

I hope you are all keeping safe in these difficult and challenging times, you might think life is a bit of a jumble out there but it will improve.

Ah, talking of jungles how is your front garden looking?
Have you got hedges trees or shrubs overhanging the footpath?



Now would be a great time to cut back anything which might be blocking the footpath, please don't forget that we have villagers who use wheelchairs plus parents and grandparents pushing prams etc.

There have been a number of complaints to the parish council and with everything else that's going on, we don't want to get heavy handed. Please also remember those very people and try not to park in a way that blocks the footpath.

MOAN, MOAN, MOAN, MOAN.....

Not really but there are always times when a little thought for your neighbours and other villagers, will go a long way to improve our already good community.

So finally with my grumpy hat on I have to remind you that you will soon see the new speed monitoring equipment and warning signs at various points around the village. We have been awarded funds to help us resolve this growing problem, we hope you appreciate that this is to make Islip a safer place. If you speed you may get fined or even lose your licence, how would you cope? More importantly if you injured or killed someone because you were driving too fast how would that affect you but more importantly, their family and the person injured?

OK MOAN, MOAN, MOAN OVER.....let's look at some of the good things that have happened over the last few months:-

The pubs have reopened and you are allowed to eat out

We have had some more sunny days....

But specifically we have had a couple of good community events, Firstly on Sunday 13th of September we held our autumn litter pick. A number of villagers helped and by lunch time the place looked very smart and tidy. Special thanks to Rosie for doing the organisation and to Mark and Rachel at the Rose and Crown for providing the workers with bacon rolls, a grand community effort.



AS IF THAT WASN'T A GOOD START.....

On Saturday 26th September we had our Village Garage Sale.

Lots of villagers took the opportunity to clear out their unwanted stuff and even those without garages set up sale tables in the streets outside their houses.



There were many visitors to the sale and they were welcomed to our village. All stall holders observed the requirements of sanitiser, masks etc

and the event went off in a safe environment. The only downside was that that day was coldest September day since 1997!

Thanks again to Rosie and to Jane for getting this event together, which hopefully will be come a regular feature of Village life when things get back to normal.

That's all for now, but if you have a community idea that you think would be welcome in the village why not get in touch with the Clerk- Claire at islip.clerk@gmail.com or 07756 851026 and we will see what can be done.

Or join us at the next virtual meeting at 7pm 20th October!

STOP PRESS.....In the words of the late Jimmy CricketTHERES MORE!

By that I mean more things to look out for and more things to get involved with.

Number one..... look out for the activity at the green on Chapel Hill. Soon you will see the new heritage history boards being installed there to inform our many visitors of the great history of our village. Take a minute to browse them, even if you have lived in Islip for a long time, you will find them interesting. If you are new to the village, find out a bit about your new home. In due course there will be further boards erected near the phone box in the very centre of the village.

To accompany the boards you will see a lot of refurbishment to some of the benches for those who like to sit and take their ease, plus more new planters to enhance the space.

Number two



Following the recent replacement of the church roof, the war memorial will be reinstalled in its former place, it still needs some work but it will at least be up before Armistice Day. It carries the names of a number of men whose families still live in the village.

Number three

Look out for details of the Pumpkin Hunt and the Quiz organised by some Aldwincle School mums, to be hosted by Mick Holton, see enclosed posters for details.

Pumpkin hunt

As obviously trick or treating won't be a thing this year I wanted to know if people in the village would like to take part in a pumpkin hunt, you would only need to put a picture of a pumpkin up in your window and the children can walk around the village and find the different pumpkins. To make it a bit more interesting I was thinking we could try and do theme pumpkins for different houses for example a pirate pumpkin a Santa pumpkin and different colour ones. If you are interested I can allocate you a colour or theme then create a check list that parents can print off with the streets of people who are doing it. You can then give the kids a small treat for every pumpkin they find along the way or a larger treat once they have found them all which ever suits you best.

If you are interested please message Romy Bettles on Facebook and she can provide you a pumpkin picture and theme. Also if all pumpkins can be in windows by October 23rd until 1st November during half term thank you

Friends of Trinity School

THE BIG PTA QUIZ 2020

SIGN UP TO TAKE PART IN OUR BIG PTA QUIZ 2020 & HELP RAISE FUNDS

Friday 23rd
October
7.30pm

Entry costs £5 per team. Register your team at www.PTA-events.co.uk/fts

GET YOUR QUIZ ON!

Get your thinking caps on with friends and family and put your knowledge to the test at the Big PTA Quiz 2020.

Parentfund

Until the next time keep safe, do not be afraid together we will get through this difficult time.

LOOK OUT..LOOK OUT



THERE ARE DOG THIEVES ABOUT

There have been reports of attempted thefts in the Thrapston Area. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR PETS ARE SAFE & SECURE