Trust or an NGS garden to keep your inspiration flowing ...

We hope to see you all again soon!!

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New Orford Town Trust has a spacious bungalow to let in Town Farm Estate, Orford. There are 2 bedrooms, bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, a good sized garden with 2 sheds, a garage and off-street parking. The rent will be £520 per calendar month.

When considering applicants NOTT will look at their housing need, local connection and the suitability of the accommodation available.

Further information, including NOTT's Housing Allocation Policy and an application form, is available from the Trust Clerk (contact details as above) or can be downloaded from our website [www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net](http://www.orfordparishandtrust.onesuffolk.net) (look under New Orford Town Trust, and then Housing).

Completed applications should be returned to the office (details above) by midday on **Monday 13 July 2020**.

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# 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*