

Milland Coronavirus Update 23 March 2020

MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL is in the process of setting up a more formal **Local Voluntary Group** to work in partnership with the parish council. They already have several volunteers and would welcome more (for now, contact chairman Jeremy Parker, jeremy@jvvp.co.uk, or parish clerk Lorraine Grocott, postmaster@milland-wsx-pc.gov.uk, tel 01428 741393, if you can help). They will be liaising with Chichester DC and West Sussex CC volunteer coordinators as well. The new group hopes very soon to have a **central mobile phone number** that will be widely advertised as the first point of contact for local help. The parish council will be circulating a **flyer** to all households in the coming week with key phone numbers, including that for the voluntary group. The parish council also intends to improve its Facebook page to give details of offers of help from locals and is considering setting up Instagram and Twitter accounts to keep everybody up to date. Parish councillor Julie Pilkington is coordinating the social media effort.

MILLAND STORES remains open until 2pm every day (including weekends) and is continuing to offer a doorstep delivery service. Please note that the phone number you need is **01428 741066** (please ignore a different number in Friday's circular).

RISING SUN (01428 741347) is now closed because of the Government order to shut down all pubs. But it will continue to deliver meals from its new doorstep menu (contact pub for details). The following update was issued late afternoon 21 March:

"We are now closed for traditional pub and dining and will remain so until further notice. We have changed our **takeaway and delivery opening hours** and we are doing food all day today and all day tomorrow (Sunday, 12-9.30pm). Sadly, we won't be doing a roast tomorrow but will look at this as an option next week. **From Monday** we will be opening lunchtimes 12-2.30 as well as 5-9.30 evenings. Guido's pizzas can be ordered from 5pm this evening (via the riser) and tomorrow from 12 until sold out. A new concept of **takeaway to the garden** has developed today. We don't know the legalities of this but with safe distancing it appears to be socially ok. You can call or text your order from the garden. There is no need for any human contact. We developed 95% of a **delivery app** last night and this just needs to be tested before launch. We are taking **advance orders for delivery** and this is helpful for us because we can schedule routes, call in additional drivers and plan food prep. Annoyingly our phones are playing up at the moment. The shift to home working has flooded the network and we are on call divert at the moment. Treat Jess, Emily and my mobile numbers as the pub number if you have difficulties getting thru on the landline. **RS** 01428 741347. **BB** 07979 263164. **EH** 07787 163243. **JN** 07710 610506"

MILLAND NURSERY SCHOOL is now closed but children of local key workers can instead go to Hollycombe Primary School, which remains open for them.

OUR MP GILLIAN KEEGAN has all the up-to-date Government information on her websites <https://www.gilliankeegan.com/covid-19-coronavirus> and (for Milland in particular) <https://www.gilliankeegan.com/coronavirus-milland-support>. She is also involved in the West Sussex County Council volunteer coordination group: full information via <https://www.gilliankeegan.com/coronavirus-local-action>

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL is focusing on the most vulnerable in the county and is finalising a new section on its website (www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19) where residents can let them know about someone they are worried about, or if they need support themselves, or if they can offer support and help by volunteering or taking up casual employment, or any businesses or organisations that want to support the council; the website will also give details of other places where you can get help or support. The council is also in urgent need of more care workers: please email the Proud to Care team if you can help (proudtocare@westsussex.gov.uk). Currently (21 March) the **Meals on Wheels** service continues as usual and they are accepting new clients. Find out more by calling 01903 718893.

WSSCC has also had to make changes to its system of **registration of births and deaths**, as follows. "**Registering a death**: In light of the current guidance, we are asking that only the main person informing us of a death, attends the appointment. We would also ask that anyone who is in self-isolation arranges for an alternative informant who has not been in contact with anyone who has the virus to collect the Medical Certificate of Death and attend the appointment. We apologise for any upset this may cause, but hope you understand the importance of protecting everyone's wellbeing. Please note, the above guidance relates to registration of death appointments. **Registering a birth**: we would ask that parents

consider keeping those attending the appointment to register a birth to a minimum where possible, accepting that both parents need to attend if unmarried. For further advice please ring 01243 642122

YOU-TUBE has an excellent video about how a pandemic works. Izzy Fraser highly recommends it as essential viewing and a reminder of how seriously everybody should be taking Covid-19:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=ios_messages_extension&v=fgBla7RepXU&fbclid=IwAR0iic0s92DcejlelljS1jhuru5UFHt1WEi2rQbSeSfEXHAE1dhpYuijul

LIPHOOK HERALD is no longer a separate publication: its parent company at Farnham has combined all the local versions into one paper and unfortunately our local freelance Liphook reporter, Gabrielle Pike, has abruptly been 'let go' as from 20 March. You need to contact Farnham if you want anything reported.

ROGATE AND TROTTON are keeping their parishes (and your editor) informed of their own actions and you might find the following useful (you can also ask to be included on their emailing list for regular updates). Neil Ryder, parish clerk for Trotton and Chithurst, says that his parish website is now offering options for people to ask for (or offer) help within the community (e.g. collecting and delivery food or medical items) and is encouraging as many people as possible to sign on through the website, especially those who live alone or might be vulnerable and need help. Go to www.trotton-with-chithurst.org.uk and select from the community menu. Rogate has set up a special community Facebook page with the aim of helping those in the Rogate area (and across the border in Borden Wood, for example) who need help: <https://www.facebook.com/Rogate-community-coming-together-103526311286230/> Rogate also has an emailing list for community alerts: to get on the list contact community@rogatevillage.net

Rogate Village Shop & Post Office opening hours from Monday 23 March will be restricted to 8am to 12 noon every day. The Post Office will operate normally between these hours but will be closed on Saturdays.

Durleighmarsh Farm Shop (01730 821626) is offering a home delivery service with a minimum spend of £20 (delivery free within a 6-mile radius, or £5 within a 10-mile radius).

<https://www.durleighmarshfarmshop.co.uk/>

STEDHAM-WITH-IPING parish council has a Parish Neighbourhood Support Group: each area of the parish has been allocated a dedicated warden and each household has been given a yellow card with their particular warden's name and contact number if assistance is needed or if someone feels somebody else might need assistance. They are also asking to hear from anybody who might be able to help others by providing support such as picking up shopping and medicines or 'just being there for any residents who need some support'. Details from their parish clerk (01730 814575, email clerk@stedhamwithiping-pc.gov.uk)

MIDHURST ANGELS are offering support to residents of Midhurst, Easebourne and 'surrounding villages'. They are local residents (including Midhurst town councillors, community groups, local churches and charities) volunteering to help and support the community. They can collect prescriptions, collect and deliver pre-arranged groceries, or be a friendly voice to chat with on the end of the phone for those who have been asked to isolate, or are elderly or vulnerable, or who are exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms. Call 07538 839703 (they will return the call if they miss you) or email midhurstangels@outlook.com