

May 2020 issue of Look-Out.

Parish Council News ...

Our 24th. March meeting was cancelled owing to the Coronavirus, however all the agenda items were discussed via emails and here is a brief summary.

Full minutes are posted on notice boards and on the website, but if you would like a hard copy, (also available in large print or Braille), please let our Clerk know: Mrs Diane Jacob, tel: 07907 63 11 72 or e-mail: wickhamstpauls@hotmail.com

New Councillor.

We are pleased that Angela Johnstone has rejoined us as a Parish Councillor and that we now have a full complement of Councillors. Welcome back Angela.

Village Pump.

The pump has now been painted and is ready to be fixed to the base. It will not be fully functional owing to the very high cost of removing the debris from the well.

Tree Planting on the Village Green.

Still planned to go ahead in May, subject to Covid19 restrictions.

V.E. Day Celebrations.

This has now been cancelled, another casualty of the virus, but maybe we can celebrate this in August jointly with V.J. Day.

Footpath - Nature Trail.

The notice board is complete and will be assembled and placed in situ shortly. We are now awaiting leaflets.

The A131 Long Gardens – Footpath.

We have been in discussions with Highways regarding a pavement and they have advised us that they have initial concerns that there may not be sufficient space to install a path. It was agreed that we do not pursue as Highways advise it is not practical, limited space.

The Green (Oak Road).

The repairs to the verge by the house builder will not take place until the summer.

We agreed to install 6 new oak posts at the end of The Green (Oak Road), to deter parking adjacent to the recreational equipment.

We considered white lining on Oak Road, requested by a resident, but it would be very expensive and is not in our budget and would set a precedent for other area, we will therefore not proceed.

Volunteer Working Group – Clearing Village Hall Pond.

The working group were to meet on Saturday 4th April to clear the village pond, but this has been cancelled owing to the Coronavirus.

Annual Parish Assembly.

The 20th. May event has unfortunately been cancelled, but hopefully we will be able to hold it later this year. Please keep your eye on notice boards and social media announcements.

Wickham St. Pauls Parish Council Responsibilities:

Your Councillors will continue with their duties and are also here to support residents where we can with issues caused by the Coronavirus. We receive information from Braintree District Council and Essex C.C. and from various government bodies on a daily basis and can pass this on to residents in hard copies or by email.

Please do not hesitate to contact us and please adhere to Government advice and stay safe.

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Other news....

Belchamp Morris

All our events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future, as there were concerns about huge crowds gathering to watch us!

We are however, doing virtual practicing, which entails playing music and dancing (in our own homes of course) starting at 9:00 p.m. each Monday. If you open your windows about that time you may hear us. We also have a virtual pint afterwards at our virtual pub. This has proved so popular that the virtual pub virtually ran out of virtual beer last week.

Our members send our best wishes to you all and please stay safe.

Look us up on belchampmorrismen.co.uk email us at: info@belchampmorrismen.co.uk

Flag Flying Programme.

8 May	V.E. Day	Union
12 May	Manitoba Day	Manitoba
16 May	Relief of Mafeking	Union
21 May	St. Helena Day	St. Helena
24 May	Bermuda Day	Bermuda
28 May	Battle of Goose Green	Union
31 May – 1June	Battle of Jutland	White Ensign

The St. George flag will be flown most of the time in between other appointed flags.

The W.I. flag will be flown on the second Tuesday of each month and when there is the monthly Soup & Social at the village hall, providing it does not clash with other flags.

The Wickham St. Pauls flag will be flown when the cricket team plays at home and for our resident's special occasions.

A full list of our flag flying days is posted on the village notice board and on the W.St.P. website.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II addressed the nation on the 6th. April 2020 and in case you were not one of the 24 million that watched it on television, here is the reassuring transcript.

"I am speaking to you at what I know is an increasingly challenging time. A time of disruption in the life of our country: a disruption that has brought grief to some, financial difficulties to many, and enormous changes to the daily lives of us all.

I want to thank everyone on the NHS front line, as well as care workers and those carrying out essential roles, who selflessly continue their day-to-day duties outside the home in support of us all. I am sure the nation will join me in assuring you that what you do is appreciated and every hour of your hard work brings us closer to a return to more normal times.

I also want to thank those of you who are staying at home, thereby helping to protect the vulnerable and sparing many families the pain already felt by those who have lost loved ones. Together we are tackling this disease, and I want to reassure you that if we remain united and resolute, then we will overcome it.

I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge. And those who come after us will say the Britons of this generation were as strong as any. That the attributes of self-discipline, of quiet good-humoured resolve and of fellow-feeling still characterise this country. The pride in who we are is not a part of our past, it defines our present and our future.

The moments when the United Kingdom has come together to applaud its care and essential workers will be remembered as an expression of our national spirit; and its symbol will be the rainbows drawn by children.

Across the Commonwealth and around the world, we have seen heart-warming stories of people coming together to help others, be it through delivering food parcels and medicines, checking on neighbours, or converting businesses to help the relief effort.

And though self-isolating may at times be hard, many people of all faiths, and of none, are discovering that it presents an opportunity to slow down, pause and reflect, in prayer or meditation.

It reminds me of the very first broadcast I made, in 1940, helped by my sister. We, as children, spoke from here at Windsor to children who had been evacuated from their homes and sent away for their own safety. Today, once again, many will feel a painful sense of separation from their loved ones. But now, as then, we know, deep down, that it is the right thing to do.

While we have faced challenges before, this one is different. This time we join with all nations across the globe in a common endeavour, using the great advances of science and our instinctive compassion to heal. We will succeed - and that success will belong to every one of us.

We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again.

But for now, I send my thanks and warmest good wishes to you all".

End.

As a follow up to Pam Nuttall's Spike Milligan poem last issue, here's another one.

Contagion by Spike Milligan

Elephants are contagious!
Be careful how you tread.
An Elephant that's been trodden on
Should be confined to bed!

Leopards are contagious too.
Be careful tiny tots.
They don't give you a temperature
But lots and lots - of spots.

The Herring is a lucky fish
From all disease inured.
Should he be ill when caught at sea;
Immediately - he's cured!

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