

# COLDWALTHAM PARISH

## Weekly Newsletter 3 for Spring 2020

*Dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020*

As we are all aware, we are living through a public health crisis which is affecting us all. Current information suggests the “lockdown” will persist for a further unspecified period. Anybody can ‘post’ a message: please send your contribution to John Evans by 12 noon, Sunday, each week. We should not forget we are fortunate 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. There are moments of peace and tranquillity to be savoured – like reduced traffic and virtually no bikers on the weekend (see over the page)!

### **From Parochial Church Council:**

We hope that those who would otherwise have attended Easter Sunday Church Services were able to find “digital” versions that matched expectations. This will continue to be necessary as Government advice develops.

### **From Parish Council:**

Please do not hesitate to continue to contact us if you need support. We now have a team established to support local residents. Thank you to all members of our community who are helping: we are well aware that many people are supporting their neighbours and friends at this challenging time. We are also very pleased to see how respectful our community has been of the new rules we now have to live by over social distancing, avoiding unnecessary journeys and only limited exercising.

We are concerned that too few people are taking advantage of using our proposal highlighted last week over prescriptions. Please do encourage others to take advantage of this. If you email them at: [pulborough@kamsons.co.uk](mailto: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

**Do not forget:** the Labouring Man is running a shop open daily between 11 and 2 and 6 to 8 with additional take away meals available. Definitely recommended!

The Alban Head Playing Field remains open for access, but the children’s play area is closed. Please try to keep off the ‘cricket square’ just in case we get to play later in the Summer!

To help people who are facing financial crisis and are vulnerable (including self-isolating) there is a voucher scheme funded by WSCC’s Your Energy Sussex scheme and is administered by Citizens Advice to help with energy costs. To apply residents should contact the local Horsham DC Citizens Advice <https://www.advicewestsussex.org.uk/horsham/>.

We have been advised by HDC that “bonfires” are best avoided – the weather has been very dry, and we should not put fire crews under greater pressure than necessary at this time.

### **From Sandham Hall:**

We are all pleased that Pauline Streeter is recovering well from her recent Op. She does suggest that she misses everyone, but that is not a reason to rush out to meet her – please be content that we are being very attentive, and that the reopening date for the Post Office is being continually reviewed. We understand that when our Post Office will reopen will be a decision between Pauline and the Post Office organisation. She is in touch with the HR Dept of the Post Office and it will be a joint decision between them when the PO will open again. In turn, that will depend on Government decisions over the next week or so. The Post Office in the “Elite” garage in Pulborough continues to operate, and our postal deliveries and collections carry on ‘as normal’.

### **From St. James School (AVF):**

St James will remain open over the holiday week for children of key workers; this applies to both Amberley Primary School and St James, here in Coldwaltham. The School minibus can pick up from Amberley at the beginning and end of each day. Three or four children are still attending at different times, and staff from both Schools are involved in the rota. 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 – the first cases of “Zoom” being hacked surfaced this week – but emails and telephones are fine. 20<sup>th</sup>April 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).**

### **Easter Sunday evening – at Greatham Bridge:**

