

COLDWALTHAM PARISH

Weekly Newsletter 10 for Spring 2020

Dated 31st May 2020

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. It does look as though the Government has indicated that many places will begin to re-open this coming week, including some parts of Schools.

We would suggest that there is still a need for very careful self-management of social distancing and the wearing of masks in public places. The number of hospital CV-19 deaths has been “zero” for two days (as of May 31st) in West Sussex; this is not the time to let the virus take hold again.

This will be the last weekly Newsletter in this format. The Parish Magazine “The Link” will continue to carry news items on a monthly basis as usual. We would like to THANK everyone who has contributed to the communication and messenger process in the 12 weeks – 12 weeks – can you imagine it is that long?! Your time and efforts have contributed to keeping the statistics low and reducing the stress on NHS and local GPs and Pharmacies. The Labouring Man – what will the future bring? – has become something more than a “Pub”, and we are all indebted to the service it has provided.

The “opening up” of the economy and communications does bring its downside. Bury Hill and Whiteways were “full” today – May 31st – Bikers, walkers and cyclists. We cannot recommend this density of activity to be safe – please be careful.

Please make a point of helping our safety and noise reduction campaigns cause by reporting incidents of anti-social behaviour by bikers and others 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. Thank you for all your effort and time.

The PC is moving on to “Zoom” for its meetings as from this coming week.

Take your litter home with you if no bins are available. Please keep your dog under control and clear up after them.

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. Guy Nelson 873363.

The Labouring Man continues to open as both village shop and food take out service. Please continue to use and support it.

The work of your Parish Council continues: we are very pleased to report the footpaths on the Brooks are better (if not perfect) due to the requests we have made to SWT, we now know that some of the footpaths have been flattened and made more accessible; there are still some that will be difficult and should be walked with care, especially on the river banks.

This is very important: We are receiving many reports of phone scams in the parish: please be aware. This 'vishing' or 'phishing' is very dangerous and easy to fall for. People claiming to represent well-known companies such as Amazon are contacting us with every appearance of reasonable professionalism and acting in our interests: they are not, they are dangerous, do not accept their calls or requests in any respect. Do not give out any personal details or information. We know of at least two residents who might have suffered serious financial loss, but for the prompt action of their bank. Do not respond to any telephone calls or emails that suggest either refunds or payments due.

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 welcomes 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.

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.

St James' School is looking forward to welcoming back pupils in the Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from Monday June 1st. These pupils will be joining the children of Key Workers who have continued to attend at school throughout the lockdown period. Rigorous safety plans and risk assessments have been put in place by the staff team to enable a safe return to school for children, staff and parents. Parents have adapted remarkably well to home schooling and new technology has been embraced by staff to ensure quality learning experiences have been maintained; to see what the children have been learning during the lockdown, visit the class pages of the school's website. Thank you to all parents who have engaged with this process.

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. See the note at the top of this Newsletter. 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 also 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