

COLDWALTHAM PARISH

Weekly Newsletter 2 for Spring 2020

Dated 5th April 2020

As we are all aware, we are living through a public health crisis which is affecting us all. Anybody can 'post' a message: please send your contribution to John Evans by 12 noon, Sunday, each week. We should not forget that we are fortunate here in the Parish, where the opportunity to, at least, get out into countryside for some air, sun and exercise is quite easy – but please be 'observant' – if you haven't seen a neighbour, or other regular source of chat, check in with someone to see if they are alright. We should thank our refuse collectors and postal workers for their continued operations.

From Parochial Church Council:

From Parish Council:

KAMSONS/CORDENS PHARMACY

Are staying open, but will be shut between 12:00 – 14:00 each day to clean, give staff a rest and put away stock. Numbers will be restricted, stand back from the counter, only contactless payments are accepted. <https://111.nhs.uk>

The PC continues to be supporting people in our community, although it is clear that many are receiving support from friends and family and using us as 'back up' when needed. Thank you to all those who are helping in our community. We continue to be in close touch with HDC and WSCC, making sure we fit into the larger picture of assistance.

If you think someone near you might need help, do not be afraid to contact us: we can facilitate a friendly phone call to enquire and to investigate.

It is becoming clear that Prescriptions/ Collections of medicine from Pulborough is becoming a bigger issue for some than any other. If you email them at: pulborough@kamsons.co.uk you can give your permission for your prescription to be taken to the Labouring Man: we can then organise its distribution to you, cutting the need for additional journeys. If this is unclear, please contact us to discuss it on 873363. (see above)

Local shops are now being active in delivery services and we will put some information on these on our website coldwalthampc.org.uk

From Sandham Hall:

From St.James School (AVF): St James has remained open over the past two weeks for children of key workers, this applies to both Amberley Primary School and St James, here in Coldwaltham. The School minibus can pick children up from Amberley at the beginning and end of each day. Three or four children are attending at different times, and staff from both Schools are involved in the rota to maintain this offer. The School is remaining open during the holiday for children where childcare remains a challenge, but will probably be closed on Good Friday and Bank Holiday Monday. Parents have been regularly in touch with teachers to access home working activities for children - everyone is obviously learning a lot. The School has decided not to try and use any of the video comms systems due to anxieties about hacking and safeguarding – but emails and telephones are fine. More news next week, and on 20th April for what would have been the start of the Summer Term. Children who are eligible for Free School Meals continue to receive the equivalent in hampers each day thanks to our contractors.

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).