

# Out & About

*in the Offords*

August - September 2020





## ***Welcome to our third online version of Out & About.***

We hope to resume door to door delivery of paper copies in October and intend to continue to publish on line too because this allows us to have more full colour images and that has proved popular.

In this edition we are pleased to include contributions from individuals with a story to tell. We can be inspired to make music, take up embroidery, enjoy wildlife in our beautiful village and take pride in homely activities such as gardening, floristry and baking.

Please feel very welcome to come forward with ideas and contributions for future issues. The next print deadline will be September 7<sup>th</sup> for publication at the beginning of October. This is a voice for all the village! Make yours heard and send your contribution to [simon@easiprint.ltd](mailto:simon@easiprint.ltd) and copy to [johnsimpkin@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsimpkin@hotmail.com)

Thank you to all our regular contributors and advertisers who together ensure that we all know what is going on in Offord.

We are particularly pleased to announce a virtual Flower Show which has been arranged because the Offord Gardening Association cannot host a real event this year.

***To make you smile...***



# **NHS Test and Trace: if you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus**

**Follow this advice if you're told by the NHS Test and Trace Service that you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus (COVID-19)**

## **Stay at home for 14 days**

If you're told you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus:

- stay at home (self-isolate) for 14 days from the day you were last in contact with the person – it can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear
- do not leave your home for any reason – if you need food or medicine, order it online or by phone, or ask friends and family to drop it off at your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for essential care
- try to avoid contact with anyone you live with as much as possible
- people you live with do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms
- people in your support bubble do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms

### What is a support bubble?

A support bubble is where someone who lives alone (or just with their children) can meet people from 1 other household.

If you live with someone at higher risk from coronavirus, try to arrange for them to stay with friends or family for 14 days.

If you have to stay in the same home together, go onto the NHS website and read about how to avoid the spread of the virus.

## **If you get symptoms of coronavirus**

If you get any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste):

- [get a test to check if you have coronavirus](#) as soon as possible
- anyone you live with must self-isolate until you've been tested and received your result
- anyone in your support bubble must self-isolate until you've been tested and received your result

## **What to do when you get your test result**

If you test negative (the test did not find coronavirus):

- keep self-isolating for 14 days from when you were last in contact with the person who has coronavirus – as you could get symptoms after being tested
- anyone you live with can stop self-isolating if they do not have symptoms
- anyone in your support bubble can stop self-isolating if they do not have symptoms

If you test positive (you have coronavirus):

- self-isolate for at least 7 days from when your symptoms started – even if it means you're self-isolating for longer than 14 days
- anyone you live with must self-isolate for 14 days from when your symptoms started
- anyone in your support bubble must self-isolate for 14 days from when your symptoms started

## ***How one reader and previous O&A deliverer stitched herself through lockdown:***

I'm Collette, self taught embroidery and textile artist working from my Cambridgeshire studio in Offord D'arcy. My textile journey has evolved over the last 8 years from making children's clothes, which started from me making them for my daughter, to designing and selling them. This felt creatively restrictive then I found free motion embroidery. This opened up a whole new avenue to explore, where I was able to experiment with textiles.

My work is always detailed; I've drawn that way for as long as I can remember so this is the natural way for me to work in thread. My subject matter ranges from insects, birds and plants. More recently allotments had inter-

ested me. I want to see and observe things that can be ordinarily overlooked. My workroom is full of items collected from walks including those I was able to make during the period of lockdown, including bird feathers, fossils, old nests, and twigs with vibrant orange lichen.

My latest piece of work is based on allotments (*see front cover*). I have always had a fascination with them. There is an organisation both aesthetically and on a practical level and yet there is an unkemptness too, I'm drawn to that juxtaposition. An early memory of them is from Norwich where I was mesmerised by them. This has stayed with me. In Lockdown I was working on another piece of work at the time and I don't know why but I was feeling restless with this work. I am an artist who needs to finish one piece before starting another so this was unusual. I already had the idea of what I wanted to create, within minutes I was working on the allotment piece.

The stitching just flowed, I was completely immersed in it. As I stitched I learnt new stitches along the way, I'd never done a bullion knot or turkey stitch before this piece. I am someone who learns new techniques when I need to for each artwork I create so my work evolves and I build on my repertoire. There are 9 different stitches in the allotment piece each one used to illustrate different forms and textures.



As the allotment slowly started to grow I decided to do a 'work in progress' post on social media platforms. I couldn't believe the response I received, it really resonated with people. I think the bird's eye view alluded to the freedom we were all so used to before lockdown yet at the same time people were becoming more aware of their outdoor



surroundings, nature, bird song. One post went viral on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, with nearly 35,000 likes just on Instagram and 500,000 people having seen it. A kind person on Twitter said I should enter my work for the Saatchi Take Over awards. I had a few days left till the deadline to complete the work as it still wasn't finished. I have never stitched with such vigour! I entered the piece on the last day. I was totally overwhelmed when I won, I really couldn't believe it. This was the same feeling I had when I became a member of The Society of Embroidered Works. To have that recognition by The Saatchi Gallery that firstly textile and embroidery is art and secondly that my work was credited with being one of the winners was and still is an amazing feeling.

I am designing a PDF pattern so people can recreate the allotment piece themselves. I also want to offer prints of the piece as well as creating some more allotment inspired works. I am doing some editorial work on a magazine where I have been commissioned to illustrate their magazine with embroidery. Both are so exciting and just shows what is possible when you just keep doing what you love. I would love to do more embroidery illustrations in books and magazines, an area I had never thought about before.

Instagram-@sewnbycollettekinley

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# *Offord Village Hall*

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With the Hall presently closed, the Trustees are pleased that we can use this to our advantage and go ahead with the first part of the Accessibility Project. We were lucky to be awarded money from the Lottery Fund towards the project and even with our very reduced income we can get started on the first part. This project is dealing with the fire exit on the north (car park) elevation, including the construction of a proper ramp and the required handrails to comply with current building regulations and the door reconfiguration making it wheelchair friendly. A local builder has been engaged and is working hard to get the job finished as soon as is practically possible. The rest of the project will be on hold for the time being until we can bolster our funds.

Over the last few months, thanks to the Caretaker and volunteers, the Hall and its surrounding area have been kept maintained during lockdown. You will notice that even the holes in the Car Park have been filled, and the hedges and vegetation trimmed. Inside has also been kept clean and pristine and some electrical jobs like changing the light switches to make them easier to clean have been carried out.

The Village Hall is an important meeting place for local groups and organisations. The good news is that after the latest announcement from the Government, village halls and public buildings can open again albeit with restrictions. The Chairman, John Gatward, would like to reassure all Village Hall users people that we have not abandoned the hall. To this end the Trustees are busy working towards putting in place the extra statutory safety measures required, so that we can hopefully open the building to our users once again in the not too distant future.

Helen Ellis

Secretary Offord Village Hall

# Alison Lane

The 'Alison Lane Band' the local Offord's band has now been going for over seven years playing alternative cover versions of a wide range of current, recent and iconic songs.



Originating as a Garage Band with a few open mike nights to playing pubs, clubs, private functions, festivals and weddings, the bands philosophy has always been the same, whether its acoustic or electric, big or small audience we all need to have fun!

We've had some brilliant gigs such as New Years' Eve at the Offord Shoe, St Neots Summer festival, and the Offord Beer festival, which we have been fortunate enough to play both times.

We have also been lucky enough to play with some very talented musicians, both amateur and professional who have joined us on stage to either perform on their own or mix it up with us.



Whilst in lockdown we've individually been going back to basics with acoustic rather than electric and will probably start back on the circuit as we did in the beginning... with open mike nights just having fun!



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- £ 20 No. 102 Astrid Read
- £ 15 No. 094 Clive Sheffield
- £ 10 No. 316 Stevie Triplet
- £ 5 No. 345 Janet Bedingfield (Eva)

#### **JUNE**

- £ 125 No. 345 Janet Bedingfield (Eva)
- £ 60 No. 104 Dawn Mallord
- £ 30 No. 186 Anthony Dear
- £ 20 No. 117 Ray Rendall
- £ 15 No. 182 Catherine Edwards
- £ 10 No. 270 Lynne Walker

The draws are taking place virtually with witnesses until groups start to meet again. One winner in the June draw very kindly donated their winnings back to the Village hall and this was very much appreciated by the trustees.

The next **GRAND DRAW** will take place in **December** and the monthly draws will be taking place at Village clubs and events. There are still a few shares available if you would like to join.

Contact Helen Bosworth on **811892** or Jenny Murby on **811474** for further details.



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# ***Offord Gardeners' Association***

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As I am sure you are aware, due to mainly social distancing, we are not able to hold our meetings. The Summer Show we normally hold in August is also cancelled. The rules on opening the village hall are under constant update and when we are allowed to resume we will let members know. The benefit of lockdown is everyone was able to get their gardens looking good and enjoying the summer sunshine.

## **August Top Tips**

Prune Wisteria,

Do not delay summer pruning fruits trained as restricted forms,

Watering , particularly containers and new plants , preferably with recycled water or from water butts,

Remember to water when the sun is off the plants, early evening is favourite,

Collect seed from garden plants,

Harvest Sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready,

Continue removing old fruited raspberry canes,

Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners,

Keep ponds and water features topped up,

Feed the soil with green manures.

## **September Top Tips**

Divide herbaceous perennials,

Pick autumn raspberries,

Collect and sow seed from hardy annuals,

Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them,

Net ponds before leaf fall starts,

Keep up watering of new plants using grey water,

Start reducing the frequency of houseplant watering,

Clean out cold frames and greenhouse ready for autumn use,

Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird proof netting,

Plant spring flowering bulbs.

Look for the gardening competition advertised separately for all members and residents to enter. Prizes to be won.

Take Care Be Safe

Enjoy your Gardening

John 811148

## ***Feet to the Beat - The Offords Line Dance Group***

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This is now the third Out & About report of the Offords Line Dance Group but who would have thought way back in March that we still can't get together to learn, practise and enjoy the dances that Izzy has taught us over the past three years. One or two in our group have been keeping a record of the number of dances we have learnt and they number over 100, which is amazing considering most of us had no idea of any line dances in February 2017. This proves that Line Dancing, although suitable for all ages, can help fight off the loss of brainpower as we age and improve mobility.

As mentioned in the last article all members of the group are really missing the weekly classes, not only for the enjoyment of dancing to the great music, but the social aspect also forms a large part of being together and sharing a common interest.

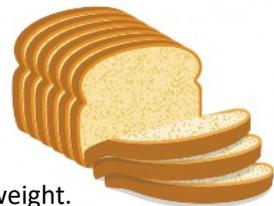
At the moment, there is no way of knowing when the next Line Dance class will be held in Offord Village Hall, but we can't wait to get back to a normal routine of meeting up on a Tuesday morning.



Jenny Griffiths - on behalf of Izzy Brogan Tel: 07709 344144

## Food for Thought - Eating for England

I used to wake each morning and wonder who I'd meet,  
My first thought now when I wake up is what I'm going to eat.  
I don't get up too early – there really is no need,  
The house is clean, the garden neat – there's not a single weed.  
I snuggle down and drift a bit, but start to feel depressed,  
Food will lift my mood I know; I shower, then get dressed.  
Yes, breakfast gets me out of bed – some cereal with milk  
And maybe just a soft boiled egg – something of that ilk.  
I tidy up the kitchen, I clean the bath and shower,  
I vacuum very lightly and that's used up an hour.  
I open up the freezer to see what's in the store,  
I've meals enough for several weeks if not a little more.  
I must get lots of vitamins to keep Covid at bay,  
And frequently I top them up - it's what I do. All day!  
Yes, eating is my pleasure now to fill the empty hours,  
I must look up a recipe for deep fried courgette flowers!  
I'll shop on-line: I check my stores, don't need an awful lot,  
But if I order three more things, I'll get a cheaper slot!  
I'd make some bread or maybe cake to pass a pleasant hour.  
But just can't get the bits I need; no yeast and still no flour!  
Yippee it's noon, and I can eat a rather early lunch,  
If someone comes and spots me - I'll say I'm having brunch.  
I wish I had some nice fresh ham – but once again it's cheese,  
Or beans on toast (if I have bread) - a slice will soon unfreeze.  
And while I'm finding that I see a rather juicy steak,  
To marinade for dinner? – or shall I have some hake?  
I take a walk each afternoon and plan my evening meal,  
When I get home It's time to cook, depending how I feel.  
I have my dinner early – there seems no need to wait  
I daren't go on the bathroom scales as they'd reveal my weight.  
By seven in the evening I get the TV munchies,  
I search the fridge for leftovers from all my early lunches.  
I have to take some bedtime pills to help my aching back,  
They might upset my tummy so I have a bedtime snack.  
I dress for bed, I clean my teeth, I get my bedside drink,  
It's early still, I can't drop off, so this is what I think.....  
'I'd like a good long sleep tonight' – and maybe I know how,  
In case my hunger wakes me up, I'll have my breakfast NOW.



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## ***The Offords WI***

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Our last meeting was early March and seems so long ago I had forgotten what we did! It was a very enjoyable Ceramic Decorating Activity during which we all decorated several pendants. These were fired and sent back to us later looking lovely. (Photo)

We were delighted to welcome two visitors to the meeting, who we hope will become Members in the future. Our other events and speakers are on hold of course, but we hope that when the crisis is over we can resume our monthly get together.

Many of us have been keeping in touch as best we can using email and phone and have enjoyed sending and receiving news and photos from others Members. Some of us have been walking in twos, knitting for the NHS, swapping books and sharing poetry. The WI provides a ready made friendship group so that although we cannot be together as usual, we don't feel quite so isolated.

Our Treasurer, Helen, has spent many hours updating our old scrap-books and is having them reproduced electronically. We cannot wait to see the results and our thanks go to Helen for her dedication! She has also found time to do an on-line Denman course in scrapbooking. (Only £5!).

Last Autumn, the WI planted a Centenary Tree on the Millennium Green. Our current President, Jenny, noticed while out walking that it was suffering badly from all the hot dry weather and losing its leaves. An appeal went out to any Members walking that way to take along a little water. Looking at the tree now it's obvious that they did! Jenny borrowed a mobility scooter and drove precariously over the molehills with a huge container of water. Margaret's partner wheeled a caravan water tank over there, and several people took squash bottles. Eventually the tree said 'NO More!' Thank you all! The spirit of WI saved the day for this tree. Life goes on.

When this is all over the WI will still be there for women everywhere.

For further information call Carol Temple on 01480 819229



## ***A message from Jes Salt - All Saints Church to all the village***

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Dear Friends,

Now that lockdown seems to be easing, I hope that you are having the time and opportunity to enjoy some form of break this summer.

It is too early to say what the future holds and in particular whether we will face a 'second spike' this autumn or winter, but it would be good to recognise and say thank you to the many people in the village who have helped support others during these past difficult months:

These include the NHS staff who have worked tirelessly and with so much skill to save and heal so many, the Parish Council and our local volunteers who have worked to ensure that no-one in the village has been in need, the staff and all who help at our school, the staff at Budgens for all their help in ensuring that folk receive their groceries, the many people who have supported Godmanchester Foodbank, and all those who have looked out and helped neighbours, friends and in fact anybody who needed a hand. **Thank you.**

As you probably know churches can now open for public worship. Sadly, All Saints has a problem with bats, and will need to be thoroughly and probably professionally cleaned before we can be open for services. We will keep you posted but meantime our sister church, St Mary's Buckden, is holding a service each Wednesday morning at 9.30am to which you would be very welcome and is open for private prayer each Monday and Friday between 10 am and 4pm.

Just a brief update on the roof, we are continuing to work to obtain the necessary approvals, and will keep you updated.

I do hope you are continuing to enjoy Out & About, more new things this month – please do share your views and also any ideas YOU may have as to how it can improve still further.

Finally as the coronavirus is still very much with us, we thought you might continue to find this prayer helpful.

Best wishes

*Jes*

Rev Jes Salt, Priest in Charge, Buckden and the Offords

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## **What's going on at All Saints Church?**

**Services at All Saints Church have been suspended because the church building is still closed. The pandemic has forced a more radical change than anyone could have expected. But worship in Offord is alive and well.** Jes now records a weekly online service which is easy to access and enables you to listen and join in at whatever time you choose. Many choose 11am on Sunday so that they are participating at the same time as many other local Christians. This innovation has actually increased attendance dramatically – albeit a virtual experience! The Sunday service (including the order of service and summary of the sermon) are posted each week on the All Saints Facebook page, website and via “A Church near you” by Sue Dorrington. Obviously this is a changing situation and I’d recommend checking the current arrangements with one of us. See Contact details overleaf.

**The church building was closed in late March in accordance with Government requirements and has remained so ever since. Relaxation of the lockdown now permits churches to open again and at All Saints we are keen to do that once we can do so safely.** However, permission to open comes “with strings attached”, the most important of which is the need to clean the building and to keep it clean. That is not straightforward when you are home to a colony of bats and rely almost entirely on volunteer help (much of which is aged 70+). Please be assured that the matter is under active consideration, and once arrangements can be finalised we’ll publicise them. When things change there will be a notice on the boards in the carpark and on the All Saints website: ([allsaintsoffordcluny.wordpress.com](http://allsaintsoffordcluny.wordpress.com)) Meanwhile, our sister church, St Mary’s Buckden is (at the time of writing) open for private prayer on Mondays and Fridays 10am to 4pm and for a service of Holy Communion at 9:30am on Wednesdays and you would be very welcome there.

**The restoration of the church roof** also continues to occupy our time! Since the last edition we have received informal approval of our plans from Ely Diocese so we now need to apply for the formal approval and obtain quotations for the work so we can start the process of applying for grants. It is a long road, but at least we are moving along it and I hope there will be more to report next time.

John Simpkin – Church warden

## **Fund Raising and Social Events 2020**

We aim to provide enjoyable events for all the village, whilst raising the funds that are needed to keep the church going in Offord so that we can worship, celebrate and remember. This has become impossible during lockdown and as yet we cannot commit to a diary of events. When the Village Hall is open again we will return with our very popular Bacon Butty Saturday mornings and we are hoping that the Christmas Tree Festival might go ahead in some shape or form. We look forward to planning a ‘normal’ programme of events for 2021.

**We hope that some of the following planned events will be able to go ahead subject to restrictions on gatherings .....So please keep the dates in your diaries for now.**

**Christmas Tree Festival and Craft Stalls** Saturday and Sunday 28th & 29th November

**Christmas Band Concert** Friday 4th December 8pm

**Carol Singing Round the Offords** Friday 11th & Sunday 13th December

**We are more reliant than ever on donations and thank all those who would normally give to the collection at services but who have set up electronic payments or saved in their Collection Boxes:** If you have an All Saints Collection Box at home which is now full of coins please take your box to Jenny Murby at 2 The Haycroft, or contact Bob Bargh 810237 or John Storey 810763 so that they can organise a safe collection from you.

*A prayer about  
the corona virus*



*Father God, as people and nations of the world, help us to realise our dependence upon one another. We pray for healing among the sick, wisdom among our leaders, protection and effectiveness for health workers, and responsible behaviour by each of us as individuals. Most of all, Lord, we pray that you dispel our fears, for you 'did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline' (2 Tim 1:7). For Jesus's sake. Amen*

## ***All Saints Church Offord Cluny - Contact Details***

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## ***The Friends of St Peter's Church, Offord Darcy***

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Like all the other village organisations, groups and venues, St Peter's Church remains closed to the public for the foreseeable future. Although places of worship were officially allowed to open on 4<sup>th</sup> July, many did not, St Peter's included. A representative from The Churches Conservation Trust conducted a Risk Assessment of the church at the end of June and reported as follows:

- All CCT Churches where visitors have to collect a key won't be open for the foreseeable future, this includes St Peter's
- All memorabilia, information, displays and leaflets, etc, had to be put away in CCT churches so that when visitors do enter they don't touch the items, with the potential of leaving the Coronavirus behind.

However, on a more positive note, The CCT are trying to organise audio guides to the churches which can be downloaded to phones, in a similar way to those of the National Trust and museums. This will enable people to view the beauty of St Peter's without having to visit the building.

As the summer months roll by it is disappointing to note all the events we have had to cancel and as autumn approaches The Friends have taken the decision not to open the church for the annual National Heritage Open Days in September. It is also very unlikely that we will be able to organise the annual Autumn Craft Fair due to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> October, which has always proved so popular.

There remain two annual winter events in 2020 – The Armistice Wreath Laying on 11<sup>th</sup> November and Carols by Candlelight Service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, but we will have to wait for further guidance from government and The CCT until we can make plans for these.

### **2021**

The Friends Group are delighted to announce a return visit of Claude Bourbon, renowned 'musical artist' and guitarist, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Claude now mostly performs in America and Europe so we are very lucky to secure him to perform in the UK, and more especially in St Peter's.

This historic parish church of St Peter's has, over its 850 year history, been witness to all the challenges that every generation has faced and so it still remains a beacon of hope in the most difficult of challenges that we are currently experiencing.

We look forward to welcoming visitors and the community back to St Peter's when it is safe to do so. We hope you, your families and friends stay safe and well.

Jenny Griffiths  
Friends of St Peter's Church



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Or: The Vicarage, Church St, Buckden, PE19 5TL**

## **Bats in the Belfry - Facts about BATS!**

Many of you reading this article will be familiar with All Saints Church in Offord. What you might not know is that it is home to some of our most fascinating and least known mammals – bats.

### **What are bats?**

**Bats are a flying mammal** – in fact they are the only mammal group that is capable of true flight. Other mammals which are said to fly, merely glide.

**Bats vary in size** from the huge flying foxes which can have a wingspan of over 1.7m or 5ft 7” for those who work in imperial measurements. The smallest known bat is tiny...in terms of length it would almost fit on a £2 coin and its wing span is 150mm or 6”. The bats at each end of this size range illustrate the two paths they evolved along. The first are the megabats which tend to focus on fruit-eating. The second are the microbats which focus on eating insects. Bats do have some other eating habits too – for example the blood eating Vampire Bat or the fish-eating Long-fingered Bat found around the Mediterranean!

**Bats are extraordinarily good flyers** too – while they may not be able to reach the high speeds achieved by some birds of prey, or soar on thermals to gain height, they are extremely manoeuvrable thanks to the way their wings are made up. The fastest known bat – the Mexican Free-tailed Bat – can reach a ground speed of 100 miles per hour.

**Bats wings are adapted forelimbs**, akin to our arms. Through evolution their digits (think fingers) have grown very, very long and a thin membrane of skin is stretched between them. This wing form is more flexible than a bird's wing which allows them to twist, jink and turn very quickly – this is helpful for those species which feed on insects.

**Bats are not blind** – some rely entirely on their sight for hunting and feeding. Others have developed echolocation a type of built-in radar. Bats echolocate by emitting very high-pitched clicks made in the mouth, and then listen for the sounds being reflected from their surroundings with extraordinarily sensitive hearing. These clicks are often beyond the hearing range of humans although some are just audible, especially to younger ears. Their hearing is so attuned that they can distinguish the reflected sound from different materials around them, and also by the insects they are hunting. Some experiments have shown how sensitive this method can be with bats easily able to fly around in dark rooms criss-crossed by thin strings without ever colliding with them.

**Cambridgeshire has 11 of the 18 species thought to be resident in the UK, and they all eat insects.** At this point I can tell you a fascinating story about how unknown species can sometimes hide in plain sight. We have known for years that Common Pipistrelle is resident in the UK. It was also known that pipistrelles in Britain used echolocation centred on two main call notes of 45 and 55

kilohertz. It was only in 1999 that scientists finally proved that these were in fact two separate species.

**Bats are indicator species** – that is to say that the presence of a healthy and mixed population is a good indicator of a healthy environment. But bats are in general decline in Britain due to habitat destruction, a reduction in their insect food sources and the improvement of old buildings or removal of old trees that provide their essential roosting sites where they spend the day and raise their young. Having bats in the belfry (or attic) should be seen as a sign that we are lucky enough to live in a parish where our environment is still reasonably healthy, and we should all try to preserve this.

**All bats are protected in Britain by the law**, and not just as individuals but also the places where they rest or breed. Any activity that could harm bats will need to have a survey undertaken and in most cases it is either easy to avoid causing harm in the first place or to design appropriate measures to compensate for any potential harm.

If you'd like to know more - Cambridgeshire has an active bat group:  
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During the lock down, churches together in St Neots are providing services on Black Cat Radio from 9.30 to 10 am each Sunday. So far our Minister, Dr Rick Mearkle, has conducted the service along with the other St Neots church leaders taking turns to conduct the service.

Come and visit the United Reformed Church which is on the High Street in St Neots. Access without steps is at the rear of the building near to Argos . Parking is available in Tebutts Road behind the Church.

The main service is held on a Sunday at 11am each week, and you will be sure of a warm welcome. There is a prayer lunch on the first Tuesday in a month at 12.30pm. Bring your own lunch, coffee and tea will be provided.

The Church is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am – 12 noon, and on Thursdays from 10am – 2pm when coffee and tea, scones and biscuits are on sale. The 'Tree of Hope' is open on Thursdays and Saturdays for the sale of fairly traded goods, Christian books and greeting cards. If you have not visited recently why not come and see the newly developed church.

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It seems a long time since March when the club enjoyed a delicious meal at the Horseshoe. The week after we knew we would have to suspend the meetings for a while, as the Coronavirus was beginning to take a hold. Little did we know it was going to be a long time before we could meet again.

Sadly, on 5th June the day before her birthday, a founder member June Cable died. June was an enthusiastic, generous member with a dry wit. She particularly enjoyed the annual boat trip on the Ladybird Boat. The club members will remember her with affection.

It has been a challenging time for our members, especially for those members deemed to be 'clinically extremely vulnerable'. Twelve weeks staying just in the house or garden gets a little tedious. However, we have supported each other by sharing books, jigsaws, leaving surprise presents on doorsteps and telephone calls. Our Chairman, Doreen Rowbury, excelled herself by taking over 200 chrysanthemum cuttings which she shared amongst members and friends. There have also been various plants, tomatoes, courgettes, beans, cucumbers, etc, swapped between members.

Hopefully the good weather will continue and we can enjoy the summer.

Sheila Reece 812238

## ***Buckden Methodist Church***

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**Minister:** Rev. Pam Siddall. Tel: 01480 819228.

**Stewards:** Angie Barnes (810102)  
Bob Baxter (8100920)  
Carol Swepstone (810053)



# The Offord Players

The beleaguered ladies from the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate are only just beginning to emerge from their enforced hibernation. Indeed some of them are still comfortably ensconced within their cosy suburban retreats, with Waitrose home deliveries arriving weekly, and accordingly have absolutely no desire to widen their social bubbles any further at this stage.

Which means of course, that unfortunately their public will have to wait a little longer - until Spring 2021 at the earliest - to enjoy their Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery production.

They - and The Offord Players - are sorry for this further delay and will keep you in touch with developments.

In the meantime best wishes for the rest of the summer.

TOPS would just like to add that in the current circumstances the Village Hall could not accommodate the show anyway, even if the dear Farndale ladies suddenly took heart and sallied forth all masked up!



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## Offord Primary School

We have come to the end of our first academic year at the 'New' Offord Primary School. It was in September 2019 that the school became part of The Cam Academy Trust and started its journey to becoming a better school for all. I have loved my first year here as headteacher, getting to know all the children, their families and the staff. The dedicated staff have helped drive improvements and with the support of the Trust the school now has a new lease of life and a pride in itself.

Not only has there been many physical changes at the school: our enticing book filled library, our clean and fresh smelling toilets and the new outdoor classroom which is not just for learning but also a great meeting place at break times, but there is also a change in attitude of the children too. They are keen to learn and want to improve themselves. They have become resilient learners and know that learning can be tough but have grown in their confidences and show great attitudes to try to be the best they can be.

These last few months have been very unusual indeed and it is such a shame that our departing Year 6 children were not able to take their SAT tests. I say this as it would have confirmed the level they have reached through their determination and hard work. Our results would have been a massive improvement on the last few years and it would have been great to have celebrated these results with the children and the wider community.

This year has just been the first of many that see great plans for developing the education experience of our village children. We are always looking for ways to expand our provision, so if you have any skills that we maybe able to utilise at school please do get in touch.

Wishing you all a lovely summer

Mrs Kate Ruddock - Headteacher

[www.offordprimaryschool.org](http://www.offordprimaryschool.org)  
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### The New Offord Primary School Library

Unfortunately our planned 'Grand Opening' of our new library has had to be postponed, but the children have been making great use of all the new books on offer. The library has really become the heart of the school now and we can't wait to share all the fantastic books with more of the children and help them continue on their reading journey when we return in September.

We are continuing to sell 'book plates' so families and individuals can leave a legacy for many years to come.

We will invite everyone to our Grand Opening when circumstances allow us to hold it but in the meantime, if you would like to purchase a book plate to be placed in a book of your choice, they are available to buy for £5.

Please contact the school office if you wish to purchase one.

[office@offordprimarschool.org](mailto:office@offordprimarschool.org)





### Home Learning—Summer Term 2020

Even when school opened to some year groups from the beginning of June, the staff at Offord Primary School continued to support many of our families and children with their home learning as the guidance did not allow all children to return to the classroom.

Each week suggested work was sent home and the children rose to the challenges set and produced some fantastic work. They messaged in to their class teachers and sent photos too. The class teachers as well as emailing, talked to the children about their work over the phone. The children have really got involved in their projects and we say a massive thank you to all their families for the support they have given the children to make this happen.

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# Neighbourhood Watch

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There have been some new reports in the county (particularly in the north west) of doorstep callers using the coronavirus situation to try to gain entry to people's properties by pretending to be local government officials from the county council's Coordination Hub, or indeed medical professionals. Exact details are sketchy at this stage, but as ever, we urge people to be vigilant and to satisfy themselves that people, no matter how official they might look, are who they say they are.

A good mantra is: Lock, Stop, Chain, Check:

1. Keep doors and windows locked – it is easy, for example, to get distracted at the front door and to leave the back of the property exposed, particularly as we move into the better weather.
2. Don't feel you even have to open the door to an uninvited caller.
3. Use a chain when opening the door, if there is one, but leave it off at other times.
4. Check ID thoroughly and don't be embarrassed to leave someone on the doorstep with the door closed, whilst you phone the organisation they say they are from to confirm their credentials.

Some good news to report, a resident, who is not a Watch Member, recently spotted a couple of would be car thieves on Bramley Drive. They reported this to the police who responded very quickly and managed to apprehend two suspects. Thank you to those concerned, great work.

Since this incident we have had three further reports of dubious behaviour in the village. These have been one or two men acting suspiciously usually around residents parked vehicles. Please keep a look out and if you see something you're not sure about, get as much detail as you can and contact the police on 101 or 999 if there is a crime in progress.

To report an emergency or ongoing incident, call 999.

To report suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, call 101

To report information anonymously, call crime-stoppers on 0800-555111.

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We need someone to cover Andrew's Close. If any residents on the new development are interested in helping, please get in touch. Something to think about, being an active member or being on a road within a Neighbourhood Watch area can save you money on your home insurance.

Our meetings are on hold for the time being, hopefully we will be back in September. You can contact me on 811839 or at [offordswatch@gmail.com](mailto:offordswatch@gmail.com) if you want to join the team or would like more information.

# ***Parish Council Report***

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## **David Holdsworth**

All of us serving on the Parish Council have been greatly saddened by the news of the death of David Holdsworth. He had been a Parish Councillor for the past three years and made some invaluable contributions to the many issues that have faced us over this time. He was our representative on the Cambridge & Peterborough Anti-Scams Partnership where he took a particular interest in email and telephone frauds aimed at the elderly. A keen gardener and enthusiastic vegetable grower, he was also, in his capacity as Chair of the Association, our link to the Offords Allotments and its members.

David and his wife Christine moved to Offord Darcy some twenty years ago, from Godmanchester, although both were originally from Leeds. He was very much a family man, with two daughters and sons-in-law and four grandchildren. The family took many holidays together, he being particularly a lover of France. Fond of music, I believe that he was also quite a proficient keyboard player. Following the Government advice, due to his age, he had been shielding himself from the Covid-19 virus since early March.

He was a very dedicated Councillor, with an exemplary attendance record and also served on the Planning, Finance and Leisure & Amenities sub-committees. He will be much missed by us all and our thoughts and best wishes go out to Christine and the rest of his family.

Ian Weitzel  
Chairman

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In these unprecedented times the most important message from the Parish Council is to stay safe and follow the national guidance. We are aware that central government is looking ahead to the winter and putting plans in place for whatever might occur. Fingers crossed there won't be a second wave of this pandemic but if there is we'd also like to be ready to offer help where needed. If you feel you might need any assistance at all this coming winter, please contact me as I'm compiling a list.

We are very much open for business as usual so if you have any concerns or worries about anything please get in touch. Councillors and I are happy to help if we can and there are volunteers within the parish willing to be of assistance.

Parish Council meetings continue to be held remotely via the Zoom platform. The Agendas go onto the noticeboards and website in the usual way and there is a link on the Agenda to allow you to sit in or take part in a meeting.

The Recreation Ground and Millennium Green remain open for daily exercise and the equipment is now able to be used. Please remember the current social distancing and handwashing guidance when using the equipment and no food or drink is to be consumed anywhere near the equipment. An increase in dog waste has been noticed – possibly because dogs are being walked more often. Please remember to clear up after your dog so everyone can enjoy a clean space. We have also had an increase in general waste, particularly on the recreation ground with Councillors and residents clearing up what is sometimes very unpleasant waste and broken glass. CCTV cameras are now in place to deal with this and the vandalism that has occurred. If anyone sees or hears of anything in connection with these events, and in particular knows the vehicles that visit the area at night, please pass on this information either to Council or the police.

### **THREE NEW LITTLE LIBRARIES FOR THE OFFORDS**

Little Libraries help to foster neighbourhood book exchanges and can be found in many countries around the world. Three new Little Libraries in colourful blue and red have now been placed around The Offords. Anyone can take a book to read or leave one for someone else to pick up! These Little Libraries are for everyone to enjoy, adults and children, and are much needed with cut backs to local library services.



So please share something that you have enjoyed reading recently!

The Little Libraries can be found at the following locations:

- On corner of Park Way and High Street, Offord Cluny
- Alongside Parish Noticeboard, Offord Darcy near access road to St Peters Church
- Gravelly Road, by cut through to Bramley Drive, Offord Darcy

If you intend to visit a Little Library, please wash your hands before you go and wash them again when you return home.

Tell us what you think! Feedback to the Parish Council would be welcome!

Our thanks to Stephens Property Maintenance for installing the Little Libraries.

Your Parish Council is keen to ensure that all its residents are safe and supported during this time. We would encourage everyone to offer help to those who are self-isolating, especially the over 70s. A friendly call, help with shopping or

collecting prescriptions and more may be welcomed, observing current advice such as keeping a 1 metre plus distance and hand washing as you go.

The obvious community spirit around the parish has been a pleasure to witness with residents looking out for one another and the community Facebook page is an important tool in keeping people talking and sharing information:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheOffords>

The Parish Council set up the helpline because it is concerned about the wellbeing of all residents during these challenging times. Our primary focus is for those people who have few close friends and family available to help them and / or have limited access to the internet. We've some evidence that the **Simply Chat** service may be of help.

If you would simply like to chat with someone (vetted by the Parish Council) about any issues related to the Offords and challenges posed by Covid-19 please phone or email the Offord Parish Council helpline and we can set that up for you.

**If you are someone who would prefer to receive regular updates via a notice through your door, please can you, or a friend, let us know your name and address by either of the following ways:**

- **Call your Parish Council helpline, 07597 988763. It's open 7am to 7pm. Outside these hours, please leave a message.**
- **Email:** [clerk@offords-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@offords-pc.gov.uk)  
In the same way please use these trusted communication routes to request help with:
- Shopping
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Some of the best sources of COVID-19 guidance are available on the [Public Health England](#), [Department of Health and Social Care](#), and [NHS England](#) websites.

Jackie Stanbridge  
Clerk to the Council

# ***News from your District Councillors***

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## **HDC**

HDC are currently functioning as normal in the majority of their work areas, with many of the staff working from home dealing with problems as they arise. The dedicated Coronavirus (Covid 19) hub **We are Huntingdonshire** can be accessed for the latest information, guidance and support for residents and businesses and is the quickest way to access services. Should you need to contact an officer by phone then use the general number (01480388388) and they can assist you.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> June the Annual Council meeting was held virtually & Cllr John Davies was appointed as Chairman of the Council with Cllr Mac McGuire as vice chairman. This was the first public full council meeting since Covid 19 and the Leader presented an update, Councillors were united in their praise for HDC's response to the pandemic and its unprecedented challenges.

At the Scrutiny meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, the Managing Director of the Council, Jo Lancaster, presented a comprehensive report on the construction of recovery plans for Huntingdonshire based on the themes of Economy, Environment, Social and Community. This is ongoing and will be amended as the coming out of lock-down evolves.

## **Car Parking**

Car parking charges are still suspended and will eventually be re-introduced as per the Councils agreed schedule of charges. Anyone with a permit can apply to have it suspended until charges resume.

## **Third River Crossing**

We were delighted to learn that the proposed third river crossing will no longer go ahead – something we had campaigned on for the last six years. The Combined Authority Mayor has conceded that it is not a good idea (it's not affordable, deliverable and doesn't solve the traffic problems!!!) and other measures will deliver better results. This is good news for everybody concerned about the impact this would have had on the environment.

## **As always, we work for you year round**

We are constantly dealing with requests to address issues on planning, parking, highways and a variety of other issues both from individuals and Parishes and we are always prepared to help as able. So please do not hesitate to contact us when ever necessary.

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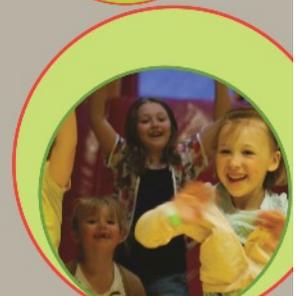
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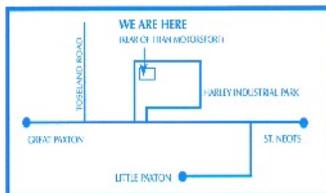


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