

Fangfoss, Spittal and Bolton Coronavirus Support Newsletter 1st April

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Dear Neighbours,

As we write this the government has said that social isolation and social distancing are working. Despite the rise in the number of confirmed cases and the death toll we are all minimising the risk by following the guidelines. For those at home only going out for once a day exercise or essential shopping it may seem arduous but we thank you for thinking of others and taking the message seriously. Remember staying at home will save lives. However, we would like to start this newsletter by saying thank you to those on the front line working. From health, emergency & care workers to dustbin collection, from utilities keeping our homes lit and warm to shop workers keeping food available, from post delivery and those schools open for the children of essential workers, to the transport industry keeping supplies on the move to farmers working towards the next harvest and many, many others, we salute you and thank you for all you are doing to keep us all healthy (particularly if you live in the village!)

This newsletter is coming out early so that we can update you as quickly as possible on the shop and the pub – in future we will try to leave it at least a week between newsletters.

Costcutter: We are delighted to confirm the pop-up shop has arrived on the Carpenters Arms carpark and it will **open Thursday 2nd April at 10am**. Regular opening times will be 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and 10am to 2pm on Sundays. Costcutter will assess the demand after a couple of weeks and review opening hours and days as necessary. They will have two staff on duty and as someone arrives to shop one will stand outside. Once that shopper leaves then the next can enter i.e. one shopper inside at a time, if there is a queue please stand two metres apart and allow people to move away with their purchases

Plant Exchange: The plant exchange will be set up in the pub garden – there will be clear signs to ensure social distancing. Take your spare plants/seeds/compost/pots and anything else garden related to the pub garden, browse what others have left and take home anything you like. If you cannot or should not be leaving your home and have some plants give us a call and we will collect or let us know if you want some plants and we will let you know what is available. Again, if you want some books dropping off or collecting just let us know.

Library exchange: There will also be a book exchange in the pub garden. Strong plastic lidded boxes will be put out for people to take/leave any books they would like to share. Please wipe all book covers with a cloth dampened with disinfectant before you leave them. Please remember for both books and plants keep your distance – no more than two people together and keep at least 2 metres apart.

Carpenters Arms: Message from John & Sally: After a very well supported weekend – Thank You all – we are going to be open for takeaway drinks as follows: Monday – Thursday 5-8pm Friday 5-9pm Saturday & Sunday 3-9pm (as before bring your own drinks containers if possible).

We are going to trial a food takeaway offer this weekend, Friday, Saturday & Sunday – it will be subject to availability and both your support & patience will be needed! Please call 01759 369745 between 12noon - 4pm on the day to place your order & arrange a collection time between 5-8pm. Your food will then be available to collect at the agreed time. Collection times will have to be spaced out so that everyone is not trying to collect at the same time –

sorry! This week's menu: Friday is Beef Burger & Chips; Saturday & Sunday will be Homemade Chicken, Ham & Leek Pie & Chips. Hope to see you (briefly) over the weekend. John & Sally

Dog Walking: If you are self-isolating and can't get out to walk your dog please contact us as we have volunteers who will do this for you

East Riding volunteers: There are many volunteer groups across the East Riding. If you have concerns about a family member or friend in another part of the county please call 01482 393919 and they will make sure your loved one is being looked after.

Light up the village: In an act of solidarity while keeping our distance we are asking all of you to dust down your Christmas lights and put on a light show – outside or in your window. This is for fun and to show that we are all in this together and supporting each other. To give you time to sort your lights out let's have a grand switch on at 8.30 on Saturday night. If the children want to join in why don't they put a teddy in a window to show there is a child in the house, then everyone can wave/clap/toot their horn as they go by to say hello.

Village website: We will be posting all the newsletters and any other related information on the village website – www.fangfoss.net If you have access to the internet please check from time to time to see what is new.

Parish News: The Parish News magazines, together with inserts from the Parish Council, had already been printed when the government's latest advice on social distancing was issued. Although several of the articles relate to events that will no longer take place, there are things of interest in the magazine that we hope you will enjoy reading. The magazine is therefore being distributed in tandem with this newsletter, thus eliminating the need for extra distributors.

Avon calling: Anyone missing the cosmetics counter can order from Mandy Carver in the village. Collect a catalogue from the Carpenters or call 07917 652620 to have one delivered.

Changing the clocks: OK hands up that little error escaped our proof readers! Hopefully you all realised our mistake and put your clocks forward.

Finally a few more things to feel positive about

- We have an amazing group of **volunteers ready and waiting** to help anyone who is not venturing outside their house. (Even more people have volunteered since last week so do please don't be shy call whenever you would like a little help). Don't forget to get your medication orders in early for Easter.
- Trees are coming into blossom and looking wonderful and the birds are singing
- The weather may have changed but the gardens were ready for a little rain
- Those at home have the opportunity to do all those things they would do "one day"

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