

COLDWALTHAM PARISH

Weekly Newsletter 7 for Spring 2020

Dated 10th 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, although there may be small de-restrictions in what the PM says to Parliament on Monday 11th May. There is still much that is very unclear about what happens next.

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

The numbers of infection cases and deaths do not seem to be declining as quickly as in other countries: I wonder if this is anything to do with how many cars are on the road? We heard this week of rumours about how busy Arundel was with visitors, and we know the pictures of Brighton suggest a lot of people are ‘on the move.’ The writer, who is the ‘founder’ of the local Speedwatch group, did some traffic counting on Friday (8th), and found that the traffic level was more than 50% of the normal flow – that doesn’t look like ‘staying at home” as much as it should – and this will no doubt increase as this week progresses – please stay at home, and maintain your distance! Every journey could endanger someone else. Vehicle speeds are also much, much higher than normal, and the increased number of walkers and cyclists need to take care.

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 as we are here to offer support.

We are now operating efficiently to support drop offs from Cordens: please do let them know you are happy for your prescription to be left at The Labouring Man and then we will deliver it to your front door. Guy Nelson 01 798 873363.

On a limited bases Recycling Sites across West Sussex will open on the 11th May. Only use these if it is really necessary and if your waste presents a risk of injury to harm or health and cannot be put out with your normal regular kerbside collection. Only general waste and household waste will be accepted. Social distancing barriers will be in place. There will be additional guidance on site. Whenever we see “fly-tipping” we will report it, and your rubbish will be traced.

We have been asking for WSCC to fill in pot-holes in the village and at last the big one on the A29 has been done! Only a few left to go - please carry on reporting these!

If there any changes affecting use of the Alban Head Playing Fields we will update you in the next newsletter.

The Labouring Man has an enhanced menu: please do try and support the shop at the Labouring Man via its take-away menu.

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 is 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.

From Sandham Hall:

Our Post Office re-opened on Thursday. Our Post Office is in full swing opening Mon, Tue and Thu, 9am to 1pm. You are asked to enter through the Village Hall front door and maintain social distancing if you need to queue. It is most important that we keep to the queueing process and if there appears to be a crowd, maybe come back later.

But where are the Village Hall lights? The fitting of the lights has been delayed again due a problem with supply. Hopefully, they will be in place soon. The electrician will work around the Post Office opening.

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. According to the latest information, it looks as though there **might** be some returning to School on June 1st, for certain groups, in limited numbers. We may know more after announcements on Monday.

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