

COLDWALTHAM PARISH

Weekly Newsletter 6 for Spring 2020

Dated 3rd May 2020

We are now two months into a public health crisis which is affecting us all. Current information suggests the “lockdown” will persist for a further unspecified period, but we shall know more later this week.

Anybody can ‘post’ a message: please send your contribution to John Evans by 12 noon, Sunday, each week.

This year, our early May Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May, to align with the 75th Anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day. It is good to, at last, remember this day, but also not to forget that it did not mark the end of World War 2 - that did not come till later in August in the Far East. Many other countries, particularly like France, have celebrated this day each year since - with good reason. On this day, we should also not disregard all the things achieved since 1945, in 75 years of peace, for most of Western and Eastern Europe, not least the development of the NHS, NATO and the EU, that have kept us safe, healthy and well fed! A day of quiet celebration is the Order of the Day - please stick to the Government advice about the ‘lockdown’ please fly some homemade flags and bunting if you wish!

From Parochial Church Council:

The Parish Magazine – The Link may not be getting to everyone who would like to receive a copy! We wish there was good news about the opening of our churches. I wish there was something from the PCC to report! We have no news as yet when we will be able to open the churches. I was really heartened to visit Pauline at the Post Office on Thursday.

We are still trying to get through to subscribers to The Link to help them receive it by email while we cannot deliver paper copies door to door. If you are a subscriber to The Link and have not yet received it by email, please will you send an email to vicar@arunchurches.com Please include the following

1. Your name
2. Your postal address and
3. Your email address

From Parish Council:

The PC continues to offer support to vulnerable members of our community: do not be afraid to ask for help we still have capacity for more requests than we are receiving. Guy Nelson 873363. Our deliveries and distribution from the local Pharmacy are now working well.

Despite some media presentations there is no change to the current rules over the lock down. In a community such as ours some have presumed that we would achieve 100% compliance with the rules: but we have not. Please remember if you are making unnecessary journeys in your car you may be responsible for endangering the public health of us all.

Many local shops are now offering enhanced delivery services: this includes the Fittleworth Community Shop. Details are available on their website, and below.

Previous copies of our newsletter are available on the village website: www.coldwalthampc.org.uk

The PC is still working and we welcome electronic or phone communication from residents about issues other than Covid 19.

If you are keen to document your experiences during the current public health crisis the West Sussex Record Office is asking you to record and send in your experiences. (record.office@westsussex.gov.uk)

There is good reason to be careful of some of the new social media sites that have gained sudden prominence over the past 5/6 weeks. In some cases, these have yet to be fully proven in terms of security, privacy and hacking sensitivity. It would be a shame to be opening up addresses to less innocent participants in terms of burglary or fraud – so please be careful.

The Labouring Man has an updated menu and is doing a great job in keeping us up to date with its offers. Please find attached local shop information.

From Sandham Hall:

Our Post Office re-opened on Thursday and is now running to the normal opening hours: Mon, Tue and Thu, 9 to 1pm, while strictly observing the government guidelines on social distancing. The re-opening has been made possible by Pauline's close liaison with the Post Office. We are delighted to see Pauline back.

Customers are being asked to enter through the front door of the village hall and if they need to queue can do so in the dry while keeping at least 2m apart. People will be asked to exit via the side 'entrance' so that people arriving and leaving do not have to cross paths. Unfortunately, the front door does not have step-free access, so we ask for people's understanding and care if the occasional person needs to access the Post Office counter directly. While waiting feel free to use the Village Hall WiFi (SMVH Guest/sandhamhall). You will notice electrical wires dangling from the ceiling in the hall. These are all safe and awaiting new light fittings which will be fitted on Friday when the Post Office is closed.

From St.James School(AVF):

St James' School has remained open for children of Key Workers and those pupils who receive free school meals for. Those children who do not attend school are supplied with weekly activities via the school website which enable the pupils to continue with their learning. The teachers have been hugely impressed with what the children have been doing; work is emailed into the school as well as photos of all the activities which the children have been doing. Children who are entitled to free meals initially received hampers which were delivered to homes by the staff using the school minibus. These hampers have now been replaced with vouchers which the parents receive electronically.

Reduced numbers of pupils has enabled some work at the school to take place which might ordinarily have been done in school holidays. The playground is being remarked with exciting games which the children designed, the Early Years outside classroom is being renovated with an astro turf area and plenty of new equipment and new cycle and scooter storage units are being installed.

It is uncertain as to when the children will return, but whenever it will be, there will be great excitement for the children and the staff who have really missed being at school.

PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH ANYBODY YOU KNOW: Please remember for medical assistance follow the NHS guidelines and/or call 111 (non-emergency) or 999 (emergency).

I include the picture again, as a reminder that we do have countryside all around us!

Easter Sunday evening – at Greatham Bridge:



Shopping News locally: Coldwaltham

Supplier Name	Offers	Minimum Order	Payment By	Contact	Deliveries
Amberley Village Stores	Alcohol, Bread, Eggs, Flour, Fruit and Veg, Meat and Fish, Milk, Other Food stuffs and Prepared Meals	None	Card online or Cheque	www.amberleystores.co.uk 01798 831171	Tuesday deliveries, order by Friday
Charlie's Farm Shop	Alcohol, Eggs, Meat and Fish, Fruit and Veg, Bakery, Dairy and Other Food Stuffs	None	Card over the phone	www.charliesfarmshop.co.uk 01798 303989 info@charliesfarmshop.co.uk	Click and Collect, Open Tuesday- Saturday (9:00am-5:00pm) Monday (10:00am-4:00pm)
Adams Wholesale	Bread, Eggs Flour, Pasta, Meat and Fish, Fruit and Veg, General Groceries	None	Card over the phone or online	www.adams-wholesale.com 01903 282220 sales@adams-wholesale.com	Delivery Monday- Saturday, Collection available
Springs' Smoked Salmon	Fish	None	Card online	www.springssmokedsalmon.co.uk 01273 857338	Delivery Monday-Thursday
The Raw Chocolate Company	Confectionary	None	Card online	www.therawchocolatecompany.com 01273 493331	Weekday delivery
The Little Sweetshop	Confectionary	None	Card online	www.littlesweetshop.co.uk 01903 879775	Weekday delivery
Tom The Fisherman	Meat and Fish	None	Card online	www.tomthefishman.com 07845 009100 tom@tomthefishman.com	Delivery can take up to a week
The Fresh Fish Shop	Fish	None	Paypal/card online, card over the phone	www.thefreshfishshop.com 01444 451830 info@freshfishshop.com	Weekday delivery
Tesco	General Groceries		Card online	www.tesco.com	Click and Collect and Delivery available
Sainsburys	General Groceries		Card online	www.sainsburys.co.uk	Delivery available
Waitrose	General Groceries		Card online	www.waitrose.com	Delivery available