



Churt Parish Council Newsletter March 2020

Corona Virus – Covid 19 – Churt Community Support Scheme

As a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, Churt Parish Council has helped to form a community help group. We were instrumental in helping to launch this initiative which is the brainchild of Phylicia Andre from Headley Down. The aim is to build a database of volunteers with a view to assisting those who are unable to shop etc during this crisis. You may have noticed that flyers have been circulating in Churt advertising this service. Priority will be given to those who are literally unable to leave their homes. Full details are contained within the village website, www.churt.org, which will be regularly updated.

Any Churt resident **wishing to volunteer** should place a post to this effect on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/COVID19COMMUNITYSUPPORT/> or phone Jo Corfield (Churt's coordinator) on 07939 536053. Their Churt resident status will be verified before they are added to the Covid19 Churt Volunteer WhatsApp Group.

Anyone in our local Churt community **who needs help** and who is self-isolating, otherwise unable to meet their shopping, prescription collection, dog-walking etc. needs, or even just needs a friendly phone-call may request assistance by phoning 07958 581901, 07583 297432, 01428 713276, or 01428 608395

Due to the flyer distribution we are pleased that our local Spar shop has agreed to take telephone orders and carry out home delivery. They will have a mobile card reader for payment. Other local businesses are also beginning to come forward offering a similar service. A list of useful numbers has been compiled and is posted on the village website.

Closures

As I am sure you will know by now, all schools will close as of today, Friday 20th March except the children of members of key essential services which at the time of writing are still to be defined by the government. Surrey Libraries will also close. So far as Churt is concerned, use of Quinettes Barn has been suspended as has the weekly luncheon club. Church services have also been suspended. We shall not be taking any bookings for the Churt Pavilion until further notice. The pre-school at the village hall will cease on Friday 20th March and apart from the Yoga and Zumba classes, both of which are under review, the village hall is effectively closed.

Pavilion Roof

We were pleased to hear that the retiling of the pavilion roof will take place from Monday April 6th and last for the week. Scaffolding will be erected on 2nd and 3rd April. Clearly there will be some disruption with scaffolding, skips, tiling materials and a porta-loo in the car park. Materials and supplies are due to be delivered on Monday 6th April. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Councillor Adrian Waller

Due to work commitments our vice chairman, Adrian Waller has unfortunately found it necessary to resign from the Parish Council. Adrian was an energetic, hard-working councillor who contributed much and will be much missed. I am pleased, however, that he has agreed to remain as webmaster of the village website. At our meeting on 18th March, Councillor Lisa Martin was unanimously elected as the new vice chairman.

New Councillor

A well-known local resident Dominic Raeside was unanimously co-opted to fill the vacancy left by Adrian Waller.

Annual Assembly

We have taken the decision and have informed Waverley Borough Council that the Churt Annual Assembly is to be postponed until closer to 31st May 2020.

Legally we are obliged to hold the assembly by 1st June 2020 and we await further Government advice but fully expect the postponement to be put even further back.

Future Council Meetings

We understand that central government is considering how future local government meetings can be conducted. As things stand we do not believe that we can legally hold virtual meetings. This could change and we await further government advice and guidance. We may have to suspend meetings until further notice, but you can be assured that the Parish Council will still function.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust are scheduled to take place on Weds 8th April 2020 in the pavilion at 7.30pm but it is highly likely that they will be cancelled.