

NORTH WOOTTON NEWS APRIL 2020

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Dear everyone,

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are unable to print and distribute the May 2020 edition of the North Wootton News, however we have assembled some key messages and information which we feel is important for villagers. 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.

For historical reference: As we write this, most things are closed in the UK, countries are closed around the world, most passenger aircraft are grounded, social distancing, lockdown, furlough and stay at home and save lives are now common phrases. The National Health Service and Keyworkers are doing a fantastic job and are very much appreciated by everyone in the country.

Please remember to follow the Government guidelines and please stay safe.

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".

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Best Wishes to:

Alice Forrester who will be 15 on the **3rd May**

Amelie Smedley who will be 6 on the **8th May**

George Masters who will be 3 on the **6th May**

William Hoddinott who will be 17 on the **11th May**

Peppe Ambrosini-Major who will be 15 on the **17th May**

Luca Ambrosini-Major who will be 14 on the **21st May**

Romilly Mary Prescott who will be 3 on the **26th May**

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

Thank you to Kate Askew who is retiring from distributing the NWN after over 25 years' service. I am sure Tanyard Lane residents appreciate your efforts over the years. If anyone would like to take over the round when we resume, please get in touch with one of the editors. Our details are below.

Welcome to Steve and Vicky Ellis-Jones and their son Alexander who have recently moved into Steam Farm just off the High Street.

Stuart Fisher writes would dog owners please be more considerate and take their blue dog mess bags home and not leave them around Tanyard Lane and down drains in Northtown Lane.

North Wootton News

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Don't miss your chance to join the
North Wootton 100 Club!

Please see the Village Hall Report on page 9
and the form on the last page.

It is not too late to join!

RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

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

Food Waste and Recycling (Black and Green containers) every Wednesday **except Wednesdays 6th and 27th May move to Thursdays 7th and 28th respectively.**

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.

Collection dates:

Thursday 7th May: Food Waste, Recycling and Refuse.

Wednesday 13th May: Food Waste and Recycling.

Wednesday 20th May: Food Waste, Recycling and Refuse.

Thursday 28th May: Food Waste and Recycling.

Garden waste collections have been suspended and staff redeployed to core waste collection tasks. Somerset Waste Partnership have stated that garden waste subscriptions will be extended by 12 months when collections restart.

DULCOTE RECYCLING SITE is currently closed

FOR VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS:

Contact Lucy Lester of Church View on 890769

NORTH WOOTTON CAFÉ:

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

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. Ted and I have found that the people of North Wootton are keeping in touch through the Facebook page. Probably reaching more people. Those who have used St. Peter's care in the past have found that those who have done shopping for them, etc, are ringing them up when they are going shopping again. We've had lots of lovely kind people who have given us their names willing to do shopping. So, if anyone's needs aren't being met, we can help out.

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

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 offering anyone a Take Out Service for Food and Beverage and Free Delivery in North Wootton. See below.

The Crossways

Coronavirus (COVID-19 Update)

The Crossway's Highest Priority is the Health, Safety and Security of our Guests, Employees, Business Partners and Neighbours.

Our Restaurant and Bar is Closed to Non-Residents but we will continue to be open for NHS Guest Room Bookings.

We are offering anyone a Take Out Service for Food and Beverage and Free Delivery in North Wootton for our:

Specially Made Family Hampers.

Additional Hamper Items Sold Separately

Frozen Hamper Items to Cook at Home

Dinner and Drink Hampers for 2 People

Please see www.thecrossways.co.uk or call us direct on 01749 899 000 or Email us at enquiries@thecrossways.co.uk for details.

Thank You for your Patience and Understanding

Stay Safe

The Crossway's Team

Rectors Rambles

We are living in such surreal times, with so many different emotions around us. Some will be enjoying the enforced time out, others struggling with the overwhelming feelings of isolation, some will be struggling to home school their children; our key workers are working harder than ever, and most of us are missing human contact and longing for that hug. Those of us at home continue to dig, plant, sew, teach, bake, eat, walk, work, cycle, do puzzles.... doing whatever we need to get through this time.

One day this will end, it may be a while in the future but we will be able to look back at this period. I heard someone say we are living the history book of the future. I wonder what they will say, and who will star in the film they are bound to make, hopefully it will be about someone who discovers a vaccine.

I know I am looking forward to the day we can fling open the church doors again, but at the moment it is quite difficult to look that far ahead as we go through the day to day experience.

Hopefully we will remember the strength of our community, the way people pulled together. I am sure many of us will remember our Thursday evenings as we all reached out to clap the NHS and support workers, here it seems to be getting louder each week with pots and pans, drums, bells and whistles. It has been a chance to stand together, to show our support and gratitude and to connect with each other.

Social media has also come into its own as we use that to connect. Our Church maybe locked but, like many of you, we continue to meet virtually and to pray for our communities. We also know God is not found in a locked church, but in the acts of love and kindness we see all around us and is with us all in the midst of the pain and fear.

A particular passage from the bible speaks to me at this time, Jesus said it to his friends just before he was going to leave them and go to be crucified:

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.' John 14 27.

I pray each of you will find that deep inner peace despite the fear and disruption of these times.

God Bless you all.

Rev. Chris

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S

It was with sadness that the Rector, Alistair and I had to close the Church Building and unfortunately at this time are not allowed to cut the churchyard grass. But the Church is alive, and the cross went up to celebrate Easter. Many people put flowers around the cross and one of the children put a prayer, which I will add at the end of this.

The Rector has been sending out services each week, online or on paper which have been a great help. If anyone would like to be added to this list, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our thanks go to Ted Sayer and Jackie Bowditch for getting notices out to ensure everyone had details of St. Peter's Cares and the numbers to ring. Do contact them if there is anything we can help with.

The Rector has set us up on Zoom for our weekly coffee morning and people have kindly distributed cake on our doorsteps. Again, if you would like to join us do contact me for details.

The North Wootton Facebook page has been a great asset keeping people in touch and offering help and assistance. Our thanks go to Kate Smedley for administering the site.

We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful village with such a marvellous community spirit. Our prayers are with you that you will all stay safe and well.



A Childs prayer

Dear God,
Please look after the ones who died of covid-19.
Our prayers are with their families.
Amen

Prayer for the outbreak

God of compassion
Be close to those who are ill, afraid or in
isolation,
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
In their anxiety, be their hope;
In their darkness, be their light;
Through him who suffered alone on the cross,
But reigns with you in glory
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Christine Raphael 890310

St Peter's Parish Church, North Wootton

Priest in Charge:

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Secretary: Felicity Wotton, Higher Farm, Stocks Lane 890060

Treasurer: Jeff Macklin, Coombe House, Tanyard Lane 890210



Cafe News May 2020

I don't think the café will be meeting again in May. 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 The Big Issue and the Village Hall in April. We were able to send £60 to the Big Issue and £20 towards refurbishing the kitchen in the Hall. This was from the donation box in our porch at Higher Farm and didn't include any private donations. We thought we would nominate **St. Margaret's Hospice** and our **St. Peters Church** for May. Once again, I will leave the box out and please put your donation into an envelope marked with your choice of charity.

Over the last few weeks Diane Kotelnikoff and Jan Arthur have very kindly supplied a piece of Café Cake, delivered on Thursday in time for the virtual café or for those who can't join in. **Anyone who would like to make and deliver cake in this way please let me know** and we could make it a regular thing. I email or ring everyone on my café list on Wednesday to see who would like some, first come, first served. tel. 890060 or felicitywotton4@hotmail.com.

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:

With no gatherings allowed, the Village Hall will remain closed for the foreseeable future, though you can still book future dates.

We are continuing to maintain the Green. It is a lovely space to enjoy, and remains 'open'. Whilst not encouraging people to gather on the Green, our village numbers are such that, as part of getting some daily exercise, a sensible visit as part with your family would seem to fit the spirit of the advice given. Just remember others may have used the gate and seats before you, so please wash hands or use hand gel to be extra safe.

Thank you to all who have joined the Village 100 club. We have completed our first draw, and the winners were; 1st prize - Linda and Ben Davies, 2nd - Carole and Steve Ruddock, and 3rd - Felicity and Simon Shimmin. As explained in the Membership application, we have allocated prizes equalling 50% of the funds raised, and this year will be £35, £25, and £15.

We are still looking for a couple of extra volunteers to help paint the telephone box village library. If you would be willing to join in, please get in touch.

Sarah 01749 890017, sa.laing1@gmail.com

North Wootton Parish Council News April 2020

Whilst the longer-term implications of the Covid-19 crisis for villages like ours are still uncertain, we do now know more about how parish councils are expected to respond to the emergency – there is more on this below. We are receiving advice on the implementation of these new requirements from our Parish Clerk, Hazel Brinton, and both the Somerset and National Associations of Local Councils of which we are a member. We are also receiving bulletins from Mendip District Council (MDC) and Somerset County Council (SCC) on a range of Covid-19 related issues.

To keep you informed on matters of particular relevance to us here in North Wootton we have created a new 'Coronavirus Information' section on the North Wootton Parish Council (NWPC) website at:
www.northwoottonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Rather than duplicate information originating from other sources, our website includes links to MDC and SCC websites which provide information on virus-related revisions to the services for which they are responsible. These provide additional links on more specialised topics. SCC have also set up a Coronavirus Telephone Helpline, 0300 790 6275, for information on any aspect of their services.

You will already be aware that the editors of the North Wootton News have had temporarily to suspend publication in the usual printed format as their printer has had to close. This 'mini' version of the NWN will continue to be available via the NWPC website. We would like to thank Steve and Colin for continuing to keep the NWN going during the current difficulties.

We would also like to thank the organisers and volunteers working with St Peter's Cares which continues to work well providing practical support to those who need it.

Before Parliament rose in March for the Easter recess, emergency legislation was passed enabling the relevant ministers to make regulations on many things including the conduct of local authority business during the period when physical meetings are prohibited. In summary, the new regulations cover three areas affecting parish councils.

Firstly, the requirement to hold an Annual Parish Council Meeting, which we were due to hold this year on 19th May, has been deferred until next year. These annual meetings normally start with the election of a new chairman and vice-chairman. Instead, for this year only, the existing incumbents remain in office for a further year provided they are prepared to stand. Both I, as chairman, and Alistair Bovey as vice-chairman, are prepared to carry on for another year so that is what will happen.

Secondly, the regulations provide for the conduct of routine business without physically meeting. Some matters can be delegated to chairmen and parish clerks but others need to be considered via some form of virtual meeting open to the public. At the time of writing we were still working on how best to do this here in North Wootton. Our current plan is to hold a virtual meeting, most probably using the Zoom software, on the date the Annual Parish Council meeting should have been held, Tuesday 19th May, to deal with any urgent business and formalise a delegation mechanism until normal meetings can again be held. The notice calling this meeting will be published on the NWPC website and the notice board outside the Village Hall in the usual way along with details of how the public can participate.

Thirdly, there are detailed regulations on changes to various routine financial and administrative aspects of council business. Our Parish Clerk is working out how best to deal with these.

Finally, NWPC was consulted by MDC about proposed changes to the external cladding of the new building at The Forge. A narrative response not objecting to the proposal was submitted.

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.

My best wishes to everyone at what is a strange and difficult time.

Simon Shimmin

FURTHER INFORMATION:

MOBILE LIBRARY: VH Car Park 10:40 to 11:10 (every 4 weeks on Thursdays):

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.

Please keep visiting our website www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries or follow us on social media for updates, visit: Twitter: @SomersetLib, Instagram or visit Somerset-Libraries-UK on Facebook. Most libraries also have their own Facebook pages

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 here the Government's website.

Service updates

Garden Waste collections have been suspended.

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.

Paused – Slim My Waste, Feed My Face campaign has been paused. This is so support staff are available for priority work. A decision on delivering the campaign to the remaining areas of Sedgemoor and West Somerset will be taken at a later date.

Recycling Centres are closed.

USEFUL NUMBERS:

MENDIP CC Customer Services: 03003 038588.

PARISH COUNCIL Chairman – Simon Shimmin – 01749 899430

NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL – Parish Clerk, Hazel Brinton Tel 07341 977235, northwoottonparishcouncil@gmail.com, 35 Hannah Drive, Locking, North Somerset, BS24 7JS

LOCAL PARISH ROADS contact – Alistair Bovey

VILLAGE AGENT: Bella Lapwood, 07494 883541
bella@somersetccc.org.uk

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS: Neighbourhood Sgt Rachel Clark – RachelR.Clark@avonandsomerset.police.uk
Beat Manager PC Tim Rust – Tim.Rust@avonandsomerset.police.uk
PCSO Guy Dury – Guy.Dury@avonandsomerset.police.uk
or alternately ring the police non-emergency number Tel:101.

THE CROSSWAYS (01749 899000) – www.thecrossways.co.uk

The Crossways is closed but currently offering a Take Away Menu. Please see details in the pages below. Please see details earlier in this edition.

DAILY DELIVERY NEWSPAPER SERVICE:

Ring Simon Tel: 890518 Mobile 07850568973 or James Mobile 07867517719 email: simongrenshaw@ymail.com

PILTON POST OFFICE:

Address: Pilton Post Office, The Village Hall, St Marys Lane, Pilton Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 4BB.

Opening Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri afternoons 14:00 to 17:00

Our NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH point of contact is Marcus Laing who can be contacted on 01749 890017

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.