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Take care,

Courier Team

THE VIEW FROM EVERLEIGH

Denis Bottomley (01264 852731), Chairman, writes:

The focus in Everleigh has remained clearly fixed on the Coronavirus situation. As we settle in for the long haul, we adopted a COVID-19 Support Plan, dividing the Village into six areas each with a co-ordinator and volunteers to support our villagers as a team effort. Co-ordinators have liaised with residents and are ready to provide appropriate support, particularly for those who may be most vulnerable perhaps due to age and/or ill health. Additionally, volunteer supporters are available to help, with shopping, collecting prescriptions or general welfare. There continues to be plenty of advice and information on the current Coronavirus threat in the media, and the situation is constantly being updated. Key COVID-19 information is also posted on the Village web site at



www.everleigh.org

Our Village emergency plan, issued last January, also remains fit for purpose as a source for contact details for Parish Councillors and emergency services.

Everleigh residents seem to be coping well with the situation. There is an atmosphere of cheerful resolution and community spirit, with neighbours looking out for each other. Plans are likely to evolve and

COLLINGBOURNES CHUTE & EVERLEIGH LINK

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Currently, due to the Covid-19 emergency, Link cannot continue its normal service, which often means driving clients to hospitals or doctors' surgeries, opticians or shopping venues. Elsewhere in The Courier there are details of kind volunteers who have offered to collect food/prescriptions, or to help in other ways. Thank you to you all.

The Link Scheme would like to reassure all residents of our villages that we will be operating as normal as soon as this coronavirus has passed.

Later, we would welcome help from any of these wonderful volunteers who have stepped forward to help their neighbours through this difficult period by keeping an eye on vulnerable neighbours, collecting shopping or prescriptions, and being the best of good citizens. When this is all over, Link will be able to continue offering help to those who need it, and we would welcome any of these generous volunteers who would like to join our Volunteer Team.

In the meantime, we wish all our clients and volunteers good health, safe isolating, and a virus-free summer.

For more information call our Link number 01264-850807 or 01264-850298.

have been kept deliberately simple, with the intent of offering support to villagers in an unobtrusive way and to provide flexibility for the inevitable changes to come.

The Village playground work party planned for Saturday 18th April was postponed until the way ahead on COVID-19 is clearer.

Subject to the Coronavirus situation, there are three events planned to take place in Everleigh over the latter half of the year, as follows:

- Village Summer Party: Saturday 11th July; 5 pm; Playground and Jubilee Field.
- Harvest Festival Service: Saturday 10th October; 3 pm; St Peter's Church.
- Carol Service: Saturday 5th December; 5 pm; St Peter's Church.

More detail on each event will follow in due course.

Finally, the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings planned for Tuesday 5th May have been cancelled, following advice from the National Association of Local Councils that these meetings are not required this year. Consequently, current Parish Council appointments will continue until May 2021 and annual reports will be posted on Village noticeboards and the Village web site at www.everleigh.org The next Parish Council meeting is therefore due to take place on Monday 22nd June at 7 pm, subject to the COVID-19 situation; the location for this meeting is to be confirmed. Moreover, the date by which the Parish Council is to approve its accounts for FY 19/20 has been delayed from 30th June 2020 to 31st August 2020.

The Courier is available online on the Everleigh Village Web Site at www.everleigh.org

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Steve Matanle, Chairman, writes:



I hope that you are dealing with the impact of the pandemic as comfortably as possible.

There has been much evidence of neighbours helping out those who have had to strictly self-isolate which has been hugely valuable for many. Having fewer options in terms of entertainment or activity has caused us all to re-evaluate just what we need to be happy in our lives.

The world will recover from this dreadful event but it may well be changed for a long time to come as a result of it. How we interact with people, how we think about the contribution we can make to the community and how we go about our daily lives will all be influenced by the constraints that we have had to endure. Perhaps a more modest existence will suit us well in the future.

I am sure that we will look forward to returning to a semblance of normality as soon as it is possible to do so. Engaging with family and friends, going to the pub and cinema, eating out are all things that we have had to do without. Let us enjoy them to the full once we are again able to.

Village activities will get back up and running. The Village Hall will be open and welcome to all-comers. We will re-schedule the Maintenance Day as soon as we can.

We would like to reinstate the Paths for All initiative. Amongst other things, we will be contacting local farmers to discuss the scheme and to find out if there are paths that they would like to be avoided at certain times of the year. Some of you have indicated your interest in supporting this initiative. If you would like to get involved but have not made that apparent thus far, please will you email Nigel Braybrook at **nigelbraybrook@aol.com**. We will advise details of the activities we have in mind as soon as we are able to.

The Community Speed Watch (CSW) team has been stood down during the period of the crisis but they will be active again soon. The job that the CSW group has done under Tim Keighley's leadership has been exceptional. I have asked Tim to comment on the CSW for this article:

Overview of CK Community Speed Watch (CSW), activity

The CK CSW team celebrated its second anniversary in February this year, having commenced its sessions in early 2018. At that time Collingbourne Kingston was allocated the speed device one week a month. We now have the sole use of a device, which we will share with Ducis, once they have an established team. Having two CSW teams in such close proximity will certainly be of benefit to us all and we look forward to working closely with Ducis in the future.

There are fifteen team members in the CK Team. Team members give up what time they can each month. Some team members can only do an hour, others are able to commit more time. Four sites are used on a regular basis, all of which have been risk assessed by the Police. The team is very well supported by the Police, for which we are very grateful. Some of you will have seen the traffic operations they do from time to time out in the village.

Over the past two years we have conducted 189 sessions and clocked over 50,000 vehicles, 3,500 of which have been travelling at 36mph or more. The highest speed we have recorded is 65mph – total madness and very dangerous.

The table on the next page compares the CK data to all the 105 teams across Wiltshire. The comparison is stark and demonstrates the serious issue of speeding that we have on the A338 through our village.

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189	52343	3687	7%

AVERAGE ACROSS THE 105 TEAMS IN WILTSHIRE	2.50%
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If anybody would like further information or indeed would like to join the CK speed watch team, then please email:

timkeighley@tiscali.co.uk

There are a number of other road and traffic initiatives that we are working on. Wiltshire Council has a review underway into the work that was done on Brunton Roundabout last year. The review is looking into other ways that the roundabout can be improved to calm the traffic moving both north and south. At least we have not had to wait long for the bollards on the west side of the roundabout to be replaced by some that are a lot more robust.

We intend to invest in two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). One will be placed between Aughton Junction and Brunton Roundabout and the other between Chapel Lane and the south boundary of the Village at Fesdu. We have reserves in place that are dedicated to the purchase of the SIDs. We are also going to apply to CATG for funding for brackets and poles to house them and to the Area Board for a contribution to their capital cost. We are not guaranteed any financial assistance from either body but we will try. We cannot give a timeline on when they will be in place but it is our intention to get them active as soon as possible.

OUR LINK COORDINATOR'S NUMBER IS CD 850807

Please try to give them at least 48 hours' notice to find a volunteer

We have had a very helpful visit from Gareth Rogers, Principal Engineer-Traffic & Network Management of Wiltshire Council. We took the opportunity to walk with him along the A338 and let him see first-hand the issues that concern us. It was a very helpful session and we are grateful to him for giving up his time to visit us. We will follow up on his visit and in particular with finding ways to address the concerns that we have over Aughton Junction. We spent time on this with Gareth and have left him with a number of suggestions as to things that are worthy of consideration. I will report further on this as we narrow the options down to something we can action.

For the time being, please stay safe, stay home and stay well. If there is something that we can do to help, please call me (07771765420) or Abby Hancock (07854650772)

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 19th May 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Ruth Fisher Room. We will confirm this date closer to the time given the current circumstances.

1ST COLLINGBOURNE AIR SCOUTS

Natalie Williams, Group Scout Leader 1st Collingbourne Air Scouts, writes:

While we normally love the great outdoors, we've pulled together some inspired indoor activity ideas (if we do say so ourselves) to keep kids entertained while schools are closed due to Coronavirus. Keep your kids learning new skills and having fun (and avoid hearing 'I'm bored' every thirty seconds) all in #TheGreatIndoors.

We know that the social and economic impact of Covid-19 on young people will be significant. These activities are free of course! If you like what you see and you want to keep young people learning, connected and helping others during this period, there will be links on our Facebook page for all to see.

Keep safe.

**COVID-19 Contact details for assistance in Collingbourne
Ducis/Kingston and surrounding within 5 miles**

With many of you worried about how you will be able to get essentials, prescriptions etc if you are self-isolating. Here is a list of contacts willing to help as and where we can.

Name	Number	Area
Lucy Johnson	07498 328121	Ducis
Tony Johnson	07824 815366	Ducis
Philippa Mack	07768 320845	Brunton
Tracy McNicol	07500 338030	Ducis and Villages
Carl & Maria North	07815 818956	Kingston
Sarah Holloway	07912 144533	Ducis
Jayne King	07733 413397	Collingbournes and Villages
Jo Reid	07904 268220	Collingbournes and Everleigh
Lorraine Clements	07793 357542	Ducis and Sunton
Mark Arnold	07496 785483	Ducis
Laura Jackson	07792 825507	Collingbourne and Villages
Philip Palmer	07734 922751	Collingbourne and Villages
David Puttock	01264 850715	Ducis
Zena Bewick	07748 414177	Collingbournes
Gail Minoudis	07531 262334	Ducis
Pip Watkins	07946 098612	Ducis

Our Community Support Officers can be contacted on 101

COLLINGBOURNE SCHOOL REPORT

Dan Crossman, Headteacher, writes:

Well these are truly unprecedented and unusual times. When I made the decision to close our school towards the end of March, I felt real sadness.

‘School’ is often the most stable and reliable element

of children’s lives and to shut the doors is a difficult move to make.

However, the Collingbourne School Community has made the most of it! Teachers have been supplying families with daily remote learning via our school app and I’ve seen some brilliant examples of home learning. These have ranged from Lego models of the Titanic to artwork for the Nightingale Hospital in London.

It is a challenge for families to ‘home school’ whilst many parents are also being asked to work from home. It is a situation I face myself, but as usual, we have made the most of it and it’s been good fun sharing our activities together online.

I hope that we will be back to some sort of normality sooner rather than later, so in the meantime, please stay safe and look after one another.

1ST COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON BROWNIES

Natalie Williams, Brown Owl 1st Collingbourne Kingston Brownies, writes:

Activities and adventures to keep yourself occupied during this difficult time, fun for kids, adults, everyone!

Being an adventurer is a state of mind, it’s being brave and determined, supporting others and finding fun in everything we do. And it doesn’t need to stop just because we’re staying indoors.

At Girlguiding we love to explore, we love to discover, we love to find out: we are everyday adventurers.

So we’re sharing loads of activities and ideas from the Girlguiding



programme– check out 1st Collingbourne Kingston Brownie Facebook page – so that you can have your own #AdventuresAtHome. New activities every week.

We've pulled our favourite indoor activities from the unit meeting activities and skills builder activities that make up the Girlguiding programme. Each week we'll be releasing eight new activity cards that you can download and use at home.

You don't need to be a member of Girlguiding to give them a try – all young people can have a bit of adventure at this tough time.

Keep Safe.

COLLINGBOURNES AND EVERLEIGH GARDENING CLUB

Patti Marsh (01264 850319) writes:

We have been unable to hold our monthly meetings due to the Coronavirus restrictions but apparently our members are working away in their gardens so the Collingbournes and Everleigh should be really picturesque by the summer.



Our monthly newsletter, the Potting Shed, has been sent out and if anyone did not receive it please give me a ring and I will get a copy to you.

We are hoping to make a couple of visits to local gardens in the summer, and at present the Gardeners' Lunch is still on the calendar for August. From September we have speakers booked for evening talks, so let's hope that by next month we will have more definite information for everyone.

If you want any further information about the Gardening Club please call our chairman, Caroline Bouwens on **01264 850250** or me on **01264 850319**



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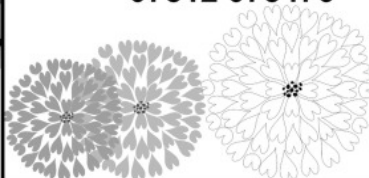
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Sonny Hamid writes:

Our April session had to be cancelled because of the Corona Virus lock down, instead we turned to the internet to “meet” over the web and continue our interest in our hobby.



We set two possible routines for our web sessions this month. The first was to set a Monthly Competition while the second was to take as many photographs as we could albeit within the boundaries of our home and submit these to members for their critiques.

Our first Competition was the subject of Spring and was led by Member Phil Leech. The subject was then divided into several sections including Best of Spring:

Wildlife, Macro, Striking, Composition, Lighting Studio (Table top) Overall Winner

Some of the photographs were taken with cheaper cameras including the Canon EOS 40D which can be bought second-hand now for around £50. So, it is not the camera but the produced image that is most important!

Photographs of wildlife entering our back gardens were also taken together with some shots of local interest many of these from viewpoints we do not notice as we normally would drive past these sites. We hope there will be more opportunities to photograph birds as the weather tends to get warmer.

If you would like to submit your photographs for these Competitions please feel free to forward your favourite images so that these may be entered into the Competition. Sorry, no prizes at present!

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Our next competition will be on the subject of Night Sky and closing date is 1st May, 2020 all based over the internet. In view of the Coronavirus pandemic, this is the arrangement which will have to continue until easing of restriction permit us to hold our regular monthly sessions.

ANDOVER CATS PROTECTION

Ruby of Andover Cats Protection writes:

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, we are currently closed so are unable to accept cats into care or rehome any of the cats we have in with us.



This also means we are unable to fundraise. We know this is a difficult time for many but we would appreciate any donations, either from our Amazon wish list or left at our collection points in Pets at Home or Pets Corner.

Currently we are looking after Sid. He came into our care as a stray and we have been unable to trace his owner. The vets estimate him to be between three and five years old. He is very friendly, sometimes over friendly and has been known to nip on occasions. Because of this, we feel he is not suitable to live with young children. He is looking for an experienced cat owner who can spend time with him. Holly is still waiting for her forever home too.

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QUIZ

Carel Bouwens tests us:

(Answers at the back of the Courier)

Food and Drink:

1. In which country is the Marlborough wine region?
2. What colour are most English wines?
3. What is the minimum age for Scotch Whiskey before it can be sold in the UK?
4. What does beer contain which ale traditionally did not?
5. A widget inside a can of beer is an aid in producing a good head of beer. What is inside the pressurised pellet?
6. Which brewers sponsored the England cricket team in 1995?
7. When served as a dish, how is the pancreas of an animal normally referred?
8. In which country did the dish Chop Suey originate?
9. How many sides does a banana have?
10. The love apple is the original name for what?

Sport:

11. The stadium in Athens for the 1896 games was built from which material?
12. Which famous trophy was stolen in 1996 and was later found by a dog?
13. Under international rules of speedway, what is the number of gears allowed?
14. At which football ground did Eric Cantona attack a fan?
15. How many ways are there of being out at cricket?

16. Which sporting event has been successively sponsored by Guinness, Mars and ADT?
17. If you were standing in a diamond, what game would you be playing?
18. In 1967 which golfer made the first televised hole in one?
19. Who did Nick Faldo sensationally beat to win his third Masters?
20. At the Barcelona Olympics, who partnered Matthew Pinsent to Gold in the rowing coxless pairs?

ELDERFLOWER CORDIAL RECIPE

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THE RACE OF YOUR LIFE - CLIPPER ROUND THE WORLD RACE 2019/20

Steve Matanle writes:



On 22nd April 1969, Robin Knox-Johnston sailed into Falmouth harbour to complete the first solo non-stop circumnavigation of the world. His journey had taken him 312 days, the last four months of which he endured without any contact with the outside world.

One of his subsequent ambitions was to introduce the world of competitive ocean sailing to amateur and novice sailors. To this end, he established the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race in 1996. It has run ever since, moving from 60ft yachts to 68ft and then to the current 70ft yachts. Each yacht has a professional skipper and AQP (additional qualified person) and up to twenty crew per leg.



The 2019/20 race set off from St. Katherine's Dock, London on 2nd September 2019. The race is made up of eight legs, taking in Portugal, Uruguay, South Africa, South-West Australia, North-East Australia, China, Philippines, USA (west and east coast), Panama Canal, Bermuda, Northern Ireland and then back to London.

Approximately 40% of those who take part in the race have little or no prior sailing experience. I was one of

those! All participants, irrespective of their level of experience, have to take part in four individual weeks of training. Clipper are very strict about this and spend a lot of time making sure that all aspects of sailing (including Man Over Board procedures) are practised exhaustively. Knots, winch handling, hoisting the sails, taking them down, changing them (frequently), trimming the sails, handling mooring lines - there are an abundance of skills to learn and perfect under pressure. Each prospective crew member must satisfy an assessment to pass from one training stage to the next. Many are obliged to retake a level if they have not gained the appropriate level of expertise.

It is a very multi-national event. The sponsors of the boat I was on are the Bermuda Tourism Authority. The skipper comes from South Africa and the AQP is German. On board, we had people from all over the UK, Holland, Italy, South Africa, USA, China, Australia, New Zealand. Some people do the whole race (11 months long) and some do one or two legs.

I joined the 4th Leg which ran from Fremantle, Western Australia, to Airlie Beach in the Whitsunday Islands, Queensland. Our journey began on 22nd December and we arrived in Airlie Beach on 11th January. We had travelled 3994 nautical miles. Our route took us south-east along the Great Australian Bight, under Tasmania, turned north past the Bass Strait, Sydney, Brisbane and then to the Whitsundays.

Along the way, we were hit by a “Southerly Buster”, a phenomenon that can occur along the NSW coast. This produced a 76 knot wind out of nowhere which caught us with a full sail plan in place. We managed to avoid a broach (when the boat is pushed over such that the mainsail is in the water), but struggled for a long time to get the sails reorganised to deal with the hurricane-force wind. It was a quite extraordinary and awesome experience. Normally, there is some warning by way of cloud formations that precede the “buster” so the boat can be prepared. Because of the NSW fires, visibility was very poor and we couldn’t see it approaching.

I found the whole experience demanding and very rewarding. Living on-board in a very enclosed environment, most of the time at an angle of 45 degrees, is not easy. The accommodation is basic. There is a hot-bunking arrangement for sleeping. This is required to accommodate the three watches that we operated. It is important that people sleep on the high side of the yacht or they risk getting very wet!

Everybody gets involved with cooking. Despite the limitations of the galley, hot food is produced for every meal and there is fresh bread cooked every day. We spent Christmas and New Year on board and even had roast beef and roast potatoes on Christmas Day!

There is no alcohol allowed on board and smoking only when on deck - downwind and at the rear of the boat!



This adventure is not for everyone. It is physically and mentally taxing, not least as one has to rely on wet wipes to keep fresh and clean during the sail. The first shower upon reaching port (the first shower for three weeks!) is one of the better experiences I can remember! There is an obligation to get on with people and be very considerate and mindful of others. It sounds obvious and easy but it needs to be worked at.

There are eleven yachts in the race, which should take eleven months to complete. Regrettably, the last three legs of the race have been postponed as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. It will now resume in early 2021.

I am still not sure if I will use this experience as a stepping stone to more sailing and if I might consider joining a future Clipper Race. Even if I do neither, I still came home convinced of the virtues of doing something which was very new to me, caused me to learn new skills and took me way out of my comfort zone. I am very glad that I did it!

If you would like to know more about the race, go online to [Clipper Round the World Race](#). Or you can get in touch with me and I will attempt to answer whatever questions you may have.

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Unicef is a race partner and I have nominated them and the Sepsis Trust as my two charities for this event. If you would like to support me in this, please go to my link at

www.justgiving.com/teams/stephen-matanle-clipperroundworld

BURBAGE & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB (BDMRC)

Sonny Hamid writes:

This month our group session had to be scrapped as a result of the lock-down imposed because of the Coronavirus spread. Nevertheless, our Members have been busy progressing a task on their own including working on our major Savernake Project, looking at past layouts they had built and building smaller ones in their own home.



Member Gary Crooks has been reviewing the shuttle layout based loosely on a section of the Great Bedwyn station. This layout is electronically controlled and moves the train from one end to another in a timed sequence pre-programmed by the Operator.

Member Chris Patrick has built a small layout for himself and has been working on parts of the Savernake project. The small layout, a raised area from his own West End fixed layout, Stageby. The figures, being Chinese, are now allowed to associate and their number grows slowly. Although they come painted, the paint is just slopped on and needs tidying up. The single-track line to Stageby station runs round the foot of the raised area, the vertical wall (paper stuck on to card with wallpaper paste) needs painting brick red.

The Club has been considered to provide a layout for exhibition at the Historic Railway exhibition held annually at the Swindon's STEAM Museum. STEAM's Deputy Manager informed us that other exhibits have already been booked for 202 and 2021 but we hope they will manage to "squeeze" us in for 2022!

We can arrange availability of working layouts and demonstration of modelling techniques at local village fairs and other Community gatherings. Organisers are invited to contact us regarding their requirements.

The Club welcomes new members and any donations and gifts of unwanted model railway items. So, if you would like to try your hand at this hobby or have some equipment you are not using, please feel free to call me Sonny Hamid, on **01672 811 933**.

JULIA'S HOUSE CONTINUING TO CARE FOR MOST VULNERABLE FAMILIES DURING CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Caz Maddock, Communications Manager, writes:

Isolation, loneliness, worry - these are uncertain times for everyone, with the Coronavirus situation changing so rapidly. For families of extremely vulnerable children, like those supported by Julia's House, this uncertainty and anxiety is even more acute.



A lifeline of care and support during crisis throughout the Coronavirus crisis, Julia's House has been able to continue caring for the most vulnerable children and families in the local community, visiting families' homes within the strict additional infection control measures put in place by the Government. Some of the families went into lock down a few weeks prior to the rest of the UK in order to 'shield' their children from COVID19, for whom even a common cold can mean hospitalisation.

'We have been determined to keep our care service going for as long as we possibly can,' said Julia's House Director of Care, Ali Acaster. 'It's not been easy but we know our families need us more than ever during the COVID-19 crisis. There is often no break or relief apart from the support and care they receive from us. We've very much been adapting our service to their needs so making visits to families'

homes and using video calls to stay in touch, as well as collecting prescriptions and essential medical supplies.'

'Most of us might be returning to a new normal in a few months' time but for our families the fear and isolation will continue as they seek to protect their highly vulnerable children and we want to ensure we are there for them during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.'

Julia's House is in advanced discussions with the NHS to support local health services wherever possible. As well as continuing care for vulnerable children and families in their homes to reduce pressure on the NHS, some of the Julia's House nurses may work in NHS hospitals as well as provide additional care to children overnight to free up NHS staff and resources. Even the Julia's House van drivers are helping to transport local medicines and supplies.

Financial uncertainty lies ahead. All Julia's House shops are closed for the foreseeable future, fundraising events are postponed or cancelled and supporters and friends groups are unable to run community fundraising activities and events. The pandemic has hit the charity's finances hard, with two thirds of its income streams halted. It is a devastating situation and a very challenging future.

Martin Edwards, Julia's House CEO, comments: 'We have been busy lobbying the Government with Hospice UK for relief funding. This is on the basis that hospices are critical to saving the NHS resources, time and money, and therefore are needed now more than ever to reduce the strain and pressure on our local health services. We are still waiting to hear the outcome of these discussions but we are hopeful that a relief funding package for hospices will be announced very soon. This funding will be an important step towards reducing our income loss this year which we have estimated to be £2.8 million,

which is a huge financial blow to us and the care and support we provide to local families.'

Along with many other organisations and businesses, Julia's House has had to furlough 40 per cent of its staff, although how long it will take to recoup this money from the Government is yet to be confirmed. It remains a very uncertain time for the charity, particularly as any anticipated recovery in the economy will be gradual rather than swift.

Martin Edwards adds: "Everyone who touches Julia's House has a very special combination of resourcefulness, commitment and compassion, which we are seeing demonstrated in so many ways at present from our nurses and carers through to our volunteers and supporters. We are so grateful for everyone's help in these uncertain times and we do need that support to continue, so we can carry on providing a much needed lifeline to the most vulnerable children and families in our community."

To donate to Julia's House go to: juliashouse.org/COVID-19

SIR STIRLING MOSS

Paul Foxall (01264 850316) writes:

To praise someone with the word Legend is an over-used term today, especially in sporting circles, but Stirling Moss undoubtedly deserved this accolade. I was lucky to have known him since first meeting the famous F1 winner at Silverstone in 1958. Stirling was there to drive a Vanwall in the British Grand Prix and I was there to film the race for Castrol.

One of Stirling's greatest gifts was his versatility behind the wheel, he excelled in any sort of machine from saloons to sports to Grand Prix cars. During his 15 years at the top, he won 212 races at a time when the sport was justifiably regarded as being incredibly dangerous. The

number of fatalities was proof of that assessment. Racing then was a psychological challenge and the drivers were rightly given hero status by the shoals of fans, akin to WW2 fighter pilots.

We usually met at circuits or his home in London, but in the late 1990's the Goodwood Revival meetings were the venue. Stirling was a patron, along with Damon Hill and John Surtees. I was there as a start line judge. The Sussex circuit recreated races from the 1950's and 60's with Stirling reunited with many of his favourite cars. More recently I appeared on BBC with him looking back on that period using some of my old films to illustrate the stark differences in the sport, compared with the modern era.

The fact that Stirling never won the World Championship was perhaps unfair, but it was his speed, courage and ability to win races that made his name the byword for sporting chivalry. I was honoured to have known him for most of my life.

SAVERNAKE TEAM LETTER

Rev Michael McHugh, Savernake Team Rector, writes:

Dear Reader,

It is Easter Tuesday and two days after celebrating the hope of the resurrection, the prayer of the church is still with the plagues in Egypt. We are still with the plague of Coronavirus. Easter and the realisation of all the hope spoken of by the Queen or sought by Andrea Bocelli in his solo concert in Milan, are yet to materialise.

We may have heard of a few in our midst who are struggling or have struggled with the virus, but the true impact may not have yet hit our own personal isolated worlds. It is the impact of the restrictions on our lives that is most evident to us at present.



In prayer we are reading the story of the Jewish people's escape into the desert. When the people did not remain faithful and do the right thing, the result was always greater cost and suffering to all of them. We need to remain faithful to placing others above ourselves if we wish to protect ourselves and those we love.

What is clear is that the world which we will emerge into will be very different. Hopefully the changes will be modelled on the heroism of key workers and the generosity of people supporting their neighbours during this pandemic. Whilst we continue in this lock down, we need to begin to prepare in sincerity and truth for the future. My oldest friend mentioned today that since January he has not worked. We are surrounded by small businesses and contract workers whose livelihoods may not survive. This adds a second layer of grief to lives and livelihoods. We cannot return to our old patterns of behaviour if these people are to have hope.

Our buildings are closed, but prayer and support are still available by media or phone. If a focus helps, then consider **pewseydeaneryprayers@gmail.com** Over 400 are receiving these directly and more by social media. If you wish to talk, contacts are available on our Savernake Team Ministry website or in your local magazines. We are offering Sunday services by internet (contact me **mtmch@hotmail.com** Last week we had about 100 people joining in prayer.

Please continue to help, pray, or think of, those around you who may be suffering. The act of consciously caring is, of itself, a great healer. Stay and rest in safety. Do not let the benefit of sacrifices come to naught by giving up on viral containment. The idea is simple, we do not have to be so.

Every blessing in the hope of light coming back into our world,
Michael

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Churchwarden Tish Leigh (01264 850867) writes:

This is, without doubt, the most unusual report I have ever had to write. Church buildings are closed and this report will only be read if you are online.



Although the church building is closed and we cannot meet physically, the people of the church are still very much in contact, worshipping and praying together. On Easter Sunday approximately 100 people joined an online service via Zoom, which was led by Savernake team rector, Rev. Michael McHugh. If you would like to join future online services, click on the link below at 11 am for services every Sunday until we resume ordinary services.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82668874600?pwd=M31mU3ovY1p0ZHFDW1FBdy9PVWtFZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 6887 4600 Password: 021821

Pewsey Deanery is sending out a daily series of readings, reflections and prayers from the churches and parishes of the Deanery. While we're not, for the time being, meeting for Sunday worship, we can still live in prayerful reflection, on love for our neighbours. If you, or if you know of anyone, a family member, or a neighbour, near or far, who might appreciate receiving an inspiring reading, a few encouraging thoughts, and a prayer every day, then do please contact me on 01264 850867 and I will ask that you are added to the email list.

Addresses for the village websites:

CD: www.collingbourne-ducis.com
CK: www.collingbournekingston.org.uk
Everleigh: www.everleigh.org

In addition, as was said in last month's Courier, as part of our ongoing support to the community, St Andrew's Church is here to offer moral and spiritual encouragement to anyone who is ill, in self-isolation or otherwise downhearted about current events.

You can contact me at the above number to submit a prayer request or schedule a call to a member of our congregation for a supportive talk, uplifting chat or general chin-wag!

St Andrew's has set up a Covid-19 specific prayer group where we will continue to pray daily for the National effort, the three villages and any specific prayer submissions. All submissions will be kept confidential within our prayer group.

Rev. Jo Reid has joined the list of volunteers helping to collect essential items, prescriptions etc. while people are self-isolating. I know that this has kept her very busy at times – thank you to her and all the others doing this valuable service.

Finally, remember St Andrew's Church has its own Facebook page. We will aim to keep it up to date with Church of England news and further updates about worship. The link is on our webpage or alternatively in Facebook just search for St. Andrews Church, Collingbourne Ducis.

Keep up to date with fine detail changes in between Courier editions at www.savernaketeam.org.uk

Keep safe and stay well!

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE DUCIS

Following Government advice, the church will be closed until further notice. We are sad to do this but we must protect one another. However, click on the link below to join the churches of the Savernake team for a service at 11 am every Sunday until we resume ordinary services.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82668874600?pwd=m3lmu3ovy1p0zhfdwlfbdy9pvwtfzz09>

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON:

All Church Services are suspended until further notice because of health and safety considerations due to Covid-19.

QUIZ ANSWERS:

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1. New Zealand
2. White
3. 3 years
4. Hops
5. Nitrogen
6. Tetleys
7. Sweetbread
8. America
9. 5
10. Tomato

Sport

11. Marble
12. Soccer world cup
13. One
14. Selhurst park
15. 10
16. London Marathon
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18. Tony Jacklin
19. Greg Norman
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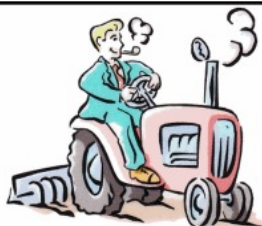
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