

COLDWALTHAM PARISH

Weekly Newsletter 8 for Spring 2020

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We are now nearly two months + into a public health crisis which affects us all. Current information suggests the “lockdown” should persist, for a further unspecified period. There is still much that is very unclear about what happens next. The messages have not been clear.

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 still do not seem to be declining as quickly as in other countries, although it does look as though the balance of where the disease attacks is shifting away from the general population; even so, it suggests that ‘staying home’ is still a good idea, so please 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.

There has been much increase in traffic, especially motorbikes over the weekend. We sent a note about this to our Speedwatch contact, and it appears that the Police Camera van has been out twice as a result – which helped a little yesterday.

If you are out walking in the Wildlife Trust area, please be warned that there are now more cattle installed – we are in contact with the Trust about this – please be careful underfoot and watch out for cattle approaching.

From Parochial Church Council:

The Parish Magazine – The Link may not be getting to everyone who would like to receive a copy! We still have to be patient about good news on the opening of our churches. I wish there was something from the PCC to report!

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 01798 873363. If you have a medical appointment and need help with transport, please contact us (these are classed as essential journey’s) as this can be part of the wider support we can access.

On a limited bases **Recycling Sites** across West Sussex will now begin to 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 successful in getting for WSCC to fill in pot-holes in the village. It looks like Silverdale will be next to be repaired.

If you wish to take part in a West Sussex survey on your personal response to the impact of the Covid 19 crisis please access this on the link below: <https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/policy-and-comms/coronavirus/>

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 newsletters 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)

Alban Head Playing Fields:

In line with HDC guidance we are not opening the children's play area yet, but we are cutting the outfield and sides to make the field as usable as possible: We have noticed an increase in use this weekend. The guidance is clear: we must remain 2 meters apart. The stile has been repaired (again) and we continue other necessary maintenance and general upkeep. Please continue to be respectful of other users, especially dog owners leaving gifts for others.

From Sandham Hall:

Our Post Office re-opened last week on Thursday, and is in full swing opening Mon, Tue and Thu, 9am to 1pm. If there is a crowd, maybe come back later. The queuing system to enter the Post Office from the front door is working well. Unfortunately, the front door does not have step-free access, so some people have had difficulty using the steps to go into the front of the hall to join the queue. People are reminded that they should not struggle to use the steps but enter the PO directly while maintaining social distancing. Others are asked for understanding and care if the occasional person needs to access the Post Office counter directly when this is necessary. While waiting feel free to use the Village Hall WiFi (SMVH Guest/Sandhamhall).

The works to install the new lights is finally complete and look good; there should be no more major works necessary.

From St.James School(AVF):

St James' School has remained open for children of Key Workers; it looks like preparations are in hand for some limited return to School. The School contact parents directly. Those children not attending 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.

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