



Government Guidance and Local Information

To reiterate:

- Gatherings of more than two people **not** from the same household are banned.
- People are only to do one form of outdoor exercise a day, either on their own or with a member of their own household.
- Contactless payment limits have been raised to £45 per transaction, aim to use this rather than cash.

Essential Services Update

Royal Mail has updated the details of its services. Local delivery offices will now only be open between 7.00am and 9.00am and closed all day Wednesday and Sunday. If you have missed a delivery then the retention period has been extended to 30 days before being returned to sender.

Trowbridge & Chippenham Minor Injury Units

Chippenham and Trowbridge Minor Injury Units temporarily closed their doors on April 8th in order to redeploy the staff where they are needed the most.

If you have a minor injury you will now need to go to either Bath RUH or Swindon Great Western.

Collection of Pensions

Emma Putnam and Peter Smith are still working on the challenge for vulnerable residents who can only withdraw their pensions through a visit to the Post Office. They are currently working on a procedure, which will safeguard all the interested parties; volunteer, post office staff and most importantly the vulnerable residents. If you know of anyone who is struggling to collect their pension due to shielding or self-isolation please get in contact with Emma.

Supporting Local Firms for Local Deliveries

Sometimes it is difficult to find out which local companies are making local deliveries and supporting these vitally important small businesses. Stuart and Nigel Taylor have created a website that details local companies making home deliveries to Trowbridge, Melksham and the surrounding villages. Visit: <http://trowbridgemelkshamareadeliveries.co.uk> where you can search by category



The Somerset Arms

If you've seen some of the photos on our FaceBook page from grateful customers you'll appreciate that The Somerset Arms continues to support the community by providing delicious food, ales and cider to takeaway.

Takeaway is available Tuesday to Saturday 6.00pm to 8.00pm and Sunday Roast 12.00pm to 3.00pm. The Lockdown menu is available on the FaceBook page or at the pub for when you're doing your daily exercise.

Simply call 01380 870067 or 0777 4192874 before 6.00pm for evening meals and order your Sunday roasts by Friday 6.00pm latest.

The (Virtual) Semingtones

Ladies of The Semingtones, get in contact with Emma (details on page 4) if you would like to get involved in learning a fun new song. Emma is organizing on behalf of Lorraine.

Easter Egg Hunt

Remembering the rules of social distancing and exercising – these are the roads where villagers are taking part:

Somerset Way
Pound Close
St George's Place
The Knapps
High Street
The Hunt Close
Highfield Close
Manor Close (Both Parts)
Palmer Grove
The Orchard
Church Street

And we're pretty sure they'll be others along the way!

A MOST EGG-CELLENT EASTER MUSIC QUIZ

We know how much many of you have been enjoying Andy's music quizzes posted on the Support Group FaceBook page so we asked him to compile a music quiz associated with Easter and the current lockdown situation.

Unless noted otherwise take the first letter of each answer to create a phrase. Working out the phrase may help you with those answers that don't immediately spring to mind! Andy has promised us the answers in the next newsletter.

1. Which Beatles album song became a number one song for Joe Cocker, Wet Wet Wet and Sam & Mark (at different times)?
2. What was the Monkees first and only number one song in the UK?
3. Captain Sensible topped the charts in 1982 with a song form which musical?
4. Who sang 'A Child's Prayer'?
5. Which Beatles song mentions 'The Egg Man'?
6. Who asked you to 'Move Closer' (something you can't do right now!) in their 1985 number one? (You need the first letter of the surname)
7. Which Beatle was the first member of the band to have a solo number one song? (You need first letter of Christian name)
8. Which Beatles song was originally called Scrambled Eggs – with opening lyrics of scrambled eggs/oh my baby how I love you eggs/not as much as I love scrambled eggs?
9. Lena Martell told us how to put up with self-isolating in the title of 80s number one – what was it called?
10. Queen teamed up with Bowie to create an unforgettable number one. What was the title?
11. Love Resurrection was an 80s hit for which female artist (First letter of Christian name)?
12. The Rolling Stones had a hit about an egg-laying hen? What was it called?
13. Wet Wet Wet had a 15 week run at number 1 with which Troggs song?
14. This Danny & The Juniors 1958 hit might make you think of rabbits – what was it called?
15. Take Me To Church was a 2013 hit for which artist?
16. Which Beatles song starts with a sample of the French National Anthem?
17. Which Police number 1 has healthy advice about self-distancing?
18. Who sang Puff The Magic Dragon?
19. The Only Way Is Up was a number one hit for who?
20. I Hear You Knocking (but we can't let you in!) was a 1970 hit for which Welsh artist? (First letter of surname)
21. Where were the Sutherland Brothers lying in?
22. Did Alice Cooper know something with the title of his 1972 number 1?
23. Who got to number 1 with her cover version of 'I think we're alone now' in 1987?
24. Who had their first number one in 1989 with 'Sacrifice'?
25. Which song starts with the lyrics; 'You got a beautiful chin, you got beautiful skin, you got a beautiful face'?



Newsletter Circulation

A limited number of newsletters are printed each week to distribute to villagers without online access.

In order to make sure that everyone is kept informed please can you e-mail Vicky with the name and address of anyone who you know to be without Internet access.

Vicky's email address is:
victoriabodman@gmail.com

Cancellation of Village Events

In light of all that is going on in the world, sadly both the Semington Slog in May and the inaugural Scarecrow Trail planned for September have been cancelled this year.

Phone Buddies

We have lots of people including those who are self-isolating but want to help, meet the 'Phone Buddies'. If you would like to have a natter, talk to someone other than the cat or dog please let your Road Lead know and we will put you in touch with a Phone Buddy.



What Does Your Day Look Like?

Working From Home?

If you're working from home don't forget to get up and keep moving, try to set up your work space with the same principles as your desk at work; screen height the chair you use and remember to regular breaks.

Out In The Garden

We have been blessed with super weather this week – gardening is a great way to get your daily exercise. Whitehall Garden Centre is still offering some products online with delivery. West Kington Nurseries have also opened an online shop for plants visit www.onlineorder.wknurseries.co.uk

Being Crafty

Thank you to everyone who has joined in with the Semington Easter Egg Hunt. Don't let your aspirational crafting stop there, now is the perfect time to either learn a new craft or polish up on your existing crafting skills. There are almost too many websites/companies online to mention – but my favourite is Black Sheep Wools based up in Warrington, where the owner Sarah, does her own virtual knit and natter each week. www.blacksheepwools.co.uk

We'd also love to see pictures of what you've been making!

Haven't Seen Anyone for Days?

Reach out to your Road Lead and they'll get hold of a Phone Buddy so you can have a natter with a real life person....

Practising For The Great British Bake Off?

Practice makes perfect – we can never have too many cakes at the Village Fete – so get those aprons on and give it a whirl. By the way, we will have a village fete even if it involves us all sitting in our own gardens self distancing, thinking happy thoughts!



Jacqui was challenged to give us a beautiful spring photo of mummy sheep with her twins – trust the pesky pheasant to photo bomb the moment. Remember to give Jacqui her next challenge #lovewhereyoulive



During your daily exercise why not walk down to the Church and take the opportunity to pray, reflect or think of others that have been affected by this crisis. Simply take a ribbon from the porch and tie it to the railings to show you care.

Celebrating Easter in Semington

Easter Day is on Sunday and in normal circumstances St George's Church would be full for our Easter morning service, proclaiming "Christ is Risen". That won't be true this year, as sadly, the church doors must remain locked. However, we have become a 'different sort of church' in ways we couldn't have imagined just a few weeks ago. While worship in our church buildings is suspended, we have been discovering what we can do as Christians to support our communities and to worship together, so that we can still proclaim on Sunday that "Christ is risen." You can see this message in the Churchyard – go and have a look!

In Semington, I am aware that members of the Church are supporting their neighbours in all sorts of ways during this time of isolation and distancing. Contact with others is so important for so many, especially those who live alone. If you want a chat with someone, do contact me on the number below or the other Church contacts listed on our website or in the Village Magazine.

We have been on a steep learning curve in the use of technology to provide online services every Sunday. Details of how to access these services is on the home page of our website, <https://canalsidebenefice.org.uk>. The website also has ideas we have collected together for marking this special festival at home. You will find resources for children at <https://canalsidebenefice.org.uk/children/page6/> and at <https://canalsidebenefice.org.uk/children/page7/> for our younger children.

You will see that we want you to send us pictures of your creations! Pictures of crosses and Easter gardens from anyone of any age which you send us will be published on the website. Please email them to me at canalsidirector@gmail.com.

There is also a page for adults with reflections for Holy Week and Easter, links to online services, including those being produced by Canalside Benefice, and details of Easter programmes on the BBC. This is accessible by clicking <https://canalsidebenefice.org.uk/about-us/page7/>

With love and prayers *Rev John* 01225 764365

Useful Contacts – Road Leads and Community Support Core Team

Road Leads –All Road Leads now carry ID badges.

Highfield Close – [Tania Russell, George Evans & Cameron Evans](#)

The Hunt Close – [Siobhan Chown](#)

The Orchard & Palmer Grove (inc The Conifers) [Mark Rollinson](#)

Turnpike Close – [Rachel Sweeney](#)

Pound Close – [Emma Day](#)

Canal Bridge - [Ian Williamson](#)

Pound Lane - [Robbie Reed](#)

St Georges Road - [Cindy Wyllie](#)

St Georges Place - [Cindy Wyllie](#)

St Georges Court - [Diane Walker & James Walker](#)

The Knapps - [Kirsty Coetzer](#)

Somerset Way - [Stuart Taylor](#)

Church Street - [Emma Putnam](#)

High Street - [Paul Randall & Kip Airey](#)

Wessex Close - [Sharon Adams](#)

Manor Close - [Margaret Marsh](#)

Little Marsh - [Vicky Bodman](#)

Littleton - [Julia Wade](#)

Community Support Core Team

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