

Somerford Keynes Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

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Coronavirus Emergency

We are all aware of the serious problems with the coronavirus situation. It is vitally important that we, as a community, pull together to help each other through this problem. The latest information to hand is that most public and club meetings in the VH and Church are cancelled for the foreseeable future. The individual groups will no doubt keep you informed. **The Parish Council will do all it can to help residents through this crisis but we will need your help to succeed.** We have a great number of vulnerable households in the Parish who may be “self-isolating” and will need the help from those who are able to give it. If you are in this vulnerable group, which includes those over 70, those who have health problems and those who may have already been asked to self-isolate because of symptoms it is important that you let us know so that we can help. If you can offer support to those in this situation for such simple things as shopping or just keeping in touch by telephone, Skype or email, please let us know. If you could please let us know what help you can give and if you could perhaps act as a co-ordinator for part of the village or for those friends you have in the Parish it would be a great help. We do not have a full list of e-mail contacts or telephone details for everybody and if you release them to the PC we would try to ensure that they remain confidential by use of the “bcc” facility. The center point of contact is, of course, initially the Parish Clerk Wendy but if we can split the Parish up into smaller groups it would be a great help. All suggestions and offers are greatly appreciated in this unprecedented situation. We will send out more information as it becomes available.

Roger Sleeman, Chair SKPC (861742)

Further Information

The CDC offer the following advice:

As you know, we must do all we can to help those in our communities that are likely to become more isolated as measures are put in place to delay the spread of Covid-19. There are some simple but effective things we can all do to help:

- Making sure they have enough food and other general supplies to cover a few days - **there is no need to panic buy though**
- Walking their dog, picking up a prescription, putting out their bins or taking in a parcel
- Phoning, Skyping or Facetime them so they can see a friendly face, helping to reduce their isolation
- Sharing child care or other caring responsibilities
- Checking if any of their planned appointments have been cancelled before they travel
- Making sure they have some simple recipes to hand, if they are not the normal chef or have done some batch cooking for the freezer

Locally:

The Bakers Arms:

The Royal Oak have now secured many essential food items that are available for home delivery or collection from either The Royal Oak or The Bakers Arms. Orders must be phoned through for next day delivery or collection; payment must be made over the phone when ordered.

The food box consists of:

Pasta 250g: Six Eggs:1 Pint Milk: Flour 500g: Loaf of Bread: 20 Tea Bags: Sugar 250g; 2 Toilet Rolls: Carton of Orange Juice

Box Price £6.50: Please call 01285 869700 to place your order

Jesse Smiths Butcher

Are planning from next Tuesday opening a food delivery service. [Tel:653352](tel:653352) (also available on Facebook)

