

Oddington Newsletter

Special Edition

June 2020



COMMEMORATION OF VE DAY

75 YEARS

MAY 8th 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 July 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 June 28th.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Elizabeth Hall, Advice Services Manager

Your local Citizens Advice is still here for you.

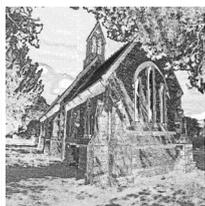
Our Advisers continue to work, just from home and are waiting to help you by phone and email.

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.

ODDINGTON POST OFFICE

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



ODDINGTON

Holy Ascension & St Nicholas



Dear Friends,

We are continuing to offer hope and comfort in these uncertain times through the wonders of modern technology and the skill and dedication of our team. Graeme Ferrero excels in recording and editing our services which are watched by those as far afield as New York and Queensland in Australia.

We are looking forward to the time when we can re-open our church buildings and resume holding services in them but in the meantime our plans are to continue streaming services and keep them on our Benefice YouTube Channel (Evenlode Vale Benefice) so that you can watch them whenever you wish. Details of services and recording venues are set out below:

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| Sunday 31 st May | Stephen Blake | Pentecost (Holy Communion) | Adlestrop |
| Sunday 7 th June | Helkias Mapimhidze | Trinity Sunday | Bledington |
| Sunday 14 th June | Allan Baird | Christian Relationships at home and at work | Evenlode |
| Sunday 21 st June | Richard Rendall | The Christian's Personal Protective Equipment | St Nicholas, Oddington |

Even if you would not consider yourself a church regular these services are an opportunity to tune in and give it a try. Many are finding them a source of encouragement and inspiration, at a time when such things are in short supply.

We are also providing short Daily Readings and a Midweek Reflection which can be accessed through the Spiritual Resources page on our website: <https://www.evenlodevalechurches.org/spiritual-resources>

Please contact us via the website if you are aware of particular pastoral needs or just stay in touch with us by email (office@evenlodevalechurches.org), our facebook pages (@evenlodevalechurches or @evbyouth) or on Instagram (@evcyouth). It's always good to hear from you!

Our youth workers Lydia and Mark continue to offer support and encouragement to the young people with whom they work and if you know of any who would like to join their WhatsApp group please contact them by email (Mark – ms@evenlodevalechurches.org and Lydia – lh@evenlodevalechurches.org).

Even if our lives feel hemmed in and restricted God's message of love and truth is not. Use the time to receive it, reflect upon it and respond to it.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Rendall

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

ODDINGTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Janet Eustace

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 HALL NEWS

Ted Miles

On behalf of the Committee I would like to say "hello" to all villagers and hope you are all well and staying safe.

Our AGM is usually held in June but will now be held later on in the year when we can all meet together again.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you once again to our monthly Coffee Shop and Flix in the Stix. I have been keeping my hand in by making bacon sandwiches for Ann and me at home!

On behalf of the older members of the Committee I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the organisers and volunteers of the Oddington Good Neighbour Scheme with special thanks to Janet, our Village Clerk, and Norman and Warren from the Horse and Groom. It has been lovely to witness such a wonderful community spirit in action.



VILLAGE NEWS

VE Day Celebrations

Despite the restrictions in place, we did manage to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Every house received a copy of the facsimile version of the Gloucester Echo containing details of the men listed on the War Memorial and memories of residents living in the Village during the war. Many thanks to Justin and Ed for their design work and to those who shared their stories. Material gathered for this publication is on the village web site where we now have both a WW1 and a WW2 archive.

For the VE day Bank Holiday the four village greens were decorated with cutouts and bunting. Many thanks to those who erected and dismantled the decorations. A number of us also enjoyed tasting cakes made to wartime recipes. Shortbread made mostly of mashed potato came a respectable third. Oatcake macaroons and Bare Cupboard Fruit Cake were clear winners. In June there is a men only bake off and rumor has it that some are already practicing. To end the day, the Horse and Groom held an outdoor cinema showing of Churchill's speeches, followed by HRH The Queen's message and a rendition of 'We Will Meet Again'

Computer Training

If there is sufficient demand, the Parish Council would be happy to organise some training to enable us all to make better use of our IT. Please contact Janet Eustace to register an interest.

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.

Waste collection

The waste collection seems to be a erratic at the moment. I am reporting missed collections to CDC. The best advice is to leave your bins at the kerb side until they are emptied.

Virtual Events

Virtual coffee mornings are being held on Friday mornings. We are now enjoying virtual tours of some of the lovely gardens in the Village. If you would like an invitation please contact Janet.

Alan's Oddington Virtual Quiz Night

Alan's quizzes continue to be popular. The next is due to take place on 11 June.

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



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Moreton in Marsh
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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

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 Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 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.

The Fox Inn, Lower Oddington

Call 01451 870555 for details. Menu on Upper & Lower Oddington Facebook page.

Grimsby Fish Near You

A mobile fishmonger 'Grimsby Fish Near You' is in the car park of the community shop in Bledington on Tuesdays between 1.30 and 2.30. You can pre-order by phone 07811 254325 or buy on the day while stocks last.

**FUNDRAISING
FOR
KATE'S HOME NURSING
AND
ADLESTROP CRICKET CLUB**

My name is Sam Keen and I am hoping to attempt a Double Brutal Ironman in September (subject to cancellation)
This involves a 4.8 mile swim, 232 mile hilly cycle around Snowdonia National Park, a scale and descent of Snowdon and a hilly 42 mile run

Alongside this I am doing a 12 hour session on my static bike trainer on the 31st May and a sponsored "Train the Trainer" challenge on the 7th June where people can pay £10 for a 5 minute training session where I have to do as instructed by them!

The link for the fundraising is
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/maniacmulegoesdoublebrutal>





**TOP GREEN
UPPER ODDINGTON
VE DAY CELEBRATION**



**A DELECTABLE DISPLAY OF CAKES
MADE TO WORLD WAR 2 RECIPES**



