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CORONAVIRUS - A THREAT AND A COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

The rain may have gone (not just temporarily we hope) but something more unpleasant has arrived. This Newsletter comes from self-isolation as a result of one of the co-editors returning from France with some unwelcome symptoms. And in view of the highly dynamic nature of the crisis, it also comes with a warning that information on the following sheets, whilst hopefully up to date and authoritative at the time of going to press, is very susceptible to change. As usual, the banner above encourages readers to visit the village website to see a colour copy of this publication but, now more than ever, it will be the place to go to for the most up to date local information. Please visit it periodically and also bear in mind that some of your neighbours may not be able to access it or may need help doing so. The same goes for social media (Facebook and Twitter etc) where updates will be also be posted and it is also possible to interact with others - sharing tips and posing questions.

It is early days in this crisis, but it is great to see people stepping forward to help. Ali Wigham is amongst these and he has agreed to take on the all-important coordination role in the first instance. His initial Coronavirus Support statement follows. This support network is essentially practical but the church too intends to step up its arrangements to support those for whom the necessary social isolation presents major problems.

The following pages also contain a few snippets of good news in the form of local traders who are attempting to go out of their way to help their customers at this time. They need our support.

Sutton Veny Coronavirus Support

As a community, we, along with the rest of the country and the globe, are entering pretty uncharted waters as we adapt to the presence of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We understand that there are many in our community who will be affected by the measures being imposed to

spread the fight of the virus and we must be there to help each other.

This is not just about families self-isolating or those more vulnerable members of the community such as the elderly. There are many villagers who are self-employed or reliant upon industries such as hospitality, leisure and transport who this will impact. To help out, we are mobilising a group of volunteers to assist in whatever way we can during the coming weeks and months which I will coordinate.

If anyone requires any assistance or wishes to volunteer to help, then please reach us on suttonvenycommunity@gmail.com or via me on 01985 841661.

Operating in line with the governments latest guidance at all times, our aim is to help out with tasks such as:

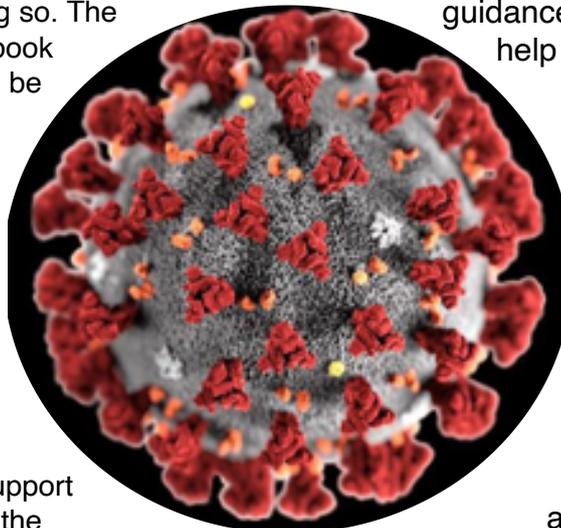
- Signposting to government advice
- Shopping
- Prescription collections
- Household chores
- Technical support such as setting up Skype accounts for video calls for those self-isolating or setting up access to the village website and social media to stay informed.
- A simple chat

The finer details of how we will operate are still very much being planned and further information will be made available soon via the website at <https://suttonveny.co.uk>, our village Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SuttonVeny/>, the village newsletter and signs in the village.

Ali Wigham

Willow Tree Cottage
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For the latest government advice, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>



CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY

- LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

- **The Woolpack** is producing ready meals that can be collected or delivered if necessary. Choose from the following at £4.50 each:

Fish pie, Lasagne, Beef casserole, Cottage pie, Cauliflower cheese or Vegetable curry

Finish your meal off with a chocolate brownie at £2 per portion. Contact Tim or Abbie on 01985 840834

- **Plain Ales**, who brew beer on the Sutton Veny Trading estate, have a range of boxes and containers available for free home delivery ranging from a 4 pint container at £10 to 36 pints at £64. Contact the brewery on 01985 841481

- **Longleat Safari Park Drive-Through** will remain open.

- **The grounds of National Trust properties** remain open and free entry is being offered to all.

. **CJ Robbins the Warminster Butchers** are offering home delivery. Ring 01985 213052 for service.

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The management committee is not due to meet until **Tue 5th May** at 7.30pm. Of course this is now in doubt, as is the **Quiz with Fish & Chips planned for Saturday 2nd May**. Watch the billboards in the village to keep pace with the latest thinking on these.

An implication of the school's closure* and the likely cancellation of some existing bookings for group gatherings is that families who are otherwise staying at home may wish to book the hall to allow a bit of steam to be blown off. Contact details for bookings are on the final page.

(* For most but potentially not all children. Clarification is awaited.)

CHURCH MATTERS

A message from Revd Trudy Hobson:

We are all now living through unprecedented times. It is heart breaking that our Archbishop's of Canterbury and York have had to take the step of suspending public worship until further notice. The Church as we know it is changing. But this does not mean that the Church is closed or that we cannot turn to God.

I would like to stress that our churches are not closed. Our doors remain open for private prayer. You are more than welcome to visit our churches, use our prayer boards, and spend time in God's house. Our church buildings can bring a huge amount of comfort reminding us of our Christian hope in Christ. So please do know that you are welcome to visit our churches at any time.

I and my Ministry Team are praying for you every day through our Daily Morning and Evening offices, and our prayers throughout the day. If you would like us to pray for anything specific, or for individuals please do let us know. If you would like time to pray with someone, we have a large network of people who will gladly pray with you and talk about living through these times.

Through joining together in prayer, we are all connected and are all part of the communion of saints. Through prayer we know that we do not stand alone, but have the support of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, and the strength and courage of God to endure the difficult months ahead.

The annual church meeting (APCM) was to have been on Thursday 30th April but this, and all other APCMs in the Upper Wylde Team have been postponed for the foreseeable future. Though the date and potentially the format may change, one element of the meeting's business can be progressed and this is the annual update of the church electoral roll. If your details have changed, you wish to be included or removed from it, forms to provide your information can be found at the rear of the church. In the absence through illness of the Church Electoral Roll Officer, Philip Clark, clarification can be obtained from the Churchwarden, Brian Long, on 840352.

With the closure of the school, the plan for all the children to visit a series of teaching stands around the church to allow them to **'Experience Easter' on 31st Mar & 1st Apr** has now been cancelled. However, the church remains open for private worship/ reflection and the hope is that the displays will still be set up, allowing anyone to view them at a time of their own choosing.



Similarly, a normal part of the Lent programme has been a Lent Walk. In last month's edition an alternative format of a **Lent Treasure/Scavenger Hunt on the morning of Saturday 4th April** was proposed. With the refreshments in the church beforehand and the gathering in The Woolpack afterwards removed, **there would appear to be scope for this event to go ahead in a modified, anti-social format**. Individuals or family groups should be able to take part without getting too close to others.

FRIENDS OF SUTTON VENY CHURCH

The first Annual General Meeting planned to take place on Tuesday 31st March is also now postponed. The trustees will nevertheless prepare the documentation and reports that would have been aired at the meeting as a means of formally taking stock of the Friends Group's situation after one year of operation and will endeavour to meet virtually in order to provide a formal record of the situation.

An implication of the postponement of the meeting is that others will be denied the opportunity to put themselves forward as trustees. The existing trustees will therefore continue in their respective roles (as we expected might have been the case anyway) but they live in hope that there are others out there eager to ask them to step aside.

Because they remain a little way off the summer party on Sat 25th July and the concert by **Michael Lunts** on Sat 12 Sep remain in the diary.

And finally, a reminder that the Friends Group's main aim is to help put the church building at the centre of the village life. In the current crisis volunteers will continue to clean the inside and take care of the churchyard so that everyone, those of all faiths and none, can make use of it (individually for the time being) and experience its restorative effects. .

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Full draft minutes as usual, available on the village website.

WALKING THERAPY

Government advice is that it is ok, and indeed to some extent encouraged, to get out into the fresh air so long as you avoid others. Denise & John Broomfield provide below a timely guide to a local walk for you to enjoy.

You will know that we are blessed with wonderful walks around our village and further afield. John and I are keen walkers and thought we would share some local walks with you. Our first route is an easy one which many of you will know but newcomers may not.

Sutton Veny to Tytherington and return 2.5 miles

Start at the Woolpack pub and cross the road to Norton Road. Continue until you meet the junction with Bests Lane and turn right. Continue for ¼ mile. As the road curves to the right take the footpath which continues straight on. This path gets muddy in wet weather. Continue down the path for its entire



length and then join the road, turning right and continue up Duck Street. Opposite The Long House turn left to St Leonard's Old Church. It is lovely to pause a while at this peaceful spot. Take the path which turns right just before the gate to the churchyard and follow the path around the side of the churchyard. Do not turn onto the path on your right which is just round the corner.

Continue straight on over the stiles and over fields. This can get muddy and if walking with a dog, watch for the livestock in the fields. Climb the stile onto a stone track with a house on your left. Dogs usually like a paddle in this stream! At the end of the track, just as it turns right into Sutton Parva House take the stile on your left. Continue over the field (watch for horses). When you reach the road turn right and walk back into Sutton Veny, a distance of about a mile, alternatively you can retrace your steps.

MOBILE LIBRARY BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

A number of blood pressure checks were conducted in the Mobile Library at the end of February. Feedback from Beverley Salter, Health Trainer from Wiltshire Council's Public Health Department, who conducted the tests, indicates that of the 30 checks made several readings were high and one was very high. The appropriate advice was duly given. Another opportunity for these free checks was planned to be offered at the end of March but the key message is that having these checks is important. Look out for the posters advertising the visits and when the opportunity presents itself, take it.

SUTTON VENY MONTHLY RAINFALL

kindly recorded by Peter Strangeways

February rainfall: 175mm

February average (9 yrs): 81.1mm

Range: 26-176*mm

*176mm relates to 2014



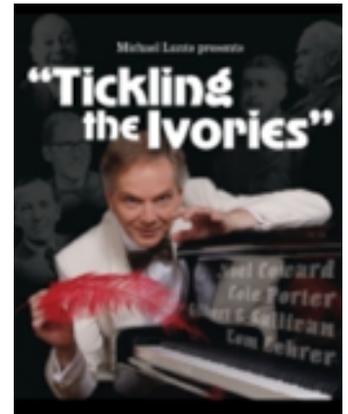
SUTTON VENY FLOWER SHOW & COMMITTEE SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

With no word to the contrary (yet) planning for the 2020 show on Saturday 11th July continues. However, the committee have been quick to offer their support to local initiatives to alleviate any adverse effects arising from the coronavirus emergency. For information about the show contact Lucy Walters via email:

suttonvenyflowershow@yahoo.com

DIARY NOTE: FRIENDS OF SUTTON VENY CHURCH - A MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA, SAT 12TH SEPT

Michael Lunts, who many will know from the Salisbury Playhouse productions, is a professional singer, pianist, actor and general one man band, and he **will be coming to Sutton Veny Church on Saturday 12th September to perform his one man show "Tickling The Ivories"**. This mines a hundred years of musical entertainment from Gilbert and Sullivan's Comic Operas to Tom Lehrer, from Music Hall to Monty Python and should be a sell out performance - so when tickets go on sale - please get in early! One man, a white jacket, 88 piano keys and a treasure trove of musical mirth.



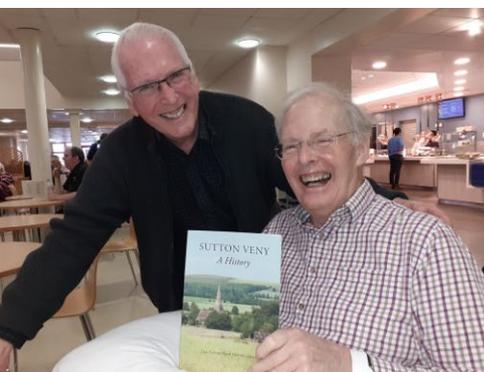
PHILIP CLARK HEALTH UPDATE

Brian Long has produced an update on Philip Clark for all his friends in the village.

Prior to visiting Philip at Salisbury Oddstock hospital on 12th March I was warned that things may be difficult as they were relocating his ward. After making enquiries at Farleigh Ward, I was informed that his ward had been

moved two floors higher. Up the stairs to the new location and I found someone who may know his whereabouts. "He's gone to the Springs café with his family" came the reply. Back down the stairs to find his new location.

There he was with



his brother Arthur and sister-in-law Pam with a big smile on his face.

As you can see from the photo of Philip with big brother Arthur, Philip looks terrific showing off his recently published book.

Philip's walking is showing great promise, his speech or lack of it, is proving to be frustrating. He is very much aware of everything and his spirit is very evident. It was a pleasure to see him looking so well.

