

The Ovington Oracle

April 2020

All events at the Village Hall and Church are suspended

COVID-19 (Coronavirus Illness)



This is a serious pandemic and is a far greater threat than seasonal flu. Scientific information from reputable sources such as Imperial College suggests an infection rate of 2.6 which is twice that of flu and a mortality rate 20x greater than flu. One in five people infected will have a serious reaction.

Young people are not invincible, but the threat is greater to older people. As almost nobody has immunity, the only defence is to minimise spread and to achieve that requires everyone to take action. Failure to act may have serious consequences for you and other people.

We need to work together, please stay in contact with your friends and neighbours and continue to check on their health and needs. This is likely to turn into a dynamic situation where sometimes people can offer help and other times they may need help.

The Parish Council is bound by certain rules which limits the scope of what it can do, nevertheless all your Parish Councillors have volunteered as ordinary villagers to help where possible, especially for those who may not have family and friends close-by:

Karen Weir: 07735 205990

Timothy Birt: 01953 889208

Pete Bate: 01953 885204

Jeremy Woods: 01953 883953

David Welsted: 07443 538969

If your situation is medical or urgent phone 111 or 999

If you can offer help beyond family, friends and neighbours please give your contact details to any of the Parish Councillors above. Information will not be used for any purpose other than coordinating village help.

See ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home for local information

Guidance for volunteers:

- Generally, helpers should not enter a house and should stay at least 2m (6 feet) away from everyone else, minimise close contact time.
- Helpers may offer to fetch groceries or medication in which case it is safest to leave these at the front door, ring the bell and retire to a safe distance. Helpers can fetch medication and, with authorisation, prescriptions from the pharmacist, however they should not dispense medication.
- A helper may put bins out, but should not transfer waste from an inside bin to the wheelie bin. If this is unavoidable the bin contents should be double bag sealed and have been left for 72-hours.
- Both parties should wash hands after an exchange.

Symptoms:

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature, above 37.8°C

For most people it will be a mild illness.

Hand-washing and respiratory hygiene:

General principles to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- washing your hands more often – with soap and water for at least 20-seconds or use a hand sanitiser when you get home or into work, when you blow your nose, sneeze or cough, eat or handle food
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin and wash your hands
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home

Guidance for anyone with symptoms:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, stay at home for **7-days** from when your symptoms started. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for **14-days**.
- Do **not** visit a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.
- You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.
- If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after 7-days, then use the NHS 111 online service.

Cleaning and disposal of waste

- Use household detergents and bleach, as these are very effective at getting rid of the virus on surfaces. Clean frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, handrails, remote controls and table tops.
- **Personal waste** (such as used tissues) and disposable cleaning cloths can be stored securely within disposable rubbish bags. These bags should be placed into another bag, tied securely and kept separate from other waste. This should be put aside for at least 72-hours before being put in your usual external household waste bin.

Other household waste can be disposed of as normal.

- **Laundry**

To minimise the possibility of dispersing virus through the air, do not shake dirty laundry.

Wash items as appropriate in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All dirty laundry can be washed in the same load.

More at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

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Village Litter Pick

Timothy Birt

Please check at www.ovington.org.uk/litter for the latest updates on our annual litter pick.

We may be able to proceed with a restricted event using social distancing rules. Household members who already associate with each other may form a litter pick team, who are separated from other teams. Individuals may still be able to contribute by working, for example on the other side of a road staying well away from, but still in visual and audible contact with a team.



We are not sure if we can access the litter pick kit, but if we can, I will bleach the pickers before making them available. Instead of meeting at a fixed time I will make the kit available from 10:00–11:00am, Saturday 4 April on my driveway:

Stone House Farm, The Street
(last house on right as you leave the village)

If you wish to attend please stagger your arrival time throughout the hour and, from a distance, I will discuss where you are working and any other restrictions and usual safety measures.

Please wear suitable clothing including strong shoes or boots and gardening gloves.

Please do not attend if you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 or are in a high risk group.

Parish Council (PC)

Timothy Birt

Next meetings:

The AGM and Annual Parish Meeting are still scheduled for 20 May, at the Village Hall at 7:30pm, however this looks unlikely.

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Messages

Fire

Jeremy Woods

On 28 February a fire destroyed the workshop, car port and car used by Krissy Marwood-Cross and John Madely at their Cottage in North Ovington (off A1075). The workshop was used for both Pottery and Artwork. This whole part of the building was completely destroyed, but nearby houses were unaffected. We wish them well and hope that they are able to rebuild soon.

Supermarket

Tesco

Tesco are change trading hours with all stores closing at 10:00pm and also introducing some distancing measures at the checkout.

To help free up slots for the more vulnerable, such as our elderly customers and those who are self-isolating, please will customers who shop online or choose Click+Collect prioritise shopping in-store where possible.

To ensure more vulnerable and elderly customers can shop in-store, Tesco will prioritise one hour every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning between 9:00-10:00am, please respect this.

Dog Mess

Jan Cockburn

Once again there are owners not clearing up after their dogs. Mess is being left on drives and the footpath on The Street and Church Road. There is also a considerable amount around the field adjacent to the allotments used for making hay and the mess has the potential to spoil many bales.

Editor: Access to this field is by kind permission and could be withdrawn if it is abused.

Village Hall

Sue Horton

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we all need to refrain from social gatherings to slow down the spread, keeping ourselves and others safe. Until further notice there will be no Monday morning coffee sessions and all Village Hall events will be postponed.

Following the AGM we had put a schedule of events together for the year. I will share this with you, but with no idea of when we will be able to reschedule some of these events:

18 April	Ploughman's Lunch
21 April	Fun & Games Evening
16 May	Canterbury Tales
31 May	Afternoon Tea
13 June	Ovington Quiz & Supper
11 July	Vegetarian Supper Evening
9 August	Wacky Scrappy Gravity Races
16 August	Ovington VH BBQ
26 September	Mega Jumble Sale
21 November	Christmas Fayre
?? January 2021	Pie Night

Everyone take care and look out for your neighbours.

All events are suspended.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



Total rainfall for February was 98mm or 3.98"

This month so far (21 March) we have measured just 16.5mm or 0.67".

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



All services in the church have been cancelled until further notice. The APCM has been postponed until a later date.

A message from Jean Rockett, Lay Minister, St. John's Church

Following a call from the Archbishops, all Sunday services have now been put on hold until further notice to help stem the spread of coronavirus. This included our Mothering Sunday service on 22 March. This was an unfortunate turn of events. I spoke to Revd Jane and agreed that the Paschal candle would be lit in church as a reminder of Christ's light shining throughout this troubled time. I will try to get up daily to arrange this and will be spending some time in church, daily if possible, to make prayer to our lord. Our village church opening times are between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

If you would like prayers said for either yourself, family members, or friends, there is a 'blue book' placed on a table near the font for you to add names.

I have prepared prayer cards, which are copies of one sent out by our Bishops, and these are available for anyone who would like to take a copy, either for themselves or for a neighbour.

I pray that the time for normal services resumes soon, if not sooner.

With love in Christ

Jean

And finally ...

Rod+Tim

Random thoughts:

A man bought a new fridge for his home. To get rid of the old fridge, he put it in the front garden and hung a sign on it saying "Free to a good home".



For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice at it. The man eventually decided people were too mistrustful of this deal so he changed the sign to read "Fridge for sale £25". The next day someone stole the fridge!!!

Last month's Logic Puzzle Answer:

31 bags each contain 50 coins. Only one bag contains valuable coins which weigh 10.01g whereas the other bags all contain worthless coins which weigh exactly 10.00g.

Since you were only allowed to make one weight measurement, you must take a sample which allows you to identify each bag individually. It is easier to imagine the solution if there are just three bags:

Take one coin from bag 1, two from bag 2 and three from bag 3. Put all six selected coins on the weighing scale (remember which is which because they need to go back into the correct bag). If the total weight is 60.01g, then only one coin is valuable, so bag 1 has the treasure. If they weigh 60.02g, two coins are valuable so bag 2 is treasure and if 60.03g then it is bag 3.

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