

COLDWALTHAM PARISH

Weekly Newsletter 1 for Spring 2020

Dated 29th March 2020

We are living through a public health crisis which affects us all. This short newsletter is going to electronically circulate a weekly email outlining our local news and offers of help to each other. Anybody can 'post' a message: please send your contribution to John Evans by 12 noon, Sunday.

From Parochial Church Council:

'Well done, that man!' In our case the Labouring Man, for your help and organization in this time of difficulty. It is so heart-warming and affirming to see the communities all working together for the good of us all. Working together with the Parish Council we have organisers in all the villages in our Parish who can put you in touch with someone who can help with shopping or just a chat on the phone. Our organiser in Coldwaltham and Watersfield is Rosemarie Glithero on 01798 872429 and in Hardham it is Michael Ryan on 01798 873939. Please do get in touch with them if you need help. May God be with you in these troubled times. Keep safe and well.

From Parish Council:

The PC is supporting the community with a team of volunteers. If you need help, please do not hesitate to contact us by using the information circulated: calling 01798 873363 or going to the website <http://coldwalthampc.org.uk>. We are now officially linked into Horsham District Council as a community hub. If you are helping a neighbour and require a letter from us stating that you are giving community support, please contact us as we now have a form of HDC 'official' pass we can give to any volunteer helping. We would be grateful to know the details of who is receiving help if you are able to send this to us.

If you think there is a local neighbour in distress but are unable to give support please just phone us.

Warning: we are receiving reports that the chemist at the Surgery in Pulborough is extremely busy with long queues. Please plan for this. Tesco, Sainsburys and others have put in place queueing systems that require considerable patience.

Do Not Forget: The Labouring Man (873337) which now has a stocked shop for a range of basics/necessities and is doing take-out service at lunchtimes and evenings.

From Sandham Hall:

Village Hall and Post Office: Sandham Memorial Village Hall is now closed until further notice although provisional bookings for later in the year can be made by calling Simon Berry on 07932 107109. The Post Office is due to open again on 16-Apr-20 although this is now looking very unlikely. We hope to have more details soon. In the meantime, Fittleworth Post Office and Stores is open Mon-Sat: 9:30am–1:30pm.

Village Help Scheme: as noted in the PC Circular earlier. We have had to think again about lifts to medical appointments for the time being, due to the Govt isolation rules. However, mobility equipment (wheelchairs, walking frames etc) are available for loan as usual. Please call Simon Berry 07932 107109.

Things people are doing – and see below for “Bright Ideas” Home delivery services for food have been overwhelmed and many are not able to accept new customers. Even existing customers are struggling to get delivery slots. Many members of our community are collaborating to help overcome these difficulties by sharing home delivery slots with neighbours or adding to their regular Milk & More order to include items their neighbours want.

Nextdoor App This won't appeal to everyone, but anyone with a smartphone might want to install the Nextdoor App. This links up people in local communities and is being used of calls for help and offers of help from people in Coldwaltham, Fittleworth, West Chiltington, Petworth, Bury, Pulborough, Storrington & Sullington. Please send “Bright Ideas to John Evans, for circulation.

Further Info: a very good Horsham District Council site can be found here:

LATEST INFORMATION FROM HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/coronavirus-community-support>

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).