

Newsletter No 13
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The Kirkby Overblow COVID Newsletter

Dear Village Resident

We hope that you are all managing ok as we gladly enjoy another few days of sunshine.



With everyone awaiting Boris's speech on Sunday, the advice is still not to meet friends or anyone outside of your own household. We do have some cases of the virus in the village and we all need to stay safe.

Tomorrow (Friday) its VE Day. The country was going to have street parties and a three-day celebration was planned so we thought we would do our own! We invite you to decorate your house and garden with bunting and to have afternoon tea.

On May 8th, 1945, the nation cheered as Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that after six years of bitter conflict that had claimed millions of lives and demanded massive sacrifices from every family, the Second World War was finally over.

At 11am there will be 2 minutes national moment of silence as an act of remembrance. At 3pm, extracts from Churchill's famous speech will be broadcast and there will be a national toast. The Queen will make her second broadcast during the Coronavirus crisis at 9pm. For full details of activities on the BBC please click on the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-52557524>

We will be flying the union jack flag at the church and at 4pm we would like to invite you all to have your own afternoon tea in your gardens. We hope the sun will be shining and we can all sit and enjoy a scone and a cup of tea. Kate has flour that you can buy from her if you would like to make your own scones.

Please send us photographs of your afternoon tea parties and we will share these next week.



The church bells will ring at 8pm this evening for the round of applause for the NHS event and at 7pm tomorrow night for VE Day.

Can I also remind you that all our previous newsletters are available on our website <https://kirkbyoverblow.org/>.

How can we help each other and those in need beyond our village?

Supporting the NHS and each other



Please continue to support our NHS with the round of applause this evening at 8pm. Our key workers in the village really appreciate it.

Food, store cupboard items and weekend treats

A weekend treat

Kate and her team had a very successful weekend with many of us enjoying the new Sunday morning pastry offer. The curry night this week was also sold out so well done SOM team! Kate plans to do a 'special' every fortnight so watch this space!

The frozen and fresh meal offer remains the same and is attached.

Kate continues to update the fresh supplies order form and so if you would like to order, please click on the link below. Please place your supplies order by Sunday and it will be ready for collection or delivery on Wednesday next week.

<https://forms.gle/gRobsCYC1iHhF3wf7>

Sunday Bakes from The Shoulder



If you would like to order freshly baked croissants and pain au chocolat for a delicious breakfast treat. Collect between 9 and 10am from the takeaway door.

Add a freshly ground bean to cup coffee as well to really get your Sunday started!

Message or email Kate with your order by end of day Saturday. Payment by bank transfer.

Croissants & pain au chocolat £1 each
 Bonne Maman Strawberry Jam (30gm) 50p each
 Coffees (americano, flat white, cappuccino, latte) £2 each

Mob: 07772895863 Email: katedeacon@btconnect.com
 Bank details: D & K Deacon Ltd Sort code: 09 01 50 A/C No: 06342256

Prescriptions

Sarah [REDACTED] continues to deliver all prescriptions for Kate. They will be dispatched on the day that they are received from Leeds Road Surgery. If you have any questions at all, please contact Kate.

This is a good time to help your neighbours or perhaps someone you didn't know before.

Volunteering, Activities and Information

Thank you to those of you who are busy sewing scrubs, gowns, nurse caps and laundry bags for the hospital and local care homes. If anyone else wants to help with any sewing project, please contact me at [REDACTED]

A History of the Village

We are pleased to say that Geof Nuttall has offered to do a series of short articles on the history of the village. These will be published in full on the website each week so if you would like to know which house was the dance hall or the butchery then do look at the history series. The first part will be on the website today.

<https://kirkbyoverblow.org/>.

Wine tasting evening. 'Summer Tipples Together'

A number of families have said they are interested in the wine tasting event and the date has been set as 29th May. If you would like to take part please let Lucy know by the 24th May at the latest.

The summer tipples will include a fizz, rose, white, 2 red's and a dessert wine to try and the cost is £10 per head. Please email [REDACTED] to confirm your name, your house and the number of participants in your group. We are also looking for people to volunteer to be 'pourers'. To maintain social distance we will ask each house to leave 6 containers or vessels outside your house, numbered from 1 to 6. The appropriate measure



of wine will be left in each container depending on the number of participants.

Time Capsule



We mentioned the Time Capsule idea last week and we are now asking for households to send in a photograph of your house occupants, your address and do a short write up about yourselves and what you have found interesting/what you will remember about the lockdown experience.

We will not look to share this information outside the village. Our idea is to create a book that shows all of your photographs and your short write ups. Please keep your comments to a paragraph only:

- Who you are
- Where you live
- What you will remember about this time/what you think about the experience

Please send to Lucy at [REDACTED]



Virtual Open Gardens

Further to our last newsletter, we have had a fantastic response and many of you are keen to do a virtual open gardens. We are going to delay this until June when hopefully our gardens will look at their best.

Our plan is to set a date in June and then invite you all to take photographs or video clips (no longer than a minute) and we will then put all of these wonderful visuals together in a short video.

We will send the date through in the next few weeks.

A Night at the Movies

On Wednesday 20th May we are having a 'Night in at the Movies'. This will be via Facebook but you do not need to be a Facebook user to access this. The details will follow next week.

We are planning to show the recording of the stage version of 'Allo Allo' which KODS presented in 2016. Kate and her team are offering an early bird French themed meal and a bottle of French wine. We will send further details next week.

A message from our vicar Craig Marshall

Church News



Dear Friends

I hope you are safe and well.

The reading set for last Sunday came from the gospel according to Saint John, chapter 10, verses 1-10. In that reading Jesus introduces the analogy of the sheepfold being the place where his people gather and to extend the analogy, he refers to his followers being 'sheep'. By implication then, Jesus becomes the Great Shepherd of his sheep.

As Jane and I leave the house for our daily walk around this beautiful Yorkshire countryside I have been reminded of Jesus and his followers as I have watched the sheep and lambs gathering together, moving around in their flocks and generally seeking safety and comfort together. Seeing two humans and a Jack Russel Terrier crossing 'their patch' must raise some anxiety until we have gone and the 'perceived danger' over.

Sheep often get a bad press as animals who simply follow without thought or consideration. In our common parlance we wouldn't like to be compared to a sheep for the same reason. However, the Biblical analogy such as the one found in last Sunday's reading has an altogether different flavour in understanding. All Christians understand Jesus to be their Good Shepherd and whilst this commitment to Jesus is strong and unwavering, it doesn't mean that we don't question or struggle with things we cannot understand. Perhaps at the moment a big question which looms for all people of faith is, 'Where is God in this global Covid19 pandemic?' It's a reasonable question to ask and one which I spend quiet moments contemplating.

Returning to the idea of 'sheep' following without complaint or question, it might stretch any 'sheep' analogy too far to suggest that following government guidelines without question is like sheep responding to directions from the shepherd but I am convinced that the national effort to isolate and stay at home has reduced significantly the accelerated spread of coronavirus. Cooperation in this regard has indeed helped those who are vulnerable and given our magnificent NHS the best chance possible of doing what they do best on behalf of us all.

So in these times, when I go for my daily walk and enjoy seeing the flocks in the fields, I will continue to think of the Good Shepherd Jesus, contemplate on when it is time to lead and time to follow and perhaps to offer a short prayer of thanks for sheep and the beauty they bring to our countryside in their own, unknowing and special way.

Every blessing to you all.

Craig

