

COLDWALTHAM PARISH

Weekly Newsletter 9 for Spring 2020

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We are now nearly three months + into a public health crisis which affects us all. Current information suggests the “lockdown” should persist, for a further unspecified period, but Government messages have recently become quite ambiguous. 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. Please continue to respect queueing requests wherever required. 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. The Police have been out in both cars and camera vans in both Bury and our Parish over the Bank Holiday weekend. Bury PC suggest, “However, the police cannot be everywhere but with the momentum of the launch of Operation Krypton in our favour we can all help our cause so much more by reporting incidents of anti-social behaviour by bikers through:- www.operationcrackdown.org or phone 01243-642222”.

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:

We are efficiently meeting all requests and we are grateful to all those in our community who are so actively and with great sympathy helping others in many different contexts.

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/>. (Closes 31st May).

The advice from West Sussex over the Bank Holiday weekend, and beyond is:

Many beaches in West Sussex will not have lifeguards on duty and visitors are urged to stay safe near the water and be alert to wind and tide.

Anyone going outdoors this weekend should stay two metres from others and avoid crowds.

If using the countryside, National Park, keep to public rights of way and be courteous to other visitors. Cyclists **should not use footpaths** and be aware that shared routes may be crowded. Please slow down on shared use paths and give way to those on foot, wheelchair users and horse riders. Take your litter home with you if no bins are available. Please keep your dog under control and clear up after them

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The PC continues to offer support to vulnerable members of our community: please do not be afraid to ask for help as we are here to offer support. Please do let Corden's 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 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.

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:

Please continue to be respectful of other users, especially dog owners leaving gifts for others...

From Sandham Hall:

Our Post Office has now re-opened from Thursday 14th, and is in full swing opening Mon, Tue and Thu, 9am to 1pm. If there is a crowd, maybe come back later.

The Post Office is working well BUT some 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 when this is necessary. While waiting, feel free to use the Village Hall WiFi (SMVH Guest/Sandhamhall).

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, with effect from June 1st next week. The School will 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.

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).

Circumstances may have changed, with numerous new "working arrangements" in place, to suggest that we do not need this Newsletter each week. The Parish Link Magazine will continue to be published electronically, till we are sure that face to face deliveries are safe again, on a monthly basis. There is a Village Residents group on FB.

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