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WORLD SURRENDERS TO V-DAY JOY "A NIGHTMARE HAS PASSED; WE CAN BREATHE AGAIN"

CHELTENHAM LETS ITSELF GO

TODAY, as the victory banners and flags fly, while Britain stands at the highest peak of her power and prestige, Cheltenham is justifiably in festive mood.

V-Day has evoked expressions of thankfulness and joy throughout the world. In London sightseers toured the beflagged capital.

"It feels as if a long nightmare has lost its grip on us and we can breathe again," said Mr. Hansson, Swedish Premier, in an end-of-the-war broadcast.

THERE is so much to celebrate, so great a cause for rejoicing, that people everywhere in Cheltenham were shaking off their traditional reserve and entering wholeheartedly into the celebration.

The atmosphere of gaiety in the town is reflected in the fact that the streets are thronged with people who are celebrating the victory with a joy which is shared by all.

At a special service in the town hall, the Mayor, Mr. J. H. Jones, presided over the ceremony, which was attended by a large number of guests.

The Mayor, in his address, congratulated the people of Cheltenham on their part in the victory and expressed his confidence in the future of the town.

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WARRIORS FOR THE NEWS.—When the "Echo" was published on Monday afternoon with the great news of the total surrender of Germany, there was a rush to buy copies. Here a newspaper in the foreground is seen being carried by a soldier on his way to work.

PASSING OF THE NAZI PARTY

QUISLING TRIES TO FLEE. VINDICATED QUISLING (the original) today tried to cross the Norwegian border into Sweden, an American broadcast from Stockholm said this afternoon. He was denied entry and turned back.

DOENITZ SAYS "WE MUST FACE FACTS"

THE Nazi Party has disappeared—there is no longer unity between State and Party," said Admiral Doenitz, Hitler's successor as Fuehrer, in a broadcast to the German people today. "We must face the hard facts," he added.

TOWN'S FINE WAR RECORD

MAJOR'S TRIBUTE. A deep sense of gratitude for the victory tribute to the townspeople of the part they have played, especially in the Services, and a reminder of great responsibilities ahead on the other side of a message the Mayor of Cheltenham, Mr. J. H. Jones, said in his address to the town through the "Echo."

DOENITZ DELAYS CEASE FIRE

Admiral Doenitz, in his broadcast to the German people, mentioned the fact that he had delayed the signing of the cease-fire agreement for a number of days. He said that he had done so in order to ensure that the German people were fully informed of the situation.

JAPAN AND SHANGHAI BLASTED

Big new air blows in Japan and Shanghai, it is reported, as the result of a series of attacks by the Allies. The attacks are reported to have been carried out by the United States Navy and the Royal Air Force.

SMUTS'S PLEA AT FRISCO

General Smuts made a special plea for the new World Charter to be something more than a mere declaration of intent. He said that the Charter should be a concrete plan for the future of the world.

CHELTENHAM MAN WOUNDED

Central resistance has been broken down in the town, it is reported. A man from Cheltenham was wounded in the town during the fighting. The man is reported to be in a serious condition.

U.S. PLANS PEACE-TIME CONSCRIPTION

The House of Representatives has passed a bill providing for a conscription system for the United States during peacetime. The bill is reported to have passed by a large majority.

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Some Huns Still Fighting In Prague

ALTHOUGH the Germans in Prague and the whole of Bohemia had accepted the terms of unconditional surrender—according to the Czech-controlled Prague radio—later broadcasts from the Czechs in the city indicated that some German military formations have not yet obeyed the "cease-fire" order, and are still shelling houses, setting buildings on fire, and shooting at civilians.

V-Day For Tonaw

CELEBRATIONS were taking place in Tonawanda to mark the day of victory. The town was filled with a sense of joy and triumph. The people were celebrating the end of the war and the return of peace.

BONFIRES LIGHT UP GERMANY

V-Day was celebrated by over 300,000 British troops in Germany, it is reported. The troops were celebrating the day of victory with a series of bonfires and other festivities. The celebrations were reported to have been carried out in a spirit of joy and triumph.

LECKHAMPTON GUNNER'S DEATH

After four-and-a-half years' service in the Royal Artillery in the country, the death of a gunner in Leckhampton is reported. The gunner was killed in action during the war. His death is reported to have been a great loss to his family and the community.

NEW ALLIED LINK-UP IN BURMA

News of the new Allied link-up in Burma is reported. The link-up is reported to have been a significant development in the war in the region. It is reported to have opened up new routes for the Allies and to have weakened the Japanese position in the area.

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Wartime memories of Oddington

Produced on behalf of Oddington Parish Council. Thanks to our many contributors.

Oddington Newsletter Special Edition May 2020

This newsletter replaces "The Village Newsletter" which is not being printed in the current situation. Please feel free to forward this to any residents for whom you have contact details.

For further updates please sign up to the Upper and Lower Oddington Facebook page or visit <https://www.oddingtononline.net>

Should it not be possible to publish the June edition of ABODE please send news contributions to the editor, Sue Watkin, by email to susanwatkin@msn.com or to janet.eustace@yahoo.co.uk by May 28th.

Front Cover: VE Day commemorative booklet will be delivered shortly to all households

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Seven Parishes United for the Future



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Holy Ascension & St Nicholas

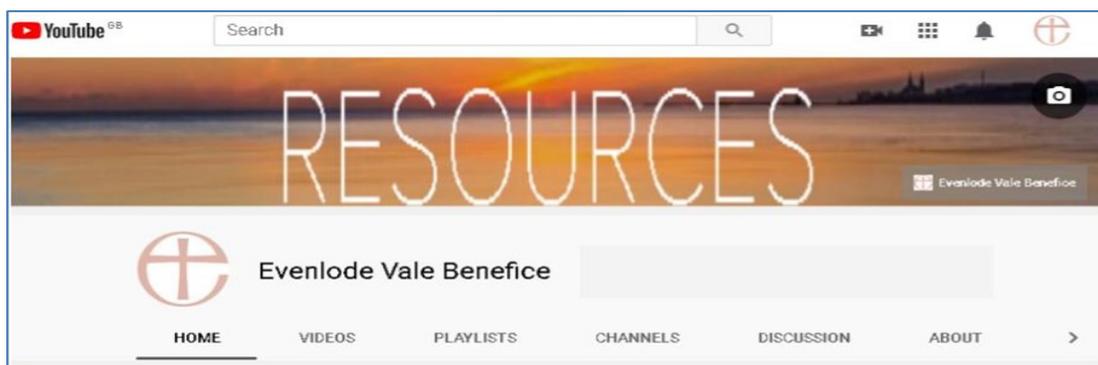


May 2020

Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks we have had to get to grips with new ways of working from home and also new ways of staying in touch with family, friends and community. Many of us are learning new skills and have now mastered group conference software such as zoom to facilitate face to face contact. While our buildings may be closed our 'churches' continue to thrive using modern technology and also bring our message to new audiences.

We have introduced live streamed church services, establishing our own YouTube Channel for the Evenlode Vale Benefice. These are all recorded safely within government guidelines on social distancing and mean that we can all stay connected in corporate worship. The live streaming means that at the same time each week we can all raise our voices together in corporate worship, even if we are participating at home!



Our last two services have been recorded at Holy Ascension in Oddington. On 3rd May we will record and stream our service from St Leonards in Bledington, with a view to moving the location on a regular basis to encompass all the churches in the Benefice. We look forward to coming to Broadwell, Evenlode, Icomb and Westcote, in future weeks.

All our services go live at 10.30am each Sunday morning. You can access them from our website www.evenlodevalechurches.org or directly from our YouTube Channel [@evenlodevalebenefice](https://www.youtube.com/@evenlodevalebenefice). Many smart TV's now enable you to watch YouTube also.

In addition to our Sunday Services we are also providing a midweek reflection, for those who would like to continue the theme of the previous Sunday Sermon. If you would like to receive this and are not in our distribution group please email Kirsten on office@evenlodevalechurches.org and we will add you to the list.

We are continuously updating our website and have recently included a number of prayers to provide comfort and help you to pray. If there are other things we could be doing to help please let me know at rjr@evenlodevalechurches.org.

Richard Rendall

Rector – Evenlode Vale Churches

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Elizabeth Hall, Advice Services Manager

Your local Citizens Advice is still here for you.

Our Advisers continue to work, just from home and are waiting to help you by phone and email.

Please call us on 0808 500 0511 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm (free from landlines and most mobiles) or visit:

<https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/stroud-cab-email-advice.php> to email your enquiry to us.

PARISH COUNCIL

Peter Davis, Chairman

As we are now in the second month of lockdown I would like to thank all those who helped set up our village Good Neighbour Scheme, and all those who have volunteered to give their time to help their neighbours. With the Parish Council and the churches working together with other village organisations and individuals, this is a very good example of our community pulling together. This is really encouraging and warms the heart.

In particular as chair of the Parish Council I would like to thank our Clerk Janet Eustace for turning the early ideas into such a well thought through and workable project in a matter of days and then running it! A careful piece of research identified 39 people or couples who might need some form of help and a call for volunteers identified 20 people who would give their time calling, phoning, shopping or collecting from the chemist.

I would also like to thank Alan Betts, he and Barbara were early volunteers, who is running our Facebook page and now our virtual quizzes. Also Warren Turner, not only for his efforts to keep the Horse and Groom running with take away meals and basic supplies, but also his very helpful training of volunteers and for his valuable advice as a medical professional.

But most of all I would like to thank those involved for their help in this effort which is a fine example of a caring community.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Janet Eustace

ODDINGTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

If you need any help during the coming weeks remember this scheme is in place. There are a number of willing volunteers in the village who can help with collecting shopping and medication, post mail or just provide reassurance. Please contact Janet Eustace on 01451 830 594 or email:

janet.eustace@yahoo.co.uk to register.

ODDINGTON AND ADLESTROP UNITED CHARITIES

Janet Eustace

The Oddington and Adlestrop United Charities can to provide short term support for anyone who may be struggling as a result of loss of income. Please contact Janet (details as above) for further details.

VILLAGE NEWS

SPRING CLEAN

The Village Spring Clean took place during April. Thank you to everyone who collected and disposed of litter and tidied the notice boards. Five new green '20 is Plenty' signs have gone up around the village. While the playground is closed, Bob the Builder has been asked to carry out some maintenance to the fence and the slide.

BOOK EXCHANGE

A book exchange has been set up in the bus shelter by the village hall. Please feel free to take a book and to leave any you have finished with.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Virtual coffee mornings are being held on Friday mornings. Excellent to see so many residents getting to grips with Zoom. If you would like an invitation please contact Janet

ALAN'S ODDINGTON VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Alan's first virtual quiz night, held on 16 April, received rave reviews:

I thought it was great...questions were spot on. I thought the time flew by. So yes - let's do another.

Many thanks to Alan for last night's quiz. It was great fun - we would love another next week.

A good, fun 40 mins - thank you!

I would definitely join again. Maybe weekly or fortnightly?

Would be good to do it again. Seemed to fly by. Plus good to see and hear people outside our home!

More are planned. See @upper and lower oddington face book page for details

ODDINGTON POST OFFICE

**THE POST OFFICE IS OPEN ON MONDAY AND
FRIDAYS IN THE VILLAGE HALL FROM
10.30 AM TO 12 NOON**



Upper Oddington
Moreton in Marsh
GL56 0XH
01451 830584

www.horseandgroomcotswolds.co.uk

TAKE OUT/DELIVERY SERVICE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The team at the Horse & Groom Inn, Upper Oddington are teaming up with local community volunteers to offer a food & drink takeaway and delivery service in the local area.

We are now offering a collection and delivery service of hot food and basic staples such as milk, bread and eggs. Our volunteer drivers cover a 5 mile radius from the pub for deliveries (priority given to those who are self isolating or in vulnerable groups). Alternatively, you can collect from our drive-thru at the front of the pub.

Sample main courses:

- Slow cooked Beef Ragu with Pasta
- Beef Lasagne
- Cod & Chips with Mushy Peas
- Scampi & Chips with Mushy Peas
- Sausages & Mash with Gravy (Veg on request)
- Beef/Veggie Burger with Fries
- Veggie Pasta
- Chicken Curry with Rice (Veg on request)
- Other Daily Specials like Sunday Roasts.

Drinks & other items:

- 4 or 2 pints of real ale
- Various Wines
- Soft drinks
- Bottled Beers
- Eggs, Milk and Bread
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Goods
- Detergent Tabs
- And many more

**Subject to availability and supply*

Order Online: www.horseandgroomcotswolds.co.uk or call 01451 830584

Working together with our community to get through this.
Warren, Norman & Team, Horse & Groom Inn

ADVICE FROM CENTRAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON COVID- 19

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Advice from Cotswold District Council <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Coronavirus: supporting children and young people [https://](https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning)

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning

NHS ADVICE ON COVID-19

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

HOME DELIVERIES & TAKE AWAYS

The Cotswold Game and Meat Company

We have recently launched a retail delivery service to some of our local village halls. Their refrigerated van will be outside Oddington Village Hall on Wednesday and Friday between 11.30 and 12.15. You will need to pre-order. Call Chris on **07714 765571** for further details.

R & D Walker, Butchers, Moreton in Marsh

Please call **01608 651002** to place your order for meat and fresh vegetables and we will endeavour to have your delivery within 48-hrs. Where possible, it would be beneficial to everyone for you to place a weekly, bulk order to allow us to streamline our service and again reduce additional person to person contact. We understand there will be a number of smaller orders which we of course, are more than happy to deliver.

The Old Butchers, Stow

Take out available Thursday, Friday & Saturday 5pm to 8pm. Please email order to louise@theoldbutchers.com or message her on 07564 178017. New menu available each week. Pre - orders only, cut off 3pm on day of collection.

Daylesford Organic Farm Shop

If you are self-isolating, at high risk or vulnerable and would like to place a grocery order, please call our team on **01608 731680** between the hours of 9am to 11am only.

Pebbly Hill Nurseries

Janet Simms is delivering plants from the nursery at Pebbly Hill, Bledington. You can contact her at pebblyhillnursery@gmail.com for a plant list. Large selection of perennials and bedding plants.

NORMAN'S BLOG FROM THE HORSE AND GROOM

What is going on here? As I instruct Warren to pull together tables 1 and 3 to form some sort of production line, something Toyota would have been proud of - minus all the robots, computers and moving conveyor.

Tables that were once used to serve beer and food are now being used to create vegetable boxes and other essential items for our community. I have never seen so many Savoy Cabbages, Cucumbers, Carrots, Spuds, Melons, Pineapples and green beans in a single room before. However, before we start this process, we must first build the boxes. 93 minutes later, I created my first box, with way too much tape, but it was certainly very strong. This went out to a family in Moreton in Marsh, who must be thinking, 'they have got way too much time (and tape) on their hands. Another 56 minutes passed, and we have 18 boxes made, 11 smaller boxes for just veg and a further 7 large ones for both fruit and veg.

Preparing the boxes was strangely satisfying. Filling the boxes with goods, weighing each portion so they were equal. We included 2kg of Maris Piper potatoes. It took me a long time to get this quantity right, I was looking for the last potato for one batch to come in at 92g exactly! After weighing around 25 potatoes I found one that was 102g. I accepted the tolerance of 10g was acceptable, especially as it was over by 0.5%. By the time I weighed the next 3 batches, I became less fussy. So, some of you would have received 2.12kg, some 2.28kg, some 2.02kg, I can only apologise for my lack of accuracy, especially if your recipes call for exactly 2kg of potatoes!

Preparing for 22 orders should have been simple. We proceeded to go through the list and build each order one by one. We had to create more yeast portions, more flour packs and do something that every green grocer can do in their sleep and that is to grab 4 apples, place in a brown paper bag and twist the entire contents two revolutions to create a spiral seal at the top corners. My attempt at this was less than gracious. Not that any apples went flying, but the bag ripped on 3 attempts. The centre of mass for the apples and bag was flawed, resulting in an unequal balance of force towards the outside, causing the paper to lose structural integrity and tear. I adapted my next attempt so I was holding the bag, around 80% towards the top, this compensated with reduced force so the paper bag remained intact. RESULT! I was then on a roll and created three further apple portions.

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Packing up the car required some care and attention. After the route was established, we needed to pack up the Volvo. We adopted the FILO principle. This would have worked brilliantly if it wasn't for my assumption that addresses with Chipping Norton in them meant that they are in Chipping Norton itself. Turns out this is not always the case, they are in Foscot, Bledington and Idbury. A minor set back, which I overcame swiftly. A bigger issue was cottages with no house numbers, just the name of the cottage. This involved lots of kerb crawling, asking locals and lots of walking. 3 hours later, I returned back to the pub just in time to join in the clapping, followed by a welcome break as we joined our village Zoom quiz!

THIS IS TIMELESS....

And people stayed at home
 And read books
 And listened
 And they rested
 And did exercises
 And made art and played
 And learned new ways of being
 And stopped and listened
 More deeply
 Someone meditated, someone prayed
 Someone met their shadow
 And people began to think differently
 And people healed.
 And in the absence of people who
 Lived in ignorant ways
 Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
 The earth also began to heal
 And when the danger ended and
 People found themselves
 They grieved for the dead
 And made new choices
 And dreamed of new visions
 And created new ways of living
 And completely healed the earth
 Just as they were healed.



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