



Oddington Newsletter
Special Edition
August 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>

It is hoped that the September edition will be published in the normal format and printed in hard copy. The deadline for submission will therefore revert to the 20th of the month, namely August 20th. Please send news contributions to the editor, Sue Watkin, by email to susanwatkin@msn.com or by post to the Old Plough, Upper Oddington, GL56 0XG in the normal way. If you have any queries please contact me on 01451 830738, or by email.

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,

It is a privilege to write this newsletter for the first time! And It has been so good to be able to meet up again in person for prayer meetings and services, as it says in Psalm 133:1 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!'

Our youth work has taken another exciting step forward: we have begun a series of socially distanced walks to raise money for Ibba Girls' School South Sudan!

Our first walk was Sunday 12th July, and we covered thirteen kilometres. We started in Stow and walked down to Lower Swell, then we joined the Roman Road known as 'Ryknild Street' (where we saw a snake!) to Condicote. From Condicote we walked to Donnington and thence back to Stow! It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed the light turning golden as we moved from afternoon to evening.

Our next walk will be starting from Lower Slaughter and I think we'll do a good loop to Naunton and back. A highlight of this walk will be following the River Windrush through a steep wooded valley and then into lazy meanders in flat meadows.

Ibba Girls' School provides a quality education for girls and young women in the youngest country in the world. This is an education which changes lives and society for the better. As Christians we believe that God has made us all, male and female, in his image, and therefore we all have a great potential which can be unlocked by education. If you would like to hear about how Ibba Girls' School does this, please visit www.friendsofibba.org.

Finally, there has also been another change to our youth programme — we are now running a 'Bible Breakfast' over Zoom every Sunday morning. If you or a young person would like to come to this and to hear from the God who still speaks today, please be in touch with myself (07584561378) or Lydia (07852329193). And don't forget that our online services are still happening twice a month!

Best wishes in Christ,

Mark Smallwood (Youth Minister)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Janet Eustace, Parish Clerk

ODDINGTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

With shielding ending on 31 July, the Good Neighbour Scheme is being wound up. Volunteers will continue to support those in need of help but new requests will be passed to the Cotswold Friends. I will be seeking agreement to keep on file the contact details of all volunteers in case we need to provide further support later in the year. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved in the scheme over the last four months. Our vulnerable residents have felt extremely well supported and are very appreciative of help they have received.

ODDINGTON AND ADLESTROP UNITED CHARITIES

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 janet.eustace@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

ODDINGTON PLAYGROUND

The Parish Council reopened the playground on 4 July. In order to comply with COVID-19 restrictions we have had to introduce a number of new rules:

- All children must be accompanied by an adult
- Time on equipment should be limited so that everyone has an opportunity to use it safely
- Pieces of equipment should not be overcrowded
- Equipment and touch points should be wiped with sanitiser before and after use
- No food or drink should be taken into the play area and
- Rubbish should be taken home if possible.

We are grateful to parents for helping us enforce these restrictions which enable us to keep this very well used facility open.

JANET'S THAMES TREK

Our Parish Clerk, Janet, is undertaking a Thames Trek in September to raise funds for a charity which restores sight in developing countries. If you are able to sponsor her, please visit her Justgiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janet-eustace1>

THE VILLAGER BUS

Keith Gowling, Chairman of the Villager Bus.

I am pleased to announce that, after four months of suspension due to lock down, we will be able to resume all Villager Bus services from Monday, 3rd August. Because of the continuing need for caution over the spread of the virus, we have carried out a thorough risk assessment of the dangers posed to our drivers and passengers. As a result, we shall have only 50% of normal seating capacity. Unfortunately, we are unable to run extra buses as our driver numbers have been reduced by those who still need to remain isolated. This may cause some passengers to be disappointed but we will make every effort to make extra journeys where possible. Please note also that passengers will be required by law to wear face coverings on the bus.

The Villager Bus has a new website <http://www.villagerbus.co.uk>. Where you will find further details.



OPEN GARDENS

Peter Davis, Chairman of the Open Gardens Committee

We had hoped to have a full Open Gardens event this summer but of course Covid made it impossible. However as the gardeners had been preparing the gardens and the churches needed the money we decided to go ahead on a very limited basis. We picked 6 gardens close together so people could easily walk between them, and limited visitors to 4 at a time and had a strict time table over two afternoons. People had to book in advance and we limited circulation of details to the village only. We were just about fully booked and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We also made about £450 for the churches.

One of the gardens was Mark Gabbertas' wild flower meadow where he has an fine collection of Buddleias. They were not yet out and several people wanted to come back and see them again when out. Mark kindly suggested a second visit and, encouraged by a glass of Rose', about 40 people came again. We raised a similar sum and are very grateful to all the gardeners who opened their beautiful gardens.

NOTICE FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A436 ADLESTROP BRIDGE 7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2020

Proposals

The introduction of an Experimental 7.5T Maximum Gross Weight Restriction without any exemptions on the bridge over the River Evenlode and the railway line near Adlestrop on the A436.

Reasons

Burford Town Council and Oxfordshire County Council are intending to introduce an experimental weight restriction on the A361 in Burford with the alternative route for HGVs being the A40 / A429 into Gloucestershire. However, there are concerns that this will lead to an increase in lorry traffic travelling via Sheep Street in Stow-on-the-Wold to gain access to the A429. This is especially true for southbound traffic which would no longer be able to use the A361. This would subsequently lead to both a further increase in congestion, particularly at the A429 / A435 / B4068 junction, and a decrease in air quality in the town.

Gloucestershire County Council is therefore intending to introduce an experimental weight restriction on the bridge over the railway near Adlestrop on the A436. This will have two main benefits. Firstly it will deter HGVs from using Sheep Street in Stow where the signalised junction with the A429 / A436 / B4068 already suffers from congestion resulting in poor air quality and secondly, it will help improve safety on the bridge itself. The bridge over the railway line is narrow and suffers from poor forward visibility for drivers because of the sloped approaches to the bridge and also being on a bend in the road. There is also a sub-standard, narrow footway on one side of the bridge which can leave pedestrians feeling vulnerable, particularly if two large vehicles pass each other whilst on the bridge.

It is therefore intended that the proposed experimental weight restriction in Gloucestershire will be used to monitor traffic flows and will remain in place as long as the Oxfordshire experimental Order is in force in Burford. This will give us the flexibility to react to any changes in traffic flows caused as a result of the Burford Order.

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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The specific grounds which the County Council are using for the implementation of the proposed scheme as above are encompassed in the following sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

Section 1 (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other such road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

Section 1 (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).

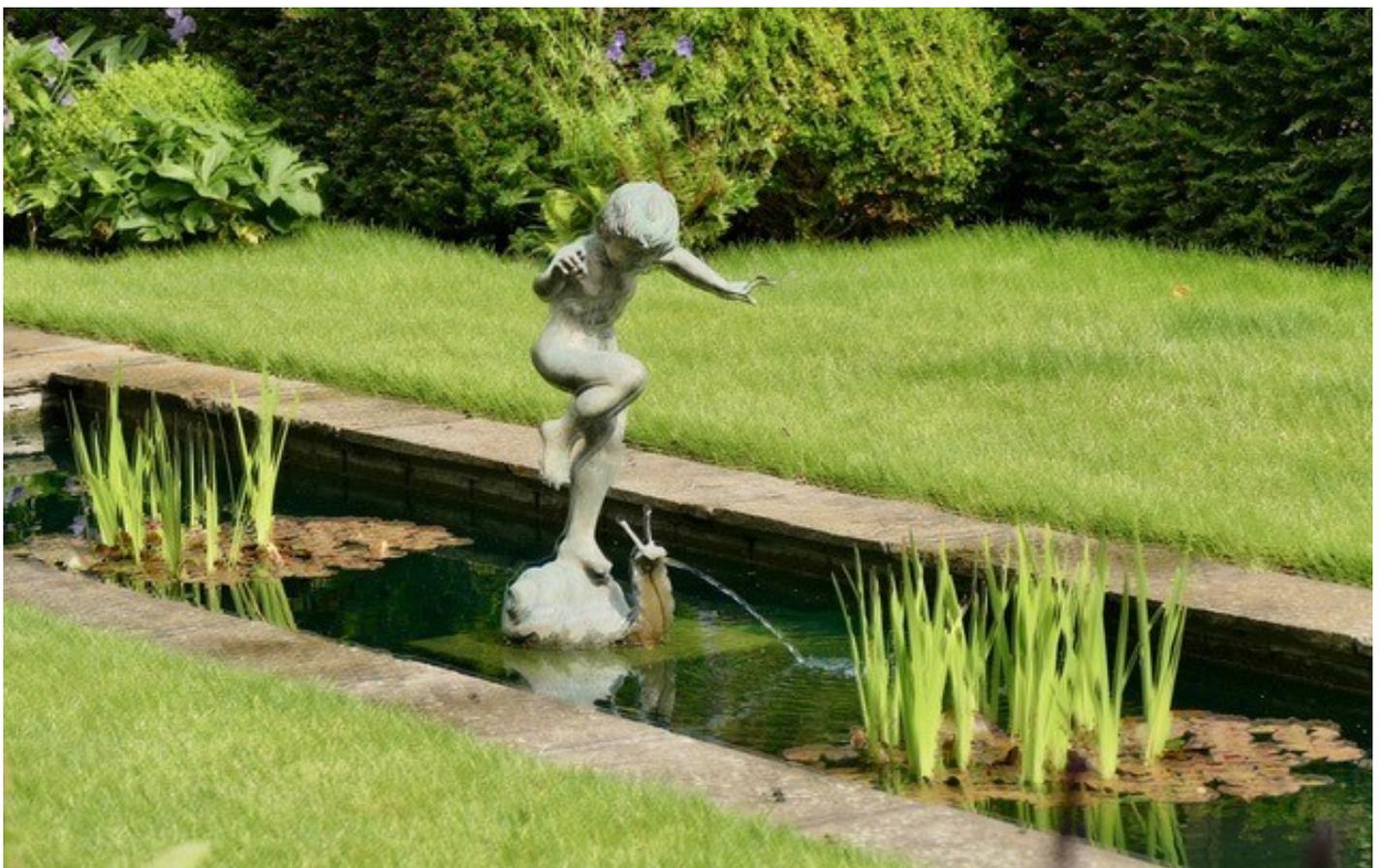
Section 1 (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Statutory Consultation

The Police, Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Stow-on-the-Wold Town Council, Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association have not raised any objections to the proposals.

There were some reservations about the proposals from Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council who were concerned about the possible effects the proposal would have on extra HGVs in Moreton. However, this situation will be monitored and before and after traffic surveys have / will be done in order to gauge the effect of the proposed Experimental Order.

For further details see <https://www.oddingtononline.net/oddington-parish-council/consultations/>



FUNDRAISING

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>

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Ted Miles

More information on the re-opening of the Village Hall will be available in next month's newsletter.



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 & 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. **The restaurant is now open but the take-out service will continue.**

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.

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.

PLEASE CHECK WITH INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES FOR THEIR UPDATED SERVICES

CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST 2020

Sunday 9th August 2020

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion(CW)	St Mary Magdalene	Adlestrop
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's	Icomb
11.00am	Family Service	St Mary's	Westcote

followed by Baptism

Sunday 16th August 2020

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Online Service only</i>	
		Recorded from Adlestrop	

Sunday 23rd August 2020

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Morning Prayer	St Mary Magdalene	Adlestrop
9.30 am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's	Icomb
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Nicholas	Oddington
6 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Westcote

Sunday 30th August 2020

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

11 am	Joint Service	Westcote Chapel	Westcote
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CHURCH NEWS

AUGUST 2020

Farewell Service for Lydia on Sunday 2nd August

At the end of this month we say farewell to our Sports and Outreach Worker, Lydia Holloway who is moving on to continue her career in sports ministry. Lydia has accepted a Trainee Minister job with PSALMS, an organisation dedicated to 'Putting Sport Alongside Local Ministries'. We say farewell to Lydia at our online streamed service from Holy Ascension Oddington on Sunday 2nd August at 10.30am. Lydia will be greatly missed and it is an opportunity to pray for her and thank her for her work with our young people here in the Benefice. Our Youth Minister, Mark Smallwood is staying on for another year to continue the work that Lydia and he have started.

Church Services

We are pleased to say that the resumption of services in our Parish Churches has gone well. Many thanks to all our church wardens who have worked hard to ensure that our churches are as safe as possible and who have completed the various risk assessments and modifications necessary to meet Government and Church of England guidelines.

We will continue to stream online services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month and have socially distanced attended services in our local parish churches on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month.

Daily Readings

We are continuing to provide our daily readings which have proved so popular. They are designed to be deliberately short and thought-provoking to help us through these challenging times. You can access them from the Spiritual Resources page of the Benefice website (www.evenlodevalechurches.org/spiritual-resources) or follow our Facebook page (@evenlodevalechurches) and receive them each day in your news feed. The readings can be read online or printed off to give to those who don't have internet access. Please do help your neighbours who find it hard to access online resources.

DVDs of our Services

We continue to produce DVD's of our streamed Sunday Services for those who can't access them online. These are available in advance so that those who wish to can join in with our Sunday worship. If you would like to take advantage of this please contact your church warden or Kirsten in the church office by email: office@evenlodevalchurches.org or telephone: 01451 831424.

