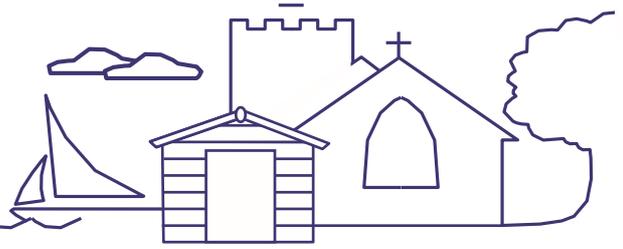


# Felpham Village Conservation Society



## NEWSLETTER - April 2020



FROM CHAIRMAN JOYCE

Although we are all living in the most extra ordinary times, I do hope you are keeping well and enjoying the sunshine.

Unfortunately due to the continuing lockdown it means there are no Monthly Committee Meetings and our Annual AGM has obviously been postponed. Also, as you know, all Society activities and events are suspended until further notice.

We understand that the lack of social contact is proving very challenging for some of our members, but everyone appreciates that protecting our health and the NHS must take priority.

During this time and as the Government's lockdown restrictions do not preclude walking, jogging or cycling for exercise, we are fortunate there are a number of areas of beauty for our activities. The local parks are still open for walking and jogging, as is the seafront, prom and beach at low tide. Hotham Park is a very relaxing area to walk around to see the amazing wooden statues. Cycling on the track up from the Felpham Community College, also maintaining distancing, cycling along the prom to the Bognor Pier, or change direction and go towards Middleton. Walking or cycling along the Rife which borders Bognor Golf Club is another area of interest, especially for wildlife.

Many of us are learning different skills, whether we are watching those cookery programmes and finding the ingredients we didn't know we had in the back of our cupboards; home schooling with our children and having to remember our times tables; online websites for keeping us healthy with exercising at home; also helping those in the community and checking our neighbours are keeping well.

Finally, my message is please **Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and Stay Home**

This newsletter includes information on where to get help should you, a partner or a friend need it.

If you are in a clinically vulnerable category, you can sign up on the Government's website.

This might help you to get a priority delivery slot from the big supermarkets.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable>

There are a number of us in the local area who are helping those less able in the community and the Felpham Emergency Resilience Volunteer Group are ready to help all of us.



We are extremely grateful to our local shops and services for helping us all during this pandemic and especially those neighbours who are lending a hand to help with shopping collecting and delivering medication. Our regular church services, now held remotely throughout Felpham, Middleton and Bognor.

We all miss our way of life, which changed in March this year but we urge you all please

*STAY HOME AND SAVE THE*



## ST MICHAEL'S ALLOTMENTS

Allotment plot holders are allowed to tend their plots and FVCS have their own plot at St Michael's Allotments on Felpham Way. Members are welcome to come and do some work and share in the produce. Before the lockdown we had a regular Tuesday morning session, but now we need to ensure not everyone is working together, therefore any member who would like to help on the plot should telephone Glenn on 07595905010 and he will advise a time and tasks needed. We do have plant available, including perennials and vegetables. Again, ring Glenn who will let you know how you can get some.

## LOCAL HELP

Some options..

**Felpham Post Office** - provisions and postal requirements -

Opening times: 9am – 1pm (times may vary)

**Summerley Stores** - provisions and postal requirements / Phone: 01243 587666

**Gaterells** - meats, pies, vegetables, etc -

Phone: 01243 870900 / Opening Times: 8am – 1pm

**Grande Wines** - Off Licence providing drinks and snacks / Phone: 01243 864660

**Village Fryery** - Takeaway fish & chips, pies -  
Phone: 01243 821154

**So India** - Takeaway meals / Phone: 01243 865646

Full details for each of the local stores and other help available is on the internet, but of course not everyone has this facility, therefore please leave a note with your contact details at the Felpham Post Office addressed to FVCS. If you do know of other help given in the community and we will add to our next Newsletter.

## LOCAL WORSHIP

All the three local churches are responding too and helping their parishioners throughout this difficult time.

**St Mary's Church** – Rev John Challis

[www.stmarysfelpham.org](http://www.stmarysfelpham.org)

[www.stmarysfelpham.org/st-marys-stream](http://www.stmarysfelpham.org/st-marys-stream)

**Felpham Methodist Church** – Rev Dan Balsdon

[www.felpham-methodist-church.org.uk/how-were-responding-during-the-covid-19-outbreak](http://www.felpham-methodist-church.org.uk/how-were-responding-during-the-covid-19-outbreak)

revdanbalsdon.com

**Our Lady of Sorrows** – Father Chris Bergin

[www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk](http://www.bognorcatholicparish.co.uk)

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCiRPATIIoIsUNPUGt5k6V-g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiRPATIIoIsUNPUGt5k6V-g)

## FACEBOOK PAGES

As some of you are aware the Society have a Facebook Page – Felpham Village Conservation Public Group. The pages are always being updated with items of interest and to keep you informed of where you may get help do take a look and join in with some of the interesting articles.



**Stay at Home Street Party** - decorate your house with Red, White and Blue to commemorate the end of WW2.

By now we will have seen the remarkable achievement by **Captain Tom Moore** and his lead up to his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 30<sup>th</sup> April – here is a poem which says it all.....



### “THE HEROES WALK

I'd like to tell a story  
Of the retired Captain Moore  
And how he managed to raise millions  
5 foot from his door

At the grand old age of 99  
And never seeking fame  
He started a simple task  
That put the rest of us to shame

While the world is at a stand still  
People alone with all their fears  
The Captain started walking  
Despite his advancing years

The people of his country  
Saw a hero rise once more  
And for that a nation Salutes you  
Retired Captain Moore  
The Heroes Walk

By Matt Walford

### Your Help is Always Needed

Although we are unable to meet and enjoy our activities as in the past, we would welcome new committee members to bring in fresh ideas for the future and share the load when our events return. We also have a great pool of volunteers who turn out for specific projects and help is always needed on these occasions. If you think you could be a committee member or a volunteer please contact the Secretary at 15 Culver Road Felpham PO22 or email – *see details below*

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This is your newsletter send us your poems, pictures, useful links and reflections on lockdown. Send to:

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