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The Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the May 2020 edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. This two page version of the Newsletter is available on the Council's website. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the current Corona Virus restrictions, there will be **no paper copies** of the Newsletter available. We will be making regular Newsletter updates and these can be found on our **web site** and our **Facebook** pages – type in **Copythorne Parish Council** on Facebook to get to our pages.

An Updated Message from the Parish Council to All Our Parishioners – COVID-19

As with our last issue, the Parish Council would like to express our sincerest wishes that all of you **stay safe and well** in this period of extreme measures to inhibit and hopefully beat the spread of the Corona Virus (**COVID-19**). We urge everyone to continue to follow the advice / instructions given by central government and the NHS and help keep us all safe!

The Parish Council will continue to monitor information and advice from local and national sources and post, where applicable, **update items on our website and Facebook pages**.

We know that for everyone, the **ongoing Lockdown** is beginning to seem very long, but it's clear from the information we see in the media from Government notification, that the limitation to the spread of the virus is being positively affected by the curbs on movement outside the home and the avoidance measures on person to person contact. **So, we all need to continue to be vigilant!**

Remember, while there are now some well-established support groups working within the Parish to help the vulnerable and isolated, even as an individual, **you can still keep an eye out for neighbours you know to be in possible need of help**. A simple note through the door or a call on the 'phone can make a huge difference to someone who is now completely alone in isolation. Full details of the '**Isolation Help**' groups can be obtained directly from Facebook / Social Media or your local Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and details will also be available on the Parish Council web site and Facebook pages.

The Parish Council has now reviewed how it continues to operate during these restrictions, based on the Emergency Legislation and supporting guidance issued by the Government last month. The **April meeting** of the Parish Council was conducted using an **email format** and **draft minutes** of the meeting will be posted as usual on the **web site**. The next **meeting on May 12th** will be conducted via a **video conferencing system** and the Clerk will post information regarding that on the web site along with the agenda. This will include information on how the public can access the '**Public Section**' of the agenda if there are any issues or points which you may wish to raise, or present information about a Planning Application. **This will not be the usual May Annual Meeting** as these have been waived this year by the Government under Emergency Legislation

The **Parish Hall** continues to be closed until further notice.

The **playground** at the Parish Hall continues to be closed until further notice.

For more information, there is really excellent, clearly expressed advice on the National Health Service web site which is update daily at: **www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/** ... **and thank you to the NHS!!** and also on the Central Government web site, also updated daily, at: **www.gov.uk/coronavirus**



And everyone: Please Be Careful! - Be Safe! - Be Well!

Corona Virus – Update on Help from Our Local Community Shops

We have updated our survey of our fantastic local shops which remain open to serve our community, to provide information on how they are currently operating. There have been a few changes which are worth noting in how to access the shops and services.

See overleaf for the listing:

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Corona Virus – Help from Our Local Community Shops – cont.

Local Farm Shops – Alford Butchers are open for customers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with orders possible if made by midday on Mondays – tel: **02380 812 269**. **Tatchbury Manor Farm Shop** now takes orders via their revamped web site before close on Wednesday with customers notified of a timed collection slot on Thursday, Friday or Saturday – tatchburymanorfarm.co.uk.

Budgens – is continuing to operate **normal opening times** and will be maintaining, as far as is possible, the normal range of grocery and other stock for sale.

Spar - continues to operate but with an **earlier closing time of 8.00 p.m.** and will be maintaining, as far as is possible, the normal range of groceries and other products for sale.

Forest Pharmacy – is open on **weekdays from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.** and now open on **Saturdays between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.** Sunny and Daisy will operate a **telephone service** for those either can't get there for a **discussion / consultation** about a need or who wish to have their **prescriptions safely delivered** to their home. They have also initiated a **special delivery service** on normal shop opening hours, for those who have received the letter from the government and are on full isolation, You can reach Sunny and Daisy at the Pharmacy by telephone - **07404 428 531**, **WhatsApp** or a **text message** and they will respond.



Fourways Stores and Bartley Post Office – is open from **9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** every day. They have initiated a special counter system with queuing outside and one person in the shop at a time. There are separate queuing systems for the Post Office and the shop. In addition, they offer **local grocery deliveries** with a team of amazing volunteers if you cannot leave home and, if your house is on an existing route, **newspaper delivery** if you would normally go in to the shop to collect them. You can contact the shop on: **02380 813 481** or by email on johanne@fourwaysstores.com



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING AND FURTHER UPDATES WILL BE PRODUCED AS NECESSARY

Victory in Europe Day Celebrations – The Party Goes On – But Differently!



The Parish Hall Committee's planned garden party celebration event for **Victory in Europe Day on May 8th** at the Parish Hall, marking the 75th anniversary of the end of **WW2 in Europe** has, obviously, had to be cancelled. However, the Parish Hall Committee is now promoting a VE Day '**Stay at Home Street Party**' where you can celebrate in your own garden or house and share the experience on Facebook. Additionally, there is a planned '**National Toast to the Heroes of WW2**' at 3.00 p.m. on the 8th with the toast "**To those who gave so much, thank you!**" Why not break out the bunting and some goodies and take part!!

Garden Waste Collections are Back!

New Forest District Council (NFDC) has announced that the much used **Garden Waste Collection Service** is back as of 27th April, which is really good news. A lot of you have taken advantage of the great weather recently to work in the garden – but that generates more garden waste and there's **only so much you can compost!** Unfortunately, the restarted scheme is only available to existing subscribers, but this is **good news for all those gardeners out there on the scheme.**



Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 12th May** and as reported above, will be conducted via video conferencing. Contact the Clerk for more information on how to access the meeting.

The **Clerk to the Council, David Rigby**, can be contacted by post at: **9, The Cleaves, West Totton, Southampton, SO40 8WL** or by telephone: **02381120150** or by email at: parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk; website: www.copythorne.org.uk. Details of individual Parish Councillors, and information on District and County Councillors, can also be found on the Parish Council Website and on community notice boards.