

NORTH WOOTTON NEWS JUNE 2020

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Dear everyone,

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are again unable to print and distribute the June 2020 edition of the North Wootton News, however like last month, we have assembled some key messages and information which we feel is important for villagers. This edition is available on the NW Parish Council Somerset website under North Wootton News.

These are unprecedented times and in this international crisis we hope you are all keeping well and safe.

The contents of this edition are as follows:

1. Birthdays and Waste Collections.
2. Local food services.
3. Care in the Community.
4. Messages from Chris Butler and Sarah Laing.
5. Parish Council Report.
6. Further information and the Mobile Library and the Somerset Waste Partnership plus Useful Numbers.

We have suspended NWN advertising and the contracts will be extended by the number of months we do not go to print.

One reason we are limited in space (well size actually) is the NW Parish Council website only allows a 500kb upload and as the NWN is normally around 10mb this rules out a lot of the advertising and photos. Hopefully we will be back to normal soon.

In the meantime, please remember to follow the Government guidelines and please stay alert.

Magazine inputs by the 20th of each month please.

Steve and Colin

NWN Articles and Letters Policy

"We welcome articles and letters however; these must be accurate and not of a personal nature. In particular, we will not allow the NWN to perpetuate personal attacks. The decision to print articles and letters is entirely at the discretion of the editors".

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Best Wishes to:

Edward Bartlett who will be **12** on the **5th June**

Matthew Bennett who will be **9** on the **15th June**

Wilber Moore who will be **5** on the **23rd June**

George Moore who will be **7** on the **23rd June**

Antoine Hugo Radnidge who will be **7** on the **26th June**

Any errors or birthdays missed? Please inform one of the Editors.

Don't miss your chance to join the

North Wootton 100 Club!

Please see the form on the last page.

The proceeds go towards the maintenance of the Village Hall and Green

NORTH WOOTTON CAFÉ:

See page 9 to see how to join the virtual café at 11am on Thursdays.

FOR VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS:

Contact Lucy Lester of Church View on 890769

North Wootton News

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RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

Any problems, contact Customer Services at Mendip District Council on 03003 038 588 or customerservices@mendip.gov.uk

There is some confusion on the dates for recycling collections as published on the Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) website. However, SWP have been contacted and they confirmed that recycling for NW will take place on Wednesdays as usual.

Garden Waste collections have recommenced and subscriptions for 2020-21 will run until mid-May 2021. Collections appear to occur according to post codes on Monday to Thursday. Some NW post codes have the Garden Waste collection the same week as refuse, but the majority have the collections in the alternative week to refuse. I believe all subscribers have been sent a letter on their allocated pick-up day. If in doubt then please go to the Somerset Waste Partnership website and put in post code then house name and find your dates for garden waste.

The Refuse and Recycling Collection dates:

Wednesday 3rd June: Refuse, and Recycling

Wednesday 10th June: Recycling

Wednesday 17th June: Refuse and Recycling

Wednesday 24th June: Recycling

Please note that if the collection is not made on the published date Somerset Waste Partnership regret that the staff shortage means recycling will not be collected until the following week.

DULCOTE RECYCLING SITE Now Open

Dulcote Recycling Site is open for essential visits only - in line with updated government guidance.

To ensure social distancing, protect public and staff and limit numbers, there will be a range of temporary restrictions; queues and delays are likely.

Government guidance states visits should only take place if waste cannot be stored safely at home without risking harm or ill-health, or harm to public health and amenity. If not an essential journey, please wait until sites are back to usual.

The site will be open six days a week:

- 9am-6pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- 9am-4pm Saturdays and Sundays, closed Thursdays

Access is "one in, one out", a number plate system will be used:

- Odd numbers only Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays
- Even numbers only Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Please see further restrictions on page 12.

CARE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

St Peter's Cares



A good neighbour scheme

Coronavirus Village Helplines – No one alone.

St Peters is increasing its services to ensure we provide each other mutual support at this time, particularly to support those who are at risk and self-isolating for whatever reason.

If you live alone, or know someone in that position, we would like to put you in touch with someone who will arrange to give you a daily phone call to ensure no one feels totally isolated as a result of physical separation.

We also have a list of people who are willing and able to deliver essential food items and pick up medicines for anyone who can no longer get to the shops. These would be delivered to the door but no one would go inside the houses.

If anyone is able to join either list of volunteers that would be amazing, please phone the relevant number to offer your services.

The helpline numbers are as follows:

**Ted Sayer on 01749 890650 / 07957871077, or
Jackie Bowditch on 01749 890207 /
07913388471.**

Jackie Bowditch writes:

Thank you to those who have already kindly offered to help with shopping etc at these difficult times. This month, people continue to use Facebook as you know, to let everyone know that they are going shopping, which is brilliant. Other people ring round the ones they usually shop for. Those of us who have people shop for us, are so grateful. We want to say a huge thank you to them.

Ted and I wish you all the best at this difficult time.

Best wishes Jackie

LOCAL FOOD SERVICES – FOR INFORMATION:

There is a **North Wootton Residents Facebook page** which villagers may find interesting and useful.

The Bartlett's **Wootton Organic Farm Shop** is now open and selling organic Jersey milk and organic ewes' milk as well as cheese and yoghurts. They are open daily 8am to 6pm and is self-service.

Jon Thorner's Farm Shop have a comprehensive on-line ordering and delivery service.

The Crossways Inn are closed but are currently offering a new extensive and popular Take Away and Delivery Service. Please see details below.

Delela's Bakery deliver twice a week to North Wootton on Mondays and Thursdays – call to order on 07849 139968.

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Wells Foodbank:

Diane Macklin writes: In the Wells Journal, the Wells Vineyard Christian Fellowship Foodbank is struggling to match the demand for its services and are appealing for food donations or financial support. I am going there with donations pretty much every week. If villagers would like to leave items at our gate, I would be happy to take them to Wells. Besides the food and hygiene items mentioned in the article, they also need empty clear and clean plastic containers with lids and egg boxes for half a dozen eggs.

Rectors Rambles

I have been thinking recently about how being connected is very important for most people, and how we are becoming very inventive at ways to connect people.

On a Thursday (after we clap together) and a Saturday I watch Jays virtual pub quiz, it gives my mind some exercise, and also gives a feeling of connectivity with the tens of thousands who are also taking part (about 4 of which I know). I am sure you are finding other ways to connect: WhatsApp, phone, Skype, Zoom to name but a few. Who had ever heard of Zoom before this started, now many of us see relatives and friends and chat that way, not quite as good as actually being together, but better than nothing?

As I walk around and have 'socially distancing chats' with people I have realised one of the things that connects us here is our gardens. Those of us who are blessed with outside space, and time to be in it, have been valuing our gardens and I suspect many are getting more attention than they have for years (or is that only mine). This week would have been the Chelsea Flower Show, many of you may have seen programmes where the presenters have been showing us round their gardens instead, it has been really enjoyable seeing their enthusiasm and love for their spaces (great and small). That got me thinking - why don't we do something similar. If you would like to, take a photo of your favourite part of your garden and send it in to me (butlerchristin19@gmail.com) (it's up to you whether you appear in it or not). We can share these with each other and celebrate our gardens together.

It won't surprise you to know that connectiveness is something very important in the bible. On 31st May each year we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit 'came down'. I realise this is one of the more complicated doctrines of the Church but in John's Gospel Jesus explains it this way; He knows he is physically leaving earth and does not want us to be alone so he promises to send a helper 'the Spirit' who will be with us, ensuring we will never be alone, and always have a connection with God. I am sure at times it doesn't feel that way, but it is a promise I hold onto especially in this time of separation.

So, whilst many of us have good days and bad days let's celebrate what connects us, whatever that is for you and please do send photos of all your hard work.

Rev. Chris

Funerals

We are incredibly aware that separation makes bereavement even tougher at this time and our thoughts and prayer are with anyone who is grieving the loss of someone they love.

In our villages we especially remember the family and friends of Jean Wright from Pilton and Laurence Bloom-Davies from Croscombe both of whom were cremated recently.

Church

As you are all no doubt aware, we are currently required to keep our Churches locked and so Church services have entered the virtual world. If you would like a copy of the weekly service (with hymns from Youtube) or to join us for Zoom Compline please contact me.

I will keep you updated as the Church situation changes.

Chris (butlerchristine19@gmail.com)

Philip Hopper, curate in waiting...

At the end of June, after two years training for ministry in the Church of England, I was to be ordained a deacon at Wells Cathedral. I was then to serve the parishes as a curate for the next four years. A year later, following another ordination, your curate will be able to serve you as a priest.

Unsurprisingly, like much else at this time, my ordination has been postponed. But all being well, ordinations will now take place at the end of summer and then you will gain a curate.

Some of you may remember me from my time in the benefice last summer, when I came on a placement. It was such a positive experience and the memory of it fills me with hope for a productive time serving and working with you as part of the ministry team.

A former Primary teacher, I now work part-time as a gardener. This work has become an essential part of how I live out my faith each week and will continue alongside my two days in the parishes.

In the coming weeks, as my course comes to an end, I shall be out and about serving as a Parish Worker. Over the coming months we will have the opportunity to get to know one another.

It feels such a privilege to be called to work with you here, in this beautiful corner of creation. This area has become my home. I moved here with my partner and our two dogs over ten years ago.

My training has been based nearby at Wells Cathedral, where I was drawn to worship and serve for almost a decade. It was during my time there that I came to hear my name called to ordained ministry.

My coursework will soon be completed and my attention is now shifting towards the next phase of my training, my time with you.

2020 has been a year of such challenge for so many and clearly what lies ahead will be no less of a challenge. And I look forward to joining you exploring how we can best help meet some of those challenges.

Philip Hopper.

St Peter's Parish Church, North Wootton

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Thank you to Paddy for sending this photo in. We did not have room last month but here we are now. 14 lambs were born over Easter and all were doing well. Life goes on!



Cafe News June 2020

The café will not be meeting again in June. But we will continue to meet with the virtual café via Zoom. We are so grateful to Rev. Chris for setting this up. If you wish to join in and haven't been notified please email Chris on butlerchristine19@gmail.com.

Thank you very much to the people who donated to St. Margaret's Hospice and St. Peter's Church in May. We were able to send £56 to St. Margaret's and £78 to St. Peter's. We thought we would nominate Age UK and our Village Hall for June. Once again, I will leave the box out in the porch at Higher Farm, please put your donation into an envelope marked with your choice of charity or leave a donation in your 'cake' box.

Over the last few weeks, the Cafe Cake Makers have very kindly supplied a piece of Café Cake, delivered on Thursday in time for the virtual café, or especially to those who can't join in. Anyone who would like to receive some cake or make and deliver cake in this way please let me know as we are making this a regular thing. I email or ring everyone on my café list on or before Wednesday to see who would like some cake, first come, first served. tel. 890060 or felicitywotton4@hotmail.com. It makes delivery easier if you put a plastic box out in your porch or doorstep and we can then just ring the bell when we deliver.

Traidcraft. Hilary Austin is willing to deliver orders to North Wootton during the last week of each month, so if there is anything you want from her please let her know by 18th June on hilary.austin2@btinternet.com or 01749 890561

Please come and join us on Thursdays for virtual cafe on Zoom at 11.00 am

We look forward to welcoming you!

Felicity and Team

NORTH WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL & GREEN:

Sadly, with no gatherings allowed, the Village Hall will continue to remain closed for the foreseeable future. I'm sure you are all thinking about what you would like to do once the restrictions are lifted, so if you have a special event, birthday, anniversary etc and would like somewhere a little bigger than home, do think ahead, and book the village Hall. Of course, if the restrictions haven't been lifted, there would be no charges. It is a shame we haven't been able to enjoy the calming and light atmosphere that the new painting has created, but it will

still be there when we are allowed back in! Lucy's contact number for bookings is 890769

We are continuing to maintain the Green; as I write it is being 'tended'. The joys of nature have meant that the late flowering apple tree that fell last year has continued to thrive. It is probably too big to get upright again, and with soggy ground in winter and then lockdown, we have missed trying this year – it certainly wasn't a one-person job. Anyway, enjoy the blossom at ground height, and any apples (they are cider!) will be easy to pick. It is supporting itself, and not a danger to anyone. I'm not sure the wild flower seeds we planted on the bonfire site have thrived in this very dry weather, though there are a few seedlings. The thistles have colonised it rather, but the wildlife will probably enjoy those as much as anything else. The Green is a lovely space looking across to the hills, and remains 'open' for you to enjoy with your family. Obviously if there are others there, please 'socially distance'. Also remember that others may have used the gate and seats before you, so please wash hands or use hand gel to be extra safe.

Enjoy the lovely village we live in – not a bad place for lockdown. How lucky we are.

Sarah 01749 890017, sa.laing1@gmail.com

North Wootton Parish Council News May 2020

We have now had time to consider more fully the government's emergency legislation on the conduct of local council business during the Covid-19 pandemic. In accordance with these new regulations, and as anticipated last month, we held an online virtual North Wootton Parish Council (NWPC) Meeting on 19th May using Zoom. The main item on the agenda was to consider and adopt a Business Continuity Motion which will enable us to deal with routine matters without having to meet physically. More material matters will continue to be discussed at online meetings, the next of which is provisionally scheduled for Tuesday 21st July. There will be more about this next month.

The May meeting also heard an update on the plans for the proposed Pilton Bypass. As we reported last month, the Peninsula Transport Board, (the statutory body responsible for promoting major road schemes in the south west) decided in March to drop the two bypass options they had proposed, both of which would have adversely affected North Wootton and Pilton and some neighbouring parishes. Since then we have written jointly with Pilton Parish Council to our District and County Councillors and to our MP recording our gratitude for their parts in the campaign to have the Pilton Bypass plans withdrawn and urging them to remain vigilant for signs that this, or any similarly damaging local developments, are being re-considered.

We also considered a planning application to remove the holiday occupancy restriction on the barn currently used as a holiday home adjacent to Barrow Farm along Barrow Lane. Councillors decided unanimously to recommend to Mendip District Council (MDC) that the application should be approved.

Expenditure to renovate more of the traditional finger posts around the village was also agreed.

If you are reading this you are probably already be aware that whilst they are unable to produce a print version the editors of the North Wootton News are continuing to publish online via the NWPC website at:

www.northwoottonparishcouncil.org.uk.

We are still receiving a great deal of Covid-19 related information and we shall continue to post anything of particular relevance to us here in North Wootton on our website. This includes new occasional Covid-19 related public information bulletins from MDC. In addition to useful information on a range of local topics these bulletins contain links to various external websites providing additional helpful information.

As before, if you have questions on any aspect of NWPC's business please don't hesitate to contact me, 899430/simonshimmin@hotmail.com, one of your other councillors or our Parish Clerk, northwoottonparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, my continuing good wishes to everyone. It is increasingly clear that we are privileged to be living in this relatively protected part of the country – my hope is that it stays that way.

Simon Shimmin

FURTHER INFORMATION:

(Useful numbers can be found in the May edition)

MOBILE LIBRARY Suspended

The mobile library service is currently suspended and all libraries are closed. However, a range of on-line services is still be available to customers.

During this time customers will be unable to borrow or return any items. No overdue charges or additional hire charges will apply on any items during this time. All reservations have been cancelled and will not be available to collect.

Library services are available 24/7 at www.SomersetReads.co.uk, where you can download Books, Audiobooks and Magazines and we are developing a range of other online content such as Facebook Live events, Twitter and Instagram posts and You Tube clips.

DULCOTE RECYCLING SITE Further Restrictions

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Other restrictions include:

- Maximum two people per household
- No people with COVID-19 symptoms, or who have been asked to shield
- No large vans (3.5 tonne or heavier)
- No trailers
- Gloves to be worn outside vehicles

Only these materials will be taken:

- Refuse usually put in your rubbish bin, and bulky items, such as furniture
- Garden waste
- Large electrical items, such as cookers, fridges, TVs etc
- Hazardous chemicals, such as those from garden sheds or garages

Not taken until further notice:

- Anything involving payment, such as charged-for hardcore, soil, tyres, gas bottles or vehicle parts (compost will not be available to buy)
- Commercial waste
- Asbestos or plasterboard

Please do not take, unless essential (as it will be landfilled):

- Anything usually recycled kerbside – food, cardboard, paper, cans, glass etc
- Wood, metals, small electrical items
- Plastic pots, tubs, trays, Tetra Paks and other beverage cartons

Update from Somerset Waste Partnership on the Covid-19 Outbreak – Advice and Service Updates

The Government has provided guidance on how to dispose of personal waste, like tissues and disposable cleaning cloths, if you have Coronavirus symptoms.

The guidance is for anyone with symptoms, including those diagnosed with the infection who must remain at home until they are well. It also applies to people in households with someone showing symptoms (a new, continuous cough and/or high temperature) that may be caused by coronavirus.

Personal waste, should be stored securely in disposable rubbish bags. These should then be placed into another bag, tied securely and kept separate from other waste within your home. This should be put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in your usual rubbish outside your house, which will be collected as part of the usual fortnightly collections.

Other household waste can be disposed of as normal. Full guidance for people staying at home because of confirmed or possible infection can be found on the Government's website.

Before putting waste containers out for collection and after taking them back in, please wash hands and disinfect container handles. Please maintain social distance from all waste staff.

Service updates

Suspended – requests for bins, recycling boxes and food waste caddies. Teams will try to deliver those already ordered, but no new requests will be accepted for the time being.

NORTH WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Mandy Askham 01749 890372

2020 Membership Application

Membership is limited to 100 subscribers who may buy as many shares as they wish at £10 each share. Each member's name is allocated a number for the draws, three draws per year for three cash prizes £50, £35, £20 or proportion depending on the number of shares sold (with no dependency on being present at the draw event). Half the funds from the shares are kept by the Village Hall Committee to be used to help with the maintenance and the other half is returned to the members of the 100 Club as prizes.

The Village Hall Committee appreciates the support given by the village community to the 100 Club over the years and trust that this will continue in 2020. The Village Hall is a charity organisation run by volunteers and is entirely self-financing so your help is very much appreciated.

To join the 2020 100 Club please complete the form below:

I/We would like to support the Village Hall and wish to join the Village Hall 100 Club for 2020. Enclosed cheque/cash for £ for shares at £10 each. Cheques payable to 'N.W. Village Hall'. I am over 18 years old.

Signed

..... Members Name

Address

.....

.....Phone Number

Please return this form with your payment to:

Mandy Askham, Little Orchard, Northtown Lane, North Wootton, BA4 4AF or if easier, drop it into the Ruddock's, Old Smithy Cottage, Northtown Lane, North Wootton BA4 4AF.