



BALES RETURN CAUSES GREAT OSGATHORPE JOY

Osgathorpe Village

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News and Views

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Osgathorpe health check

A big thank you and round of applause from the Parish Council (PC) to the following individuals who have voluntarily undertaken work to maintain the village in good shape:

- **Paul Stock 'Oxo'**, for restoring the benches in the cemetery.
- **Trevor Freeman and John Middleton**, for cutting the grass verges along the B5324 on several occasions.
- **Troy Clarke**, for strimming the footpath linking Main Street with Ian Bourne's field.
- **Liz Burrows**, for maintaining the area around the Osgathorpe stone
- **Kevin and Alex Atkins**, for maintaining the grass verge around the red telephone box.
- **Rachel Stone** for managing the Community Library. **Rachel and the PC** advise that the library, housed in the red telephone box, remains closed due to concerns about the possible transmission

of corona virus on books. Consequently, please can you not deposit any more books in the Library for the time being. The situation is being regularly reviewed by the PC.

- **Rachel Stone, Jess Riley, Sara Mace and Faye**, for distributing the VE Day medals to the children in the village.
- **James Emerson and Owen Mace**, for cutting grass verges around the village.
- **Nick Ashman**, for donating the grass mower to the PC to maintain the Orchard Close open area.
- **Rachel and Ian Stone and Rob McGlynn**, for cutting and strimming the grass on the Orchard Close open area.
- All the litter pickers who help to keep the village and surroundings lanes tidy, especially **Dianne Caukwell** who can be seen picking up other people's rubbish on a regular basis.
- Those farmers that maintain their hedges and the footpaths across their land.

Finally, apologies to anyone else not mentioned above, but who have voluntarily contributed to our village life!

Osgathorpe Heritage Trail

It is the intention of the PC to develop a Heritage Trail around the village, highlighting a variety of points that are of historical interest, for example the former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, the 25 evacuees that were housed in Osgathorpe during WW2, the site of the former blacksmith. The idea stemmed from discussions with individuals responsible for www.griffydamhistory.com.

Recycling back to normal

As of the week commencing Monday 28th September, all residents should go back to using their normal collection calendar which was in use pre-pandemic. You can also use the postcode finder option at www.nwleics.gov.uk/collections to check your collection dates.

Children's Play Area now open

Following an inspection from NWLDC, the PC has reopened the play area on Dawson's Road. Several signs placed around the play area provide compulsory advice on health and safety aspects. For example, it is your responsibility to wipe down/sanitise any

pieces of equipment both before and after use. Also, for the time being, please take any rubbish home with you rather than leaving in the bin provided. Cllr Jill Ella is undertaking a weekly inspection. When using the play area please respect the neighbouring houses.

Dog poo problem spreads

Aside from dog poo still on occasion being left on our streets, reports have been received by numerous villagers that some dog owners have been allowing their dogs to deposit in various farmer's fields. This is highly dangerous for any farmer placing pregnant cattle in these fields as dog mess can cause a cow to abort. The majority of our dog owners are responsible and pick up their pooch's poo, so thank you to them. It's only common decency to please bag your dogs' poo and put it in one of the bins provided around the village.

Snarrows Speeding

Several parishioners have mentioned that some individuals are still speeding down the Snarrows and that there have been some near misses both to cars and pedestrians. As we know, it is a narrow stretch of road with several blind bends. Please drive slowly and carefully down the Snarrows because the current situation by a few thoughtless individuals is literally an accident waiting to happen.

Neighbourhood Watch News

Kevin Legg, the lead person for the Osgathorpe NHW scheme reports there have been only 2 reported crimes during 2020, compared to 6 for the same period in 2019. The last reported burglary was in October 2019 and the last case of Anti-Social Behaviour was in June 2017. Sadly however, fly-tipping continues to be a problem in and around Osgathorpe.



If you see evidence of fly tipping please report it as soon as possible to:

www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/report

[Neighbourhood Link](#) is a community messaging system for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its aim is to keep residents informed and up to date with news on appeals, events and crime prevention advice as well as information on policing matters that affect you.

Osgathorpe Community Group

The Osgathorpe Support Group has been running since the lockdown started. Around 40 people have now registered on WhatsApp to support those affected in the village by Covid-19 or those who have been isolating. Requests for shopping, medicine collection and dog walking were at their peak in the early summer and things have been much quieter since lockdown was released. However, we are all aware that the situation is constantly evolving, so the group will continue to provide support for the foreseeable future. If you need help of any kind over the coming weeks or would like to be added to the WhatsApp group, please send Nick Sydenham a message through Facebook or by text to 07711 314294.

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

CHURCH SERVICES

For the moment, there is one church service in the benefice every Sunday at 10.30am (covering Osgathorpe, Belton, Hathern, Long Whatton, Diseworth, and Kegworth). This service is in a different church every week and strict procedures are in place to ensure social distancing is maintained. This means that numbers at each service are limited, so if you would like to come along, please contact:

Rev'd Lauretta Wilson, phone 01509 678966
mob 07840 753202. Email:
ljwilson33@btinternet.com

Rev'd Louise Corke, phone 01530 588868,
mob 07549 027923. Email:
words.th@talktalk.net

If you are unable to attend, each service is also streamed on-line on the 'Kegworth and Hathern Benefice' Facebook group. This group also hosts a daily live service online from Monday to Saturday at 8.30pm. Lastly, there is an online Evening Prayer service every Thursday evening at 8.30pm on Zoom. Please contact Lauretta or Louise for more information.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – SHEPshed FOODBANK

The current restrictions have curtailed a Harvest Festival service at every church in the benefice, and there will be no service this year in Osgathorpe. However, Harvest Festival is an important time for our local foodbank, so we will be collecting your food donations at St Mary's church in the run up to Harvest Festival on Sunday 4th October. Please leave your donations in the box in the church porch (the porch door is always open). Harvest Festival services will be held on Sunday 4th October at:

- St Peter and St Paul, Hathern - 10:30 am
Harvest Family Service
- St Andrew's, Kegworth - 10:30 am
Harvest Family Service
- St John the Baptist, Belton - 6:30 pm
Harvest Service with the farmers.

SOCIAL EVENTS IN 2020

Unfortunately, all our social events for 2020 have had to be cancelled. However, we still managed a very well-received 'Osgathorpe Online Gardens' to replace the planned Open Gardens. You can view the gardens online on Facebook by searching for 'Osgathorpe Online Gardens 2020'.



Whilst none of us know what the next few months will bring, the Social & Fundraising Committee is already thinking ahead to **some great events in 2021**, and of course we'll keep you up to date with everything planned.

Your photos in the next VV?

If you have a nice photograph of Osgathorpe please send it to me at markrobertson17@outlook.com. It could feature as the headline picture in the next Village Voice issue. Martin Buczkiewicz, kindly provided this month's photo.