

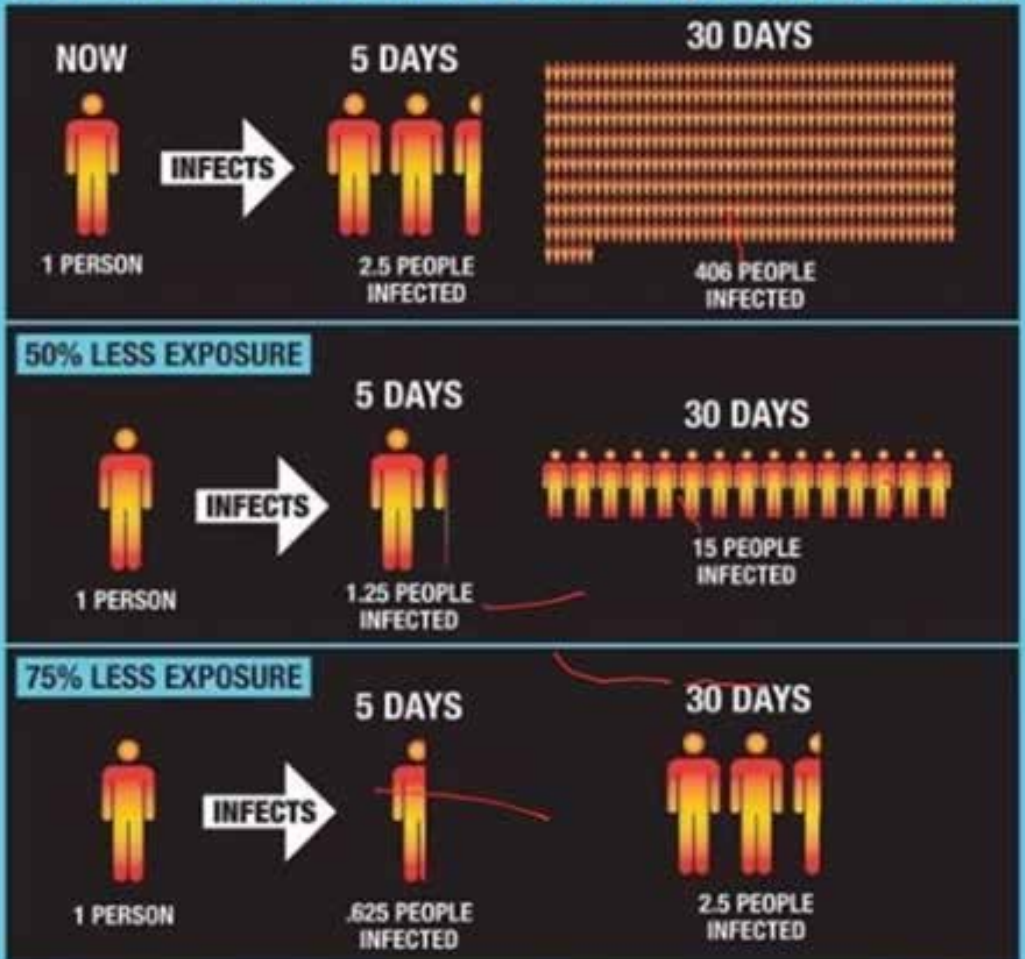
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TOWN COUNCIL

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## DEAR RESIDENTS

This is a very difficult newsletter to write given the current Covid 19 crisis, because parts may be some two weeks out of date by the time you get it. We have tried to include information for those of you who are not on the internet or don't have smart phones to help through the current circumstances as well as covering our general Town Council news. Keep safe and keep well, everyone.

We are aware that many of you have got involved with locally formed groups to support each other in the present situation and this seems to be the best way of helping everyone. We would encourage those of you with near neighbours who are elderly and who you are not sure they have family support, to please get in touch with them. Drop a note through their door with your phone number....perhaps all those teenagers who have escaped GCSE's and A-levels could do this?

If you need help and cannot get it, please ring the Town Council on **01908 585368** and we will try to help. We are ready to action whatever the Government requires us to do. Alternatively, ring **Helping Hands** on **07934 287255** if you live in Woburn Sands or Aspley Heath. All their volunteers are DBS checked. Ring to register as someone needing assistance. Love Woburn Sands are also providing and managing volunteers for prescription collection and delivery, but you need to ring Asplands to access this service.

***If you can help with Town Council or Helping Hands or Love WS work, please ring them. Most of the people involved with these organisations are themselves in the over 70 group!***



## ASPLANDS MEDICAL CENTRE

has shut its Woburn Surgery although calls there will be transferred to Asplands. If you usually collect prescriptions from Woburn, you should get a family member or friend to now collect from Asplands itself. All non urgent routine checks and services are also suspended so that the surgery can concentrate on urgent care. Of course, on no account should you go to the surgery if you have a fever or persistent new cough or indeed if anyone you have been in contact with has these symptoms.

If you ring the surgery for an appointment you will be asked what is wrong and offered the appropriate means of a solution, probably a phone chat.

**Use the online service**

**<https://111.nhs.uk/service/COVID-19>, or ring 111 for advice.**

## TAKE AWAY AND DELIVERY SERVICES FROM LOCAL OUTLETS

Several local pubs/restaurants and shops are offering services and further details can be seen on their relevant websites. We would encourage all those below to display what's on offer in your window for those not on the internet. But, here is a list, as we are currently told, of what's on offer, in alphabetical order.

**AUBERGINE FINE FOODS:** Shop open **9am-2pm** and operating a strict distancing policy. Offering delivery of sandwiches, salads, cakes and brownies plus staple food stuffs such as bread, pasta, eggs, pulses as available, deli products such as cheeses, salami, olives and wine. Phone **01908 582020** between 9am and 2pm, deliveries to doorstep, payment over phone or collect in person and pay by card.

**BEST FRUIT MILTON KEYNES:** Offers food boxes with minimum £15 spend. Phone **07534 366546**

**BLUE ORCHID RESTAURANT:** Thai and Indian food take away and delivery service **5.30-9.30pm**. Phone **01908 282877**

**FIR TREE PH:** take away service. Phone **01908 582127**

**FLOOTES WOBURN:** Take aways and home delivery of a range of meals, snacks and wines 11am-7pm. Phone **01525 290260**

**FRATELLI WOBURN:** Take away Italian meals and home deliveries. **12-2.30pm** and **6-9.30pm**. Phone **01525 290105**



**GIOVANNIS:** Take away and delivery of pizzas, pastas and risottos. Phone **01908 583330**

**JALORI:** Indian restaurant offering takeaways and home deliveries. Phone **01908 281226/28123**

**LA MARIA CAFÉ:** take away pasta dishes, breakfasts and paninis. Open for collection 8.30am-3.30pm. Phone **01908 586162**

**NONNA'S:** Italian and Maltese takeaways including lasagne, pasta bakes, pizzas. Can also order supplies such as pasta, cleaning products, tinned tomatoes, toilet rolls and deliver to your home or bring to your car in the car park. Phone **01908 584397**

**RED PEPPER CATERING:** Hot meals for delivery. Phone **01908 048820**

**SANDS BRASSERIE** (was the Fort): Indian takeaways. Menus in leaflets on door (shut Tuesdays). Phone **01908 282002**

**STATION TAVERN PH:** Takeaway service. Phone **01908 582495**

**SWAN PH:** Takeaway beer and wine, currently 50% off, order by phone **01908 583204** for collection **11am-4pm**

**WAVENDON ARMS PH:** Take away beer and wine, must be collected. Can

order milk, eggs, butter, cheese, veg and fruit: bring your own box/bag for collection. Phone **01908 584277**

**WILTSHIRE FARM FOODS:** deliveries of ready-made meals. Phone **01525 242220** for brochure.

**WOBURN BRASSERIE:** Take away orders 10am-3pm. Phone **01525 292500.**

**WOBURN COUNTRY FOODS:** Quality retail butcher offer home deliveries through their website.

**WOBURN SANDS EMPORIUM:** Offering takeaways and delivery of food boxes. Phone **01908 916812**

This list is also on our website and will be added to as more information becomes available. It is worth wandering up to the High Street (but stay the required 2m from others) as most places will have notices in their windows of what they can offer.

*Your support of our businesses during this very difficult time for all of them is much appreciated and we do so very much hope that all will be able to stay in business until life returns to some normality. Our sincere thanks to all the businesses for your efforts on behalf of our community.*



## OTHER CLOSURES AND CANCELLATIONS:

**Milton Keynes Library** service has closed all libraries. You can return books through the letter box at our library. All book clubs operated through the library service are also closed. Keep the book you currently have until the service resumes.

**The Annual Town Meeting** scheduled for 21 April is cancelled and reports which would have been delivered there will be on our website after that date.

**VE Day Celebrations** which were planned for 8 May will sadly not take place. We are very grateful to Diana Young from Churches Together, Len Jenkins and Karen Boote from Woburn Sands Band and Siobhan and her Jazz Majors who have all been involved with us in planning this event.

**Community Market** won't go ahead in April, but watch their face book page: Woburn Sands Community Market as some stall holders may have items for sale on that.

**The Recreation Ground and Edgewick Farm** are both still open unless the Government issues new orders, but adhere to the 2m distancing and in particular, no use of playground equipment, no kicking a football around with mates. Wash your hands before and after your outing and please, please put your dog's poo in the bins or take it home and put it in your black sack.

## A MESSAGE FROM REV DIANA YOUNG, VICAR AT ST MICHAEL'S



We are unable to offer services at the church at present, and have been ordered to shut all church buildings, but as soon as we can the church will be reopened for quiet reflection during daylight hours.

We are still a church community as we pray in our homes. We are praying very much for our friends, neighbours, our community, the government and the NHS at this time.

We are regularly posting on our website [www.stmichaels.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels.org.uk) or Facebook page **St Michael's Woburn Sands**.

We welcome virtual visitors if you can't leave your home.

I hope to set up conversation groups for those who are alone, but meanwhile I can be contacted on **07887 296588** or **01908 584598** at any reasonable time or via email to [revdianay@gmail.com](mailto:revdianay@gmail.com).



## AND NOW NORMAL COUNCIL NEWS

**Expressway:** The Government has announced it will not be going ahead with the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, but will instead look at improving existing road links between the two cities. This does, however, mean that developers will shortly be submitting their proposals under Plan SEMK for 3000 houses between Bow Brickhill, Woburn Sands and Wavendon either side of the railway. We are closely involved with the master plan for this project with the prime aim of protecting Woburn Sands from the impact of this development.

**CCTV:** In the near future our new CCTV system will be installed initially in the High Street. It will enable us to monitor car parking and those parking on double yellow lines and going over the waiting limit as well as looking at unacceptable behaviour .... Including, during Covid 19 restrictions, keeping 2m apart from each other! This is largely being funded from monies saved from the removal of the public toilet. The camera can be moved elsewhere in the town as necessary.



**20mph speed limits:** Milton Keynes Council has gone ahead with its proposal to implement this speed limit in Chapel Street, Theydon Avenue, Wood Street and the High Street. We have opposed some of the waiting restrictions proposed by Milton Keynes Council and await the outcome of these proposals.

**Two new councillors:** We are delighted to welcome Jo Green and Richard Lanyon-Hogg on to our council. Both have considerable experience which we are sure will enhance our team. We thank others who also applied to fill the two vacancies we had. It is reassuring to know local interest exists in our work.



**Community Grants:** We give small grants to locally based groups/organisations each year, and the slot for applying for these is **1 April-12 June**. Please contact the office if you need further information or download a form from our website.



**Climate Control Group:** the current Covid 19 crisis must not let us lose sight of the overriding problems building in our world through climate change. Our own local group led by Cllr Peter Skelton is looking at ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the effects of climate change in our community. Please contact **Peter** on **[pwskelto@waitrose.com](mailto:pwskelto@waitrose.com)** if you would like to join the group and let him know your particular area of expertise on this matter.

**Shoppers car park:** There are a few cars seemingly permanently parked in our car park. At least one is in a space which will shortly be devoted to an electric car recharging point, so will be removed if the owner does not do so very soon! This car park is for the benefit of shoppers and users of the High Street facilities and is important in maintaining the viability of our High Street. It is not reasonable to leave a car here permanently.

**News from Edgewick Farm.** Following an autumn blessed with bumper crops of apples and parasol mushrooms, we've had a relatively mild if wet winter, and the first frogs' spawn was seen in the pond on 8 March. The Friends of Edgewick Farm are trying to encourage more wild flowers in the fields. The top field is being sown with yellow rattle and the corn cockle seeded in the picnic area last autumn is already showing its pretty mauve flowers. The doughty volunteers have been busy all year with cutting back over exuberant gorse and brambles, fencing repairs, some tree surgery and their least favourite jobs of litter picking and collecting dog poo bags from the few inconsiderate dog owners who seemingly have still not discovered the dog poo bins nearby. The board walk laying project continues, weather and Corona virus permitting, and we may need extra volunteer sessions later including help loading trailers and portaging materials....contact Peter Skelton (as for Climate Change group).



A Fuller's earth heritage trail is being worked on and will be launched in MK Heritage week in September...we hope! It will be over the Greensand Escarpment starting from Edgewick Farm and tracing the local history of Fuller's earth workings locally.

**FINALLY**, our website [www.woburnsands.org.uk](http://www.woburnsands.org.uk) has a new Covid 19 section and local information so keep in touch, keep safe, keep well.

**HELLO!** If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

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I live locally at

.....

My phone number is

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If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

Picking up shopping

Posting mail

A friendly phone call

Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)



Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.

**#ViralKindness**

The WSTC webpage is maintained by the Council Staff and is an ongoing project. If you have any comments, or you think that something should be included or a contact detail changed on the website, please contact the Council.

You could always use the Contact us & Enquiry Form link from the Home Page!

