



Pulling together will help get us through

With the country back in lockdown we're producing this special 'Covid' newsletter to let villagers know (as best we can!) what's going on...

There are many people who feel anxious about the situation, whether because of their health, worries for family and loved ones or anxiety about their jobs or businesses. The uncertainty and the challenge to our normal lives can be extremely stressful.

So, if you're struggling in any way, don't forget that our Covid volunteers are still here to help. Although they cannot come into your home, they can run errands for you or just chat on the phone.

If you need help please contact the Covid Support Group on 07391 549598 or at kinetoncovid19group@gmail.com

While this lockdown is not as severe as the last one, it does mean many services are restricted and it is particularly limiting regarding social contact. With news that a vaccine could start being rolled out by the end of the year, it's tempting to think the crisis is over, but there is still a serious threat from this virus and we all need to continue to be cautious and careful and, for the sake of everyone's health and wellbeing, follow the rules.

But we can take some comfort from the fact that our local businesses are doing their level best to help us through. Our pharmacy, grocery store, post office and butchers are still open. The vets, opticians, accountants and estate agents are working. And, although their shops are closed, Nifty Needle is still working on commissions and Gill at Flower Thyme is providing deliveries (free to Kineton) of flowers, gifts and cards. She can be contacted on 01926 640437 for orders from Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 1pm, when she will be in the shop.

Both our pubs are offering a takeaway services, as is Shukur's, while Gilks' café is offering a range of takeaway and delivery options (again free delivery in Kineton) for meals, drinks and cakes, including Sunday roast.. Our local Loft Kitchen is also offering home-cooked meals one evening a week.

More information can be found on the business websites or by calling on the following numbers:

Flower Thyme 01926 640437 (Tues – Sat 9am to 1pm); Lewis Butchers 01926 640228; El Cafe at The Swan 01926 640664 (Tues to Sat 4-9pm Sun 12-3.30pm); Co-op 01926 640360; Post office 01926 640256; Fish & Chips 01926 641696; Gilks 01926 640539; Shukers 01926 642171; Pharmacy 01926 641902.

Please support our local businesses as much as you can, they are going through tough times and we would not want to lose any of them.

We also have lots of talented craftspeople and entrepreneurs trying to run their businesses from home, so if you can support them please do.

There will be a chance to see many of their wares at two local Christmas markets (restrictions permitting), one on Saturday December 5th at Gilks' Café 10am to 3pm and another at KSSC on Sunday December 13th 10am to 4pm, so put the dates in your diary.



Lewis Butchers have been serving us admirably throughout the Covid crisis and the restrictions haven't stopped them having a bit of fun. The Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin competition was a great success with the winner-Olivia, pictured with John Rose-being absolutely spot on with her guess of 44lbs. Olivia won the pumpkin and a £10 meat voucher and proceeds were donated to prostate cancer research.

What we can and can't do

The current lockdown restrictions can be found in full at www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november. They will last until at least December 3rd

In summary the guidance is:

If you workplace is Covid secure and you cannot work from home you may go to work or provide voluntary services.

You can leave home to shop for essentials, collect takeaways or click and collect, obtain or deposit money or access critical public services.

You can leave home for formal education or training or essential childcare.

You can exercise outdoors or visit an outdoor public place for as long as you like with anyone in your household or one person from another household.

You cannot visit a member of another household either in their home or garden but you can still visit people in your support bubble or to provide emergency help.

Whenever you are around people from outside your household you should stay 2 metres apart. Where that is not possible you should wear a mask and stay at least one metre apart. You must wear a mask in shops and on public transport. Wash your hands whenever you have been out (and sanitise while you are out) and avoid touching your face.

If you live by yourself, you can form a support bubble with another household. If you would like to do this locally or would like to offer to be a support bubble for a single person, please let the Covid Support Group know on 07391 549598.





Participants in the Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial are pictured waiting to lay their wreaths at the required two metres distance from each other.

While people were asked to pay their respects on their doorsteps, rather than risk a large gathering, there was still a sense of unity, helped in no small part by the

Zoom in on services and socials

St Peter's Church continues to offer a number of online services and socials through November

Services

Sundays 9.30am Spiritual communion on Zoom;

10.30am Livestream Morning worship on Facebook & YouTube

Weekdays 9pm Livestream Night Prayer on Facebook

Thursdays 9.30am Spiritual communion on Zoom

Socials

Thursdays 10-11am Meeting Point coffee mornings on Zoom

Saturday November 14th Charity Online Quiz evening on Zoom

Friday November 27th Charity online Safari Supper on Zoom

A call to prayer

The Archbishops are calling us to pray for the nation throughout the month of November. They are asking us to pray each day for a specific group of people and they have asked for a collective moment of prayer at 6pm each day, to be accompanied by the tolling of a church bell (hence why you will have heard the bell ringing at 6pm)

The suggested focus for our prayers on each day is :

Sunday: family, friends, and loved ones;

Monday: schools and colleges, children, and young people;

Tuesday: the elderly, those who are isolated and vulnerable;

Wednesday: businesses, the workplace, and economic wellbeing;

Thursday: the NHS and other key workers;

Friday: national and local governments;

Saturday: all who are grieving, those suffering with physical and mental health.

Prayer sheets are available in church, or via email if requested. Please email Katie on edgehilloffice@gmail.com for more information or links to join any of the above events/services.

St Francis RC Church: Online services can be found at www.churchservices.tv Father David Tams 01608 685259

Methodist Church: Rev Richard Wilde 07971 218356 Online services can be found each week on the Methodist Church South Warwickshire website www.methodistswc.org.uk Contributors include locally, Rev Richard Wilde and Rev Jemima Strain (who also has weekly children's church) as well as circuit staff and lay preachers. There is also a link to live worship at 10.30am on Facebook from the Birmingham District.

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you to
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poppy
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around the village. The 'Poppy Fairy' has chosen to remain anonymous, but we understand that a total of 177 poppies were tied in various places around Kineton and Little Kineton to mark 102 years since the end of WW1 and 75 years since the end of WW2.

Let's make the village sparkle



Whatever form Christmas takes this year one thing is for certain, Kineton will be marking it with another stunning Christmas Tree Trail.

Organiser Gill Hawtin from Flower Thyme is determined the event will go ahead and is delighted that she already has more than 200 entries.

"If anything, I think we need the tree trail more than ever this year to help cheer people up," she commented. "Some people may have been holding back on entering because they weren't sure it was going to happen, but I can assure them it is and I would love it to be bigger and better than ever."

With this in mind, Gill has put back the deadline for entries to November 18th. So, as long as you let her know by then, your tree will be included in the trail. There's no charge to enter but if you would like Gill to provide you with a real tree (approx. 5 ft) at cost you need to pay £16 up front (or £20 to include a stand). Trees will be available to collect from Kineton Primary School car park on Saturday November 21st. **The launch of the trail will be on December 5th.**

Last year's trail raised more than £2,000 for local charities from the sale of tree trail maps and brought in hundreds of visitors who helped boost business for our local shops.

This year's theme is Heroes and Heroines...so get designing your tree and let's make Kineton really sparkle this Christmas.

More information at www.kinetonchristmastreerail.co.uk or ring Gill on 01926 640437.