

Hi All,

Corona Virus Emergency

Over the next few weeks, I shall be breaking with the strict policy of almost never sending you more than one edition of Winsham E-Letter each week.

With the current emergency developing on a day-to-day basis there is information relevant to our community which needs to be distributed rapidly, and the Winsham e-letter and the Winsham Community Facebook page are the quickest ways to do this.

These additional items of information will only relate to Winsham Parish residents. The broader news is well covered in the local and national press, and TV, so it will not be repeated in the e-letter. To-day, we have four statements from important parish resources.

The Winsham Parish Council is meeting this evening in the Jubilee Hall to discuss the crisis and consider ways in which they can make a positive contribution to help local residents and businesses. It is likely that a statement relating to these discussions will be published in the days ahead. If this happens it will be published in an e-letter.

A few words of encouragement. All this will pass, and, God willing, Winsham will be spared the worst of it. But there is an old saying 'God helps those that help themselves' and a more secular version might be that 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going'. The key is team work. Younger people look out for the vulnerable 'oldies', and 'oldies' do what you can to help yourselves-which I am sure everyone is doing.

If **anyone** gets really stuck on something- call me-01460 30026 or e-mail me. I may not be able to help, but there is a chance that I will know someone who might.

Stay cheerful,



John

Winsham Shop and Post Office

Winsham Shop and Post Office Update 17/3/20

The Corona virus crisis is developing by the day and we at the Shop & Post office want to do all we can to support our community through these challenging times and ask for your help to enable us to do this.

The shop and Post Office will continue to stay open as the hub of the village as long as we are able to do so and as long as our suppliers can continue to supply. As you are aware, we are a community shop dependent on volunteers to run (many of whom are over 70). We are looking for volunteers to work with us through this crisis to enable us to stay open.

We will need people to serve customers, clean, stock shelves and make deliveries to those unable to leave their homes – something we already do for those not mobile enough to get to us

If you able to help, please volunteer your services to Kate in the shop or via this email address : winshamshopkitchen@gmx.com

Please be aware that we have milk, bread and fresh fruit & vegetables deliveries daily already as well as other fresh food and meat several times a week .To be assured of getting what you want please place orders the day before by 12 noon at the latest.

We will do our very best to ensure we have the stock in when you need it but given there may be unprecedented demand any help you can give us with orders will help

Given the number of people who are likely to be staying at home and self isolating we will be looking at the way we can best support them with home deliveries and there will be more on how this will work at the weekend

Obviously, it would be helpful if we share the load and neighbours look out for each other and do what they can, but if you find yourself home alone and needing help then please give us a call on 01460 30225 or contact us on email: winshamshopkitchen@gmx.com We will do our best to provide you with supplies and the necessary support you need

Please be respectful of others and do not use the shop if you are at all unwell or exhibiting any of the symptoms associated with the virus .

Closure of Jubilee Hall until further notice

It is with regret that the Jubilee Hall Management Committee announces the temporary closure of the Jubilee Hall. This decision was made with the unanimous consent of the Management Committee. The last day it will be open is Friday, 20th March.

The closure is made in the context of the Government strategy to restrict the spread of Corona virus by discouraging public gatherings, with particular reference to older people. Many cancellations of booking had already been received.

The hall will remain closed until the restrictions are lifted. The one exception to this is that it will continue to be available for Winsham Parish Council meetings and associated business. Such meetings have a statutory mandate.

The closure will have a severe impact on the cash-flow of the Jubilee Hall, as although heating and lighting costs will be reduced, other major fixed expenses will remain unchanged. It is therefore hoped that residents will support the Jubilee Hall fund raising Lottery to the best of their ability before the closing date of the 27th March. Tickets are available from the Winsham Post Office or the Treasurer, Bryan Goodman.

St Stephen's Church-Two Shire Benefice

Below is a summary of key points received from Jason Stevens:

Where the Church is leading the way is the Pastoral Network:

***To ensure that contact can be maintained, and in particular for people living on their own, it is advisable that you ensure that there are at least two other people that you know of and trust in the community who have your details and details of a next of kin.**

*We have set up the following email address for people to use to tell us if they have a particular need, but also for people to be able to tell us if they have anything they can help with:

twoshiresalert@gmail.com

*In combination with this, in each village there will be a drop box where people can leave a note with a request or indeed for people to leave things that may be needed by others, and we will do our best to respond to those as swiftly as possible.

There will be further separate information with regards a pastoral network in due course as it develops.

A full statement from Rev. Philip Butcher can be found on the link below:

https://media.acny.uk/media/venues/page/attachment/2020/03/Coronavirus_response_14_March_2020_1_uJtq21y.pdf

THE BELL

Enjoy The Bell' with its open-air seating spaces.

Due to the problems associated with the current crisis, the Mothering Sunday Lunch is cancelled. However the normal Sunday Lunch menu will be served.

The Bell is happy to deliver take away meals in the village.

The Bell can also take orders for fresh meat and vegetables. Order by Wednesday evening, for delivery on Friday.