

Minstead eNewsletter Easter 2020

If you have a neighbour who does not use the internet please give them a ring and tell them what's in this Newsletter in case it is of interest. We advise against printing and delivery at this time.

Normally we would start off by wishing everyone a very Happy Easter! And we do hope everyone in the Village is able to derive some happiness this year by enjoying the lovely weather and communicating with friends and families using whatever piece of technology or media suits you best! In particular we think of those in our Village who are critical workers.

We have set up a dedicated page on the Village website called

Coronavirus Corner

This contains a page of General Information and a separate page about Food and Essential supplies.

Please amuse yourselves by having a look and telling us what you think!

We have also been putting as much information as possible on the Parish Council's Facebook Page and we do suggest you keep a close eye on this to get all the latest.



All Saints Church

Although our church is locked there is lots going on that you can follow on the

All Saints Facebook Page

including live services and David's wonderful regular show "Priest in a Pandemic"

Visit www.newforestparishes.com for further information

Help in the Community

Currently, we have over 40 volunteers who are able to help those who are self isolating in a range of ways. This includes, but is not limited to, phone calls, shopping, picking up prescriptions and assisting with household emergencies.

If you need help in a way which is not on this list please ask.

We would either help you ourselves or put you in contact with someone who can help.

Contact Esmé Briggs at esm.briggs@ymail.com, tel 07791 642032

An updated list of local services can be found on the Village website

<https://minstead.org.uk/coronavirus-food-and-essentials/>

New Forest District Council Services

You can keep in touch with the latest on our local Council's services by visiting

<http://www.nfdc.gov.uk/coronavirus>

This contains lots of useful information which affects our daily lives.

You can keep up to date by adding your email address at

<http://newforest.gov.uk/emails> and get information straight to your inbox about how NFDC services are changing as they adapt to Coronavirus.

Please note that the District Council is doing its best to collect our rubbish but please do your best to help them by holding on to unwanted items for the time being, starting a compost heap (the garden waste collection has been suspended) and reducing food waste as much as possible.

Please also note that Recycling Banks ('bring sites') and textile banks are no longer being emptied. Visiting recycling bank sites is considered an unnecessary journey. Residents are advised to stay at home, present any recyclable materials at the kerbside (inside your gate in the Forest) and hold on to any unwanted textiles.

Minstead Trust

Minstead Trust's brilliant, dedicated and hard-working staff are continuing to provide care and support to some of the most vulnerable people in society,

putting themselves and their families at risk in order to do so. They really are the fourth emergency service, continuing to provide support in people's homes and in our residential care home. Due to the current restrictions the Trust has no income from its various venues or from its planned fundraising activities, but still has bills to pay to make sure that each service can bounce back when this crisis is over.

More than ever Minstead Trust needs your help.

It has just launched an emergency appeal and any donation you can make will be hugely appreciated.

Please follow the link to the JustGiving Appeal:

<http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/minsteademergency>

LOOKING FORWARD

Although the future remains uncertain there are a couple of Village events which you could pencil into your diaries in the expectation that they will take place. They are something for us all to look forward to:

Village Fete on the Green Saturday 15th August

The 69th annual Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show Saturday 5th September
(now's the time to get planting!)

KEEP SAFE!



