

# Whixley News - April 2020

We are now 5½ weeks into the official lockdown which started on 23rd March, although many were self-isolating and social distancing for a week or two before the official lockdown commenced. As residents of our lovely rural village we are more fortunate than those who don't have this glorious countryside on their doorsteps, or the open spaces in which we can safely take our exercise.



The communication methods that have been established in the village have been very helpful in, on the one hand, allowing people to summon and provide help when needed, and on the other hand to help keep up the spirits of the community in this difficult time. The WhatsApp groups have been particularly active, as has the Whixley Village Facebook Group which now has over 350 members. Usage stats for the Whixley website show a 200% increase in traffic over a normal month.

Not surprisingly, there is little to report in terms of village events either that have happened in April, or are planned for May. Please visit the website <https://whixley.org> and keep an eye on the Facebook Group and WhatsApp groups for the latest information which is published as soon as it becomes available.

## Local Shopping

Whixley village shop is open from 7.30am to 1.30pm Monday to Friday, Saturday from 8.30am to 1.30 and Sundays from 9am to 12 noon. Helen and her team continue to offer a wide range of goods, including daily bread deliveries. Fish can be ordered and delivered to the Whixley shop for collection on Fridays along with other goodies you may like for the weekend. Please order in advance through the Marton shop 01423 322343 and use the 'pip and collect' service. (Fish orders need to be in on Mondays). See the [village shop Facebook Page](#) for opening time details which are subject to change.

Tancred Farm Shop (<https://www.tancredfarmshop.co.uk/>) is open as usual. They're also operating a collection service. If you're isolating, your order is numbered and left outside to collect. Call them on 01423 330764.

Ainsty Farm Shop (<http://www.ainstyfarmshop.co.uk/>) is open for business but only on a click and collect service. Phone your order through and they will call you when it's ready for collection and ask you for payment and details of the car you will use to collect. You just drive to the shop, pip your horn, and they will come out and put it in the boot of your car. Call on 01423 331897

## Prepared Food Delivery

Of particular interest to residents may be the various food delivery services that have emerged. Some of the local restaurants are now offering takeaway menus. Here's just a selection:

- The Hideaway kitchen in Dunsforth (<https://hideawaykitchen.co.uk>) is offering takeaway food, including traditional fish and chips, on certain nights of the week.
- The Masons Arms in Hopperton (<http://www.masonshopperton.co.uk>) is also doing takeaway food - you need to call 01423 330442 for details of their menu.
- Andy Annat, a local chef, has taken over the kitchens at Harrogate Rugby Club and is offering a food delivery service which includes Whixley. For details see <https://food.andyannat.com>.
- Next week on May 5th the Big Red Oven Pizza company (<https://bigredoven.co.uk/>) will be delivering pre-ordered pizzas in Green Hammerton.

Many of the Harrogate restaurants are also offering takeaway services although not many of them will deliver to Whixley. Click [HERE](#) to go to the page in the Harrogate Advertiser website which maintains a list of such businesses.

## Local Services and Information

In the village and surrounding area there is lots of support available. Here is a list of some of the services or information sources that you can access.

- [Prescription Collection Service](#)
- [Harrogate Borough Council - Coronavirus Latest Update](#)
- [Beware of Coronavirus Scams](#)

## Boroughbridge Community Care Services

BCCS are here to support those who are self-isolating who do not have any local friends or family to call upon for help. They are working closely with community groups and organisations to be able to help with the following:

- Delivering shopping, supplies
- Collecting non urgent prescriptions
- A friendly phone call
- Helping with pets and dog walking
- Signposting to other places that can offer help
- Provide a list of local suppliers who are delivering in the area

To get in touch with Boroughbridge Community Care Call 01423 324504 or email [boroughbridgecommunitycare@gmail.com](mailto:boroughbridgecommunitycare@gmail.com). If you do have friends, family or neighbours who can help please ask them for assistance before calling BCCS.

## An Update from the Chair of the Parish Council

As lockdown continues, and social distancing becomes a part of our lives, I hope everyone is coping. Remember we have volunteers to help with essential needs if you are self-isolating so please call me if you have a problem and I will do my best to help (01423 330746).

**Book Swap:** we now have a book swap outside Bay House, Stonegate – simply bring along a book or two and swap. The more use it gets, the better the selection gets!

**Jigsaw Swap:** Just the same as the book swap but for jigsaws!

**Fly Tipping:** we have had several reports of this – please ring Harrogate Council on 01423 500600 and report the location – they will do their best to deal with this.

**Dog Poo:** thank you to the majority who clear up after their dogs. Sadly we have one or two people who continue to leave their dog's poo for others to step in – very unpleasant – so please bag it and bin it. It is an offence not to do this.

### **VE Day 75th Anniversary**

A number of people have suggested we mark this day so I am sure that those who wish to decorate their houses in red, white and blue (or whatever you have) will do so. Can I suggest that at 6.30 pm on Friday 8 May we all come outside our houses, as on Thursday nights, and raise a glass to remember the end of the Second World War in Europe and toast our courage and forbearance in coping with the current crisis.

I have asked those who have memories of 8 May 1945 to share them. Historically we must never forget the current crisis and I'd like to ask anyone (of any age) to write something/ or draw a picture showing what they did and how they were feeling on Friday 8 May 2020. Our webmaster will create a page on the village website to share the memories and, for those who prefer, please post the originals to me at Bay House, Stonegate. I will display some in the village hall windows for us all to share.

Please stay safe, and if you feel able, join in the Thursday night (8pm) clap which gets louder each week. Look after your neighbours and please share this with those who may not use the internet.

Regards  
Clare Beckett  
Chairman  
Whixley Parish Council & Resilience Committee  
(01423 330746)

## Quiz

Under the Activities Menu on the website there is a [Quiz Page](#). Every few days a new quiz will be posted on this page with the answers posted a few days later. We are grateful to Gareth Chapman for starting off this initiative, and we invite residents to submit their own quizzes for posting on the site. If you have a quiz you'd like to share, please email it, and the answers, as PDF files to [webmaster@whixley.org](mailto:webmaster@whixley.org).



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## Bridge Afternoon Fundraiser, 24th September

**Charity  
Bridge  
Afternoon**  
at  
**Whixley Village Hall**  
**Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**1:30 - 4:30pm**  
**£50 per table of four**  
**Includes Sumptuous Afternoon Tea**  
**Prizes for Highest overall score and**  
**First slam bid and made**  
Contact Ian McNeill  
[ian@mcneill.org.uk](mailto:ian@mcneill.org.uk), 01423 339061  
All proceeds in support of the Village Hall  
Registered charity No: 523992  
• Singles and Pairs welcome  
• We'll make up tables of 4  
• Where possible, players should bring their  
own table cloths, bidding boxes and cards

Looking forward to being able to restart village hall activities and, if we can, the annual bridge afternoon, including sumptuous afternoon tea prepared by the wonderful Ladies of Whixley, will be held this year on Thursday September 24th. Tables of 4, pairs or individuals are all welcome and we'll do our best to find partners for any singletons.

The cost is £12.50 per person (£50 per table of 4) and includes the aforementioned afternoon tea. Contact Ian McNeill ([ian@mcneill.org.uk](mailto:ian@mcneill.org.uk) or 01423 339061) to book. All are welcome, and if you would like a poster for your bridge club or notice board you can download one by [clicking HERE](#).

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## Whixley Village Facebook Group



If you are into Facebook then there is a [Facebook Group](#) that you can sign up to and use to communicate village issues to other group members. You can read about the group and why it could be useful and important by clicking the link above. **Over 360** people have joined the group so far, and it's set up so that existing members can invite new members directly.



The Village Hall also has a [Facebook Page](#) which you are invited to like, and a [Twitter feed](#) that you can follow.



## Village Lottery

Since the start of the lottery in October 2018 over £1,000 has been paid out in prize money to 30 lucky winners. The lottery runs over a 10-month period with a draw held on the last day of each month from October to July. The first draw of the current period took place on October 31st 2019.

If you would like to join in this year's lottery, visit the [lottery webpage](#) for details of how to join. There are 200 numbers available at a cost of £2 per month (£6 for all 3 months left of the current period, payable in advance). Details of available numbers are published on the website [HERE](#) and details of winning numbers are published [HERE](#).

Note that while the Coronavirus crisis lasts we will be drawing the lottery each month using an electronic random number generator. The process will be overseen online by 2 members of the Village Hall committee and the winning numbers published in the usual way. Winners will be contacted by email.

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And finally.....

Please also feel free to pass on a copy of this newsletter to anyone interested in events in Whixley, and they can use the link below to register on the village email list to receive regular updates about the village.

**To Join the Village Email List**

[Click HERE](#)