



Offers of Assistance

North Farm - Milk

If anybody runs short of milk for a cup of tea if they ring me 07901 712984 we can sort them out with best wishes Nick Clarke

The Winterbourne Pub

Roger and Emie from The Winterbourne are offering to deliver meals to those who need it in Bushton or Clyffe Pypard. They invite you to look at their menu via their Facebook page as it changes frequently.

<https://www.facebook.com/thewinterbourne/>

Volunteer support group for self-isolators

If anyone in your household, or someone you know, is self-isolating or falls into the "at risk" category and you think may need help please contact one of the local volunteers below.

There is a willing, eager and very friendly group of Bushton and Clyffe Pypard residents happy to help out. Whether shopping for groceries, chemist supplies, a dog walk or just for a chat please let us know what you need.

Just call text or email any of the below and one of the group of volunteers will be in touch.

- **Guy Rickett** - 07824 600113 guy.rickett@gmx.com
- **Jill Maris** - 07817431556 jill.maris@btinternet.com
- **Chris Rickett** - 07754 542722 chris.rickett@gmx.com
- **Simone Dawood** - 07801 938401 simone@simonedawood.com

Further information can be found on:

Community Website - <http://www.clyffepypard-bushton.com/>
Wiltshire Council's Covid-19 help directory and community pack -
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/downloads/22069>
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/downloads/21907>

What's Not on in the Community



BUSHTON and CLYFFE PYPARD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Well, the best-laid plans of mice, men and Women's Institutes.

Just like the rest of, well, the world, our WI has had to cancel forthcoming events. Last month's meeting should have been our AGM. This has been carried out as far as possible by email and telephone and will set us up for the year ahead.

At this point, thanks must go to the committee and all those who help so much in the smooth running of our group. Many talents are utilized, from a way with words and organisational skills through number-crunching to (of course) fabulous baking and sheer physical energy.

All these attributes were seen at work in what one member remarked as "possibly be the last public thing we do for a while" – the Big Breakfast. We had a busy, jolly and successful morning and made a useful sum for our funds as well as providing the opportunity for friends and family to meet and enjoy good food. Thank you, all who came and supported this event, it was good to see you.



Let us hope and pray that we are able to provide our usual autumn breakfast this year.

The Produce Show is on the calendar for early September, so all the extra time we have to work in the garden might produce some bumper yields for us and hopefully the show.

And that, I'm afraid, is it! No news. We wait to see how events unfold and when it may be possible to meet again.

In the meantime, members are keeping in touch with and caring for each other safely and there will a monthly

communication. Sally Fox sally_fox@btinternet.com 01249 891442

Hilmarton Moviola

Cancelled until further Notice

RWB Moviola

Cancelled until further Notice

Dear Cinema Supporter,

It will come as no surprise, but hopefully a little disappointment, that due to COVID-19 we are cancelling all Rotary face-to-face meetings and events until further notice. This includes the cinema. Hopefully the country will return to "normal" soon and we can too. In the meantime, please look after yourselves and your family and neighbours, we hope that you can stay safe.

Allison and the Rotary Cinema Team

Koffee Morning

Cancelled

Jane and Tony very much regret the cancellation of the Kissing Gate Koffee morning. Most of the people who support these events are well over 70 and we think it unwise to hold it under the circumstances.

If you would like to donate a small amount, please put in an envelope and post in the black postbox on the gate of 1 Wood Street. And only if you happen to be passing whilst taking your daily constitutional.

Plant Fair 10th May 2020 - Cancelled

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered to help with the Plant Fair. We hope that we have managed to get in touch with you all to give you the sad but inevitable news. Let's hope that we can go ahead once more in 2021.

In the meanwhile, some seeds have been planted and plants are being raised (they went in before the crisis started) and we will try to develop a way of getting them to local folk rather than let them go to waste.

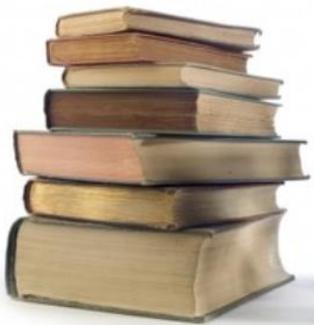
News will be sent around via NextDoor, this Newsletter and 'bush telegraph'.

Barbara Davis and Jan Hargrave



Calligraphy in Clyffe

The last 3 meetings of the calligraphy group this term have been postponed. Hopefully, we will meet again later in the year. Do keep practising!



Bushton Bookworms

We may not be able to meet, but we can still read and email comments back to each other!!

Here are the choices for the next 3 months:

- Tuesday March 31st - "The Miniaturist" by Jessie Burton
- Monday April 20th - "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan
- Tuesday 26th May " My family and other animals " by Gerald Durrell

So, if you are fed up as libraries are closed, and fancy reading you can download or buy via Amazon or similar the above and make your comments back to the group via my email: rjbjdavis@btinternet.com or 0796 223 6678. Barbara Davis



Things to do in the Garden – April

It is now officially spring and there are lots of jobs to be done. April is the main month for planting out

- Check for emerging self-seeded plants and transplant or pot up before weeding and mulching borders
- Trim lavender and other silver leaved plants, remove old growth from penstemon, tidy salvias and lemon verbena once new shoots appear.
- Hoe your borders, getting rid of weeds before they take hold – annual weeds such as bitter cress and groundsel are enough of a nightmare without allowing them to go forth and multiply by seeding. If it's dry, attack ground elder and similar weeds with a weed killer painted onto the leaves.
- Mulch the borders while you can still see what you are doing and before the herbaceous growth really takes off and top dress plants in containers.
- Place supports around tall growing plants so they grow through them.
- By April lawns will be actively growing, mowing should be done on a high setting, gradually lowering the cutting height until the desired cutting height is reached, it should also be aerated at this time of year by spiking with a fork or spiking machine, then have a top dressing of a mixture of 50% sharp sand and 50% compost raked or brushed in, lastly feed with a spring summer fertiliser. Cut edges and repair any damage. Rake moss from lawn towards the end of the month.
- Plant out dahlia tubers when soil has warmed up. Protect emerging shoots from slug damage.
- Put brassica collars around cabbage and cauliflowers to deter cabbage root fly and erect low screens around carrots to keep carrot fly at bay.
- Start slug and snail patrol.
- Prick out seedlings before they become overcrowded and pot on larger plants.
- Move young plants from greenhouse to cold frame and ventilate greenhouses in good weather to prevent a build-up of pest and diseases.
- Plant strawberry plants in planters or hanging baskets, cover fruit trees and bushes with netting or fleece to protect from frost and the birds.
- A large variety of vegetables can be started off now in prepared beds. Aim to sow a few lettuce and salad crops every fortnight to achieve a continuous supply. Early potatoes are traditionally planted on Good Friday. Easter is early this year, so plant as soon as possible, and main crops by mid-month.
- Onion sets and shallots should be planted out now.
- Tender plants - it's too early to be bringing plants out of glasshouse and conservatories so keep looking after them indoors for the time being.
- Keep an eye out for hibernating hedgehogs in woodpiles and compost heaps. Leave some food out for the birds in squirrel proof feeders and out of the reach of cats.

The Malthouse can supply some super well-rotted horse manure available for keen gardeners in the parish. Just phone 07376927325 then D.I.Y. collection by car, bring your own fork - no contact - bags can be made available if wanted.

Grateful thanks to Hilmarton Gardening Club (2017) for the above content.

Bushton Village Hall News

There is very little to tell, as sadly, from having more bookings than for a long time, they have now all been cancelled and for good reason as we all know.

We have done a 101 Club draw so a bit of good news for those of you who have won! The money will get to you but when I can't say!

101 winners 2020

Month	Position	Name
January	1 st	Anita Gantlett
	2 nd	Gay Morison
	3 rd	Pam Clarke
February	1 st	Mollie Freeston
	2 nd	Ian Fraser
	3 rd	Tim Aldridge
March	1 st	Nigel Fowler
	2 nd	Christine Henderson
	3 rd	Chris Thompson
April	1 st	Nita King
	2 nd	Alan Tilbury
	3 rd	Karen Hawkins

Please stay safe, obey the rules and we shall look forward to some happy times in our lovely Village Hall later on in the year.

Barbara Davis

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

In these unprecedented times it's difficult to know where to start;

In January the council met in candle light due to a power cut, in March those attending sat spread around the hall to meet social distancing, and some could not attend due to self-isolation.

There is a vacancy on the council, but the election to fill it has been cancelled. Thank you to those who showed an interest in standing, the whole council is up for re-election in 12 months time, so please keep that interest alive. The annual parish meeting due to be held on the 5th May is cancelled

Following the decision by Wiltshire Council not to build affordable homes in the parish, there have been discussions with Housing Associations and one is interested. Discussions are on-going as to how to proceed. Although these are early days, if there are land owners (and we are talking about a small plot) interested, (sites for affordable housing can command a small premium) please contact the parish council. The process will also involve community consultation.

The best kept village competition has been cancelled for this year, but our verges have never looked better thanks to an army of volunteers. The amount of rubbish collected is ridiculous, and although some will go to produce energy, stopping it would be better, suggestions welcome.

The scramble club have cancelled their meetings for this year , on the plus side the track will have a chance to recover after this unprecedented wet winter, the club have kindly made a donation of £200 to our community , which will go towards the kissing gates going to be installed between Clyffe Pypard and Broad Town.

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the country, and hopefully those of you in self-isolation, can enjoy the views and your gardens. We are also fortunate to have lots of volunteers, who in the past have helped keep the church, the hall, and the numerous events going, that is all on hold, the hall is closed but the spirit remains. We know everyone is keeping an eye out for neighbours. If you need help just ask.

There is a pilot running to connect small groups by email to have their food delivered, less traveling, less contacts, hopefully safer. If it works, we will roll it out to others.

There is also a suggestion of creating a space to grow vegetables, this has happened in other parishes. The plot can be cultivated with a tractor, thus reducing the physical labour to just planting and weeding. If this is of interest let us know.

In the front line in the battle against Covid 19 are the health workers, nurses, doctors etc to whom we all sit in admiration as to their dedication and bravery, behind them and the whole country is a plethora of others trying to keep the country going. The distribution system has come under severe strain, and is having to adapt, I took a delivery of seed corn from Sussex yesterday, the driver said he was going to be laid off, but has now been reassigned to drive bin lorries. We can all help by being patient and planning ahead, the just in time economy isn't working.

In there somewhere are farmers, trying to carry on as normal, trying to help feed everyone, we are perhaps unusual as a parish with the number of farmers we still have, and we are not without our problems, supply chains disrupted, supplies difficult to find. I'm old enough to have seen many crises, too many for my liking involving farming. This is different , but just, as after this long wet winter, the trees are coming out in leaf, the crops are perking up with the lengthening days an increased sun, the grass is growing, and over the coming days you will see more and more of the parish's cows out grazing in our lush green pastures, we will as a community survive this, we will again meet at the church, the hall, the plant fair, and lets dream a little, at our community pub.

Keep Safe Peter Gantlett Parish Council Chair

Contact clyffepypardpc@hotmail.com, 0771314342

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been focused on finalising the questionnaire to help complete the information gathering exercise with the intention of having this ready for distribution in early spring. However, the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic and the need to remain home to limit contact has led to a decision to delay circulation of the questionnaire. Work on the Neighbourhood Plan will continue, and the questionnaire will be circulated at a future time when the situation has stabilised and life has returned to something closer to normality.

Please look out for more information on the revised timetable for circulation of the questionnaire in future newsletters, on the parish website and on Nextdoor (<https://nextdoor.co.uk/>).

The volunteer members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are: Alan Glasspool, Chris Rickett, Chris Thompson, Ed Rudler, Marian Kent, Nick Kirton, Peter Gantlett, Rosemary Greenway and Tony Currivan (Chair). You can contact the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group via the Parish Council – clyffepypardpc@hotmail.com

View from the Vicarage

On Plans and the Present moment

I and probably you too, had plans, lots of them. I like plans. I had plans for services and work; plans for seeing loved friends and family; plans for holidays; plans for the future. In the present moment all my plans, and maybe yours too, are being changed by a particular coronavirus. I'm not sure when I next catch a cold I will say as easily as I used to do: 'it's just a virus'.

The situation seems to be changing so fast I can't work out how to plan anything in response and I'm left with feelings of frustration and sadness and fear and panic. It could be easy to be overwhelmed by these feelings in a situation where all my plans are in disarray. And of course, others had plans of much greater importance: a family wedding or hard-working plans towards a place at university or a career advance.

There won't be public worship or school or visits to friends and family. There may be times of real loss and suffering and sorrow.

So, I stopped (and shouted at a loved one, and cried a few tears of self-pity) and then went out into the garden and I saw a tulip starting to unfurl and some nearly-tadpole commas in the pond. When I came back indoors there were some messages of kindness and offers of help both personally, to me and simply offered to support neighbours and strangers.

So, I may not be able to share this with the physical touch and warmth that I have earlier taken for granted, perhaps I will only be able to share at the social distance of a smile heard, but not seen on the phone.

My plans may come to nothing yet there will still be kindness and gratitude and the practices of sitting and reflecting that I call prayer. I also know that in the garden, just as all those years ago, there will be new life in flowering plants and frogs and Jesus greeting Mary Magdalene through her tears with the assurance of the resurrection.

Whatever has gone awry in my plans, and perhaps in yours, may we all find new life and kindness and gratitude that we did not plan for.

Rachma

I don't know yet what being your vicar and being your church will look like in the days and weeks ahead but we will work towards the churches being open for prayer and pondering and expressing our love and service to you in whatever ways we can.



Puzzle Corner

25 Things Found in the Garden

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Cryptogram

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Sudoku

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Last month's Puzzles and Answers

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Smoking, Swimming, Writing, Golfing,
Sunbathing, Surfing, Potholing, Driving,
Running, Vaping, Hiking, Trainspotting,
Texting, Shooting, Acting, Exercising, Fishing,
Walking, Drilling, Rafting, Hunting, Singing

Cryptogram

"KINDNESS IN WORDS CREATES
CONFIDENCE. KINDNESS IN THINKING
CREATES PROFOUNDNESS. KINDNESS IN
GIVING CREATES LOVE."

Sudoku

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