

## CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE – APRIL 2020

As I write this, the village has been in coronavirus lock-down for about two weeks along with the rest of the UK. Most of us have been inundated with information on the local and global situation from the television, radio, and many other news sources. Key information on local help is available on our web-site and Facebook page, but the Bulletin remains an important source of information for many local residents, particularly those who may not be active internet users. In this issue we have tried to include key sources of information that people should be aware of – and perhaps provide a handy reference guide for some of this key information.

No one knows how long the situation will last, but the village has taken a number of important steps to ensure those in need of help are getting support. As you may be aware, a group of volunteers was quickly formed and many others are helping neighbours, friends and family with things like getting groceries, prescriptions and just checking to see how they are doing.

**Coronavirus support process** – Details on how to get support or volunteer are provided in an article by John Bradon and Lily King who are coordinating this effort. If you need help, send a request to [WOTvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:WOTvolunteers@gmail.com). They are working to coordinate prescription pick-ups to 3 times a week (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays), where possible, to make the process more efficient as there are often queues at Lloyds pharmacy. About 50 residents have signed up as volunteers, and the numbers of requests are starting to increase after a slow start. There have been about 40 logged requests leading up to Easter weekend, and I know there are many more informal support activities going on throughout the village. This support is incredibly important to a number of people. We have plenty of capacity for now so please to do not hesitate to make a request if you need support.

**Village Open Spaces** – Key government messages on protecting yourself and others from coronavirus are summarised later in the Bulletin. Government instructions are clear that playgrounds should

be closed so the Manor Road Playground has been closed until further notice. The Village Green and other open spaces are still open but we encourage everyone to be responsible and stay at least two metres apart whilst they are enjoying the fresh air and exercise. Dogs should be kept on a lead where they may be close to other people in spaces such as the Village Green.

**Village Emergency Plan** – You may be aware that the Village Emergency Plan was only formally approved at the February Parish Council meeting after a group of volunteers met in January to finalise the plan.

- One of the key elements of the plan is Telephone Tree contact list for various streets and areas of the Village. We had an excellent turnout of a dozen volunteers at the January meeting, which formed the basis of the now approved plan that is available on the web-site.
- While we never expected to put it into action so soon, this plan was the initial basis to quickly enable coordination of the volunteer activities in the village when it became aware that this was required in March just a few short weeks ago. The core group has now been significantly expanded and the process adapted to suit the crisis.

**Village Plan** – It may seem a long time ago, but hard copies of the Village Plan were delivered to all households in February by John Bradon and the Village Plan team. The Parish Council and other groups in the village have been making good progress with implementation of many of the recommendations, however it is clear that a number of initiatives will need to be put on hold during the coronavirus lock-down as groups cannot meet, at least face-to-face.

- The nine major recommendations are being progressed in a phased manner, including the Emergency Plan, Village Hall improvements, and selection of contractor for Conservation Area Assessment, which was confirmed at the February PC meeting.

- Most of the eleven minor Village Plan recommendations are also being progressed. A decision to approve the design and fund the establishment of a Polish Church Memorial Garden on Manor Road was agreed in the February PC meeting.

**Traffic and Parking Improvements** – Traffic and parking issues are considered to be the highest priority initiative from the Village Plan based on surveys of village residents. TAPAG had very good turnout for the Open Day in February for informal consultation on the first phase of the Traffic and Parking improvements on the High Street. 50 out of 55 residents attending the event registered their support for the proposed changes. Subsequently, a group of residents impacted by the proposed changes raised a number of questions and concerns about the proposal. TAPAG and the Parish Council have met to consider these comments, many of which are being taken on-board, and amendments to the proposal will be considered. We are now planning to hold a follow-on session that will be open to all residents, although we cannot provide a date for the meeting at this time. The Parish Council will not make a decision to proceed with the next step of requesting formal OCC consultation until after this follow-on meeting.

**Coombe Park Fence** – We have been working with SODC and Coombe Park representatives for over a year now to try to find a solution for the new 2.4m green metal fence that was installed in Hartslock Bridleway and has been proposed for their border along Manor Road. A new revised planning application has finally been received at the end of March:

- The fence design has been changed to round-topped vertical timber palings mounted on a steel frame, overall height 2.2m, for the full length of the boundary alongside the bridleway. The gaps between palings are the same width as the palings and there are no spikes at the top.
- There is also extensive landscaping planned between the fence and the bridleway.

- A note on the drawings states that the fence is 'located 1m back from the bridleway'.

At our April meeting, the Parish Council welcomed the improvements to the planning application but still raised the following objections:

- The design should include access for wildlife to address recent situations where a deer was caught under the metal fence along a route that is known as an ancient badger run.
- The 1m verge is insufficient to ensure access to both pedestrians and large farm vehicles that regularly use the bridleway. The plan for native hedging in front of the fence could quickly fill the 1m space. We request the fence go back to at least its previous location.
- We requested sufficient space between the fence and Village Hall to allow access for maintenance and ensure it doesn't block sunlight into the windows.

Public consultation is open until 20th April.

### **Parish Council changes:**

- The April 9th Parish Council was held as virtual meeting with Zoom. Emergency legislation is now allowing Parish Councils to meet and make decisions virtually to ensure we can carry with essential business for the village. The Parish Council has taken steps to ensure we are able to quickly approve spending or other measures that may be required in this emergency situation. Residents are able to attend meetings via Zoom as they would a normal meeting.
- Hanna Ferguson joined the Parish Council in February. Hanna has lived in Whitchurch since 2016 with her husband and two sons after working in Kenya and Myanmar for the UN. Her children attend the local primary school and preschool, which she has been involved in supporting since relocating to the village.

- Vice Chairman Rachel Hatcher has resigned after more than four years on the council. She stated: “I have very much enjoyed being able to serve the community over the years and now that my children are older, plus with my work location changing to London, I need to be able to change how I use my time.” At the March meeting, all councillors expressed their gratitude for her work as a councillor.
- This means we have one vacancy open for a new councillor. Even though we are working virtually we are able to recruit for this position so please let me know if this is something that you may be interested in.

**Community spirit** – I am pleased to say that many people have commented that the pandemic and lock-down situation has helped foster an unprecedented level of community spirit, bringing us all closer together, even while we remain isolated in our homes. Unfortunately things are likely become more and more difficult in the coming period with an increasing number of residents being affected by work furloughs and the inevitable increase of COVID -19 cases, so community support will become even more important. In addition to efforts by the emergency volunteer team, we all probably know of so many additional examples of neighbours helping each other out. I know of one couple that are getting groceries on a regular basis for 6 other isolated households. Some residents are getting support from multiple neighbours and some volunteers are getting prescriptions and checking in on multiple residents.

We are lucky to live in such a wonderful village at this difficult time. I know that we will all do whatever is required to support each other and get through this.

*Jim Donahue*

Chairman, Whitchurch-on-Thames Parish Council

## HOW TO GET HELP DURING THE PANDEMIC



If you would like your prescription to be collected, some shopping to be done or if you just want someone to keep in touch with how you are, please contact local volunteers by emailing [WoTVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:WoTVolunteers@gmail.com) (please let us have a phone number). You can also ring the phone number on the leaflet you should have had through the door a couple of weeks ago.

50 people in the village have volunteered and there are volunteers in every road. The number of requests for help is starting to increase but we still have plenty of capacity and would be very happy to help.

Lily King is checking the emails and tracking the requests and John Bradon 07789 944676 is maintaining the list of volunteers.

We're on Oxfordshire County Council's list of volunteer groups and they are helping to coordinate requests for help. In Whitchurch Hill, Amanda Holland, the Parish Clerk is coordinating volunteers. Requests for people in Whitchurch Hill can be sent in by the form on the website [www.goringheath.com](http://www.goringheath.com).

### List of Volunteers by Location

Area	Name	Email
Bozodown	Sally Woolhouse	<a href="mailto:Sally.woolhouse@gmail.com">Sally.woolhouse@gmail.com</a>
Eastfield Lane	Alastair and Pippa Ruxton	
Eastfield Lane	Julie Gregory	
Eastfield Lane	Neil Huntington	<a href="mailto:Neil.hunters60@gmail.com">Neil.hunters60@gmail.com</a>
Eastfield Lane	Sarah Hanfrey	<a href="mailto:Sarah_hanfrey@hotmail.com">Sarah_hanfrey@hotmail.com</a>
Hardwick Estate	Peter Watson	
Hardwick Estate	Sasha Gibson	

Hardwick Rd	Kirsty Baker-Smith	
Hardwick Road	Adrian Dixon	adrian@adriandixon.com
Hardwick Road	Annie Jones	
Hardwick Road	Danielle Burns	
Hardwick Road	John Bradon	john@jbradon.co.uk
Hardwick Road	Mary Kernan	
Hardwick Road	Peter Kemp	pjhk@btinternet.com
High Street	Alice Blackham & Clive Finlay	
High Street	Alice McGlyne	
High Street	Andy Heaps	
High Street	Bernarde Hyde	
High Street	Caroline Cresswell	caroline.cresswell@sweetspotrecruitment.co.uk
High Street	Emily Davies	
High Street	Esther Schutzer-Weissman	
High Street	Geoff Weir	geoff.weir@btinternet.com
High Street	Jean-Marc Grosfort	cllrgrsfortwhitchurchonthames@gmail.com
High Street	Lesley Gray	
High Street	Lily King	
High Street	Marc Cresswell	
High Street	Matilda Oppenheimer	
High Street	Mel Taylor	mellyctaylor@hotmail.co.uk
High Street	Sophie Paddick	sophieblackham@hotmail.co.uk
High Street	Suzanne Parke	
Hillside	Hanna Ferguson	cllrferguson.whitchurchonthames@gmail.com
Hillside	Jane Yamamoto	ParishClerk.whitchurchonthames@gmail.com
Manor Road	Alan Boarder	alanboarder@aol.com
Manor Road	Ben Gosling	
Manor Road	Jo Smith	Joanna.s.smith@gmail.com
Manor Road	Richard Lamb	veryverytrickyindeed@gmail.com
Manor Road	Jon & Lissie Steward	ClIRSTeward.whitchurchonthames@gmail.com
Manor Road	Katherine Higley	ClIRhigley.whitchurchonthames@gmail.com
Swanston Field	Kathy (& Alistair) Aitchison	theaitchisons@hotmail.com
Swanston Field	Laura Lucas	
Swanston Field	Michael and Jane Haas	
	Alison Rieple	
	Caroline and Stephen Taylor	
	Mark Davis	

## **SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL SERVICE UPDATE**

**Council tax:** If you are facing any difficulties paying your council tax for any reason, including loss of work or a reduction of income due to the Coronavirus, contact SODC as soon as possible on 0345 302 2313 or email [sodc.counciltax@secure.capita.co.uk](mailto:sodc.counciltax@secure.capita.co.uk). If you are not being paid, and are struggling to pay your bill, please apply for Council Tax Reduction – your account will then be put on hold for thirty days while your application is processed.

**Advice for businesses:** If you're a local business owner and looking for advice on the coronavirus, you can head to the government website or SODC have launched an online form for local businesses to apply for a small business or retail grant at <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/business/business-rates>

**Waste collections:** Most waste collections are running normally but SODC are experiencing a small amount of disruption to some waste collection services. SODC have had to suspend kerbside collections for batteries, small electricals and textiles recycling service because the centres that would normally accept these items are currently unable to take them for processing. Keep these items until the service has resumed and do not put them in the general rubbish or recycling bins because of the fire risk to bin trucks.

**Parking and Toll charges:** SODC have suspended all parking charges in our car parks to 1 June 2020 to support key workers and those needing to shop for essential food and medical supplies. You do not need to display a ticket. West Berkshire County Council is also temporarily suspending parking charges. This applies to the Pangbourne Village Hall car park. The car park in the Pangbourne recreation field is temporarily closed.

We are not aware of any changes to private car park charges in Pangbourne. Pangbourne Co-op parking charges still apply – 15 minute free parking, and up to an hour free parking is you spend £5 or more in the store.



The Toll Bridge company is not charging for bridge crossings for now.

## **Ten tips to help when worried about coronavirus (NHS: Every Mind Matters)**

### **1. Stay connected with people**

Think about how you can stay in touch with friends and family while needing to stay at home.

You could try phone calls, video calls or social media.

### **2. Talk about your worries**

It is OK to share your concerns with others you trust and doing so may help them too. If you cannot speak to someone you know or if doing so has not helped, there are helplines you can try. NHS recommendations include:

- Samaritans (Phone: 116 123, free 24/7)
- YoungMinds (Parents' helpline 0808 802 5544)

### **3. Support and help others**

Try to be understanding of other peoples' concerns, worries or behaviours at this time. Try to think of things you can do to help those around you. Helping does not necessarily mean leaving the house. Is there a friend or family member nearby you could message or call?

### **4. Feel prepared**

Talk with your employer, understand your sick pay and benefits rights, or what support government can provide to your business or if you are self-employed:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

- Look up 'SODC Financial guidance if you've been affected by coronavirus'

## **5. Look after your body**

Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, drink enough water and exercise regularly. You can leave your house, alone or with members of your household, for one form of exercise a day – like a walk, run or bike ride. But make you keep a safe 2-metre distance from others. Or you could try home workouts.

## **6. Stick to the facts and Do not stay glued to the news**

Find a credible source you can trust – such as [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) or the [NHS](https://www.nhs.uk) website. You might also want to consider limiting the time you spend watching, reading or listening to coverage of the outbreak, including on social media.

## **7. Stay on top of difficult feelings**

Concern about the coronavirus outbreak is perfectly normal. However, some people may experience intense anxiety that can affect their daily life. Charities, helplines and communities:

- Anxiety UK
- Mind: anxiety and panic attacks
- NHS self-help guide: anxiety

## **8. Do things you enjoy**

If you cannot do the things you normally enjoy because you are staying at home, think about how you could adapt them, or try something new, like online courses or home music concerts.

## 9. Focus on the present

Focusing on the present, rather than worrying about the future, can help with difficult emotions and improve our wellbeing. Relaxation techniques can also help some people deal with feelings of anxiety, or you could try mindful breathing.

## 10. Look after your sleep

Good-quality sleep makes a big difference to how we feel mentally and physically, so it is important to get enough.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-anxiety-tips/>

## KEY GOVERNMENT MESSAGES FOR PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives**

### 1. Stay at home:

- o Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- o If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- o Wash your hands as soon as you get home

### 2. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

### 3. Do not meet others, even friends or family ('Social distancing').

This is especially important if you:

- o are over 70
- o have an underlying health condition
- o are pregnant,

as you are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus

- 4. Do not leave home at all for 14 days even to buy essentials ('Self-isolating') if you or someone you live with has Coronavirus symptoms:**
- o a high temperature
  - o a new, continuous cough
- 5. Protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable ('Shielding').** People with serious underlying health conditions are at very high risk of severe illness and hospitalization from coronavirus. If you have serious underlying health conditions:
- o You should have received a letter from the Government on how to keep yourself safe
  - o If it is not possible for others to help you to get food or medication, go to [www.gov.uk/coronavirus/extremely-vulnerable](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/extremely-vulnerable) or call 0800 028 8327 and the government can arrange additional support to you as a clinically extremely vulnerable person.
- 6. If you have coronavirus symptoms, to protect others, do not go to places like a GP Surgery, Pharmacy or Hospital. Stay at home, and:**
- o Use the 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do [111.nhs.uk/covid-19/](https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/)
  - o Only call 111 if you cannot get help online (or call straight away if you are classified as 'extremely vulnerable')
  - o Only dial 999 or go to Accident and Emergency if there is an emergency

If you need support with shopping for food and essentials, or help picking up prescriptions, or want someone to call you on regular basis to check up on you, send an email to [wotvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:wotvolunteers@gmail.com) or call the volunteer focal point(s) in your street/area whose number you should have received on a small note through your door. We are here to support each other!



**Honey**  
Pure & simple planning



# PURE AND SIMPLE PLANNING. THAT PROTECTS WHAT MATTERS MOST.

Put your estate and lifetime wealth in good hands.

- Last Will & Testament
- Lasting Power of Attorney
- Protective Will Property Trust
- Living Trust
- Probate & Estate Administration
- Funeral Plans

---

For more information please call:

**David Bowen on 0800 847 7104 or visit**  
**[honeygroup.co.uk/people/DavidBowen](http://honeygroup.co.uk/people/DavidBowen)**

## **WHITCHURCH ON THAMES PRE-SCHOOL (NOTE WHITFEST POSTPONED)**

As we finish term for Easter and reflect on what pupils, staff and parents have achieved, it's with immense pride. We started the term welcoming several more pupils and increasing our Outdoor Learning to twice a week. Many of you helped us raise a huge £171 at the Art Cafe in February and we had several successful parent working groups, tidying up the Pre-School, painting the sheds and building a new climbing frame and other playground toys.

Plans were coming together for Whitfest in May; a celebration of everything that makes our village great, and a key fundraiser for the Pre-School. We had bands, food stalls, a range of exciting free and paid for children's entertainment from toddlers to teenagers, local producers and many of the village societies showcasing their skills. It was gearing up to be a great day out.

We end the term with many plans on hold, but having demonstrated what a strong and skilled community we are.

As soon as the school closed, our staff and committee swung into action creating a full programme of Pre-School activities delivered via online conference. It was designed to not only help parents keep busy Pre-Schoolers engaged and curious, but also to help the children manage the situation by keeping in touch with their friends. The Pre-School online programme is continuing over the Easter holidays (with a reduced schedule) and throughout the next term.

Our major fundraiser, Whitfest, is postponed until September. Meanwhile, we're exploring some online fundraising activities. It costs us £12,000 a year to keep our small village Pre-School open and many of our regular fundraising activities have been cancelled or postponed so we need to get creative.

We're also registering children for starting at the Pre-School in September. If you would like to register your child, please email [whitchurchonthamespreschool@gmail.com](mailto:whitchurchonthamespreschool@gmail.com) to request our Information Pack.

Many thanks again for all your support for our Village Pre-School.

*Melanie Uglow* – Chair, Whitchurch Pre-School

## THE GREEN TEAM

At the parish council meeting on 13th February the creation of a memorial on the footprint of the demolished Polish church in the field at the north end of Manor Road was further discussed.

From previous meetings with local residents and those who have links to the church and garden when it was in use a remit was agreed for the suppliers:

- overall design as in this sketch
- area 4 x 6m to 5 x 7m
- area to be levelled out to create a flat base
- memorial to be hard wearing and vandal proof
- an area for quiet contemplation

The Parish Council has agreed a budget, and from three tenders, a supplier has now been chosen and engaged for the work, which will need to be organised closely with local residents and Coombe Park. The memorial includes two benches and four planters. The ground surface will be of concrete cast within a timber surround. Grants are being investigated for additional items such as an information board and a memorial cross.

Any photos of or information about the church and site that can be used to design the information board or to plan the celebration to “open” the site are most welcome.

To find out more, get involved or share history and memories please get in touch with Alexa on [alexa@ontherunhealthandfitness.co.uk](mailto:alexa@ontherunhealthandfitness.co.uk) or 07557 852600.

### ***In other news;***

Due to the Covid 19 virus working parties are postponed for the foreseeable future. If you are interested in helping with small tasks across the village that can be done by individuals, or those who share a living space, as your “daily exercise” please contact me on [alexa@ontherunhealthandfitness.co.uk](mailto:alexa@ontherunhealthandfitness.co.uk) or 07557 852600

*Alexa Duckworth-Briggs*



### **Sports and Remedial Massage**

**My own private treatment room on Hardwick Road**

**Treating back pain, aches and pains, niggles and sports injuries**

### **Running Coaching**

**Private coaching, technique analysis, training plans and online coaching**

**Alexa Duckworth-Briggs**

**[www.ontherunhealthandfitness.co.uk](http://www.ontherunhealthandfitness.co.uk)**

**07557 852600**



## **THE WHITCHURCH SOCIETY: WHITCHURCH ON THAMES AWARD**

The Whitchurch Society is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for this year's Whitchurch-on-Thames Award. The recipient will be announced at the Annual Assembly in May.

The Award can be given to an individual, or possibly a group, in recognition of their contribution to the village.

Please email the name of your nomination, and why you think they should receive the award, to The Whitchurch Society at [TheWhitchurchAward@gmail.com](mailto:TheWhitchurchAward@gmail.com). The deadline for nominations is Sunday May 10th.



## NATURE NOTES – SPRING

I am very encouraged by the positive response to the introduction of the Whitchurch Nature Notes on the village website on 1st April. Our period of lockdown has coincided with the arrival of Spring, with many of us spending more time than usual enjoying the garden or exercising in and near the village. We felt that some topical illustrated Notes might be of interest, to highlight some of the abundant flora and fauna that is visible (and audible) in our parish through the seasons. I hope that there will be contributions from some of you in the future – I am sure there are many keen ornithologists and botanists, for example, in our community, who would like to share their interests with us. I would welcome any nature news, photos, suggestions, comments or questions by email.

The first issue of the Notes (Spring – Part 1) can be found in the News section of the website. Look out for further issues on Spring covering birds, butterflies and insects, and then more Notes as the seasons progress.

Here is a summary of the first issue written on 31st March (without the photos I'm afraid)

### **Spring flowers**

One of the earliest signs of spring are the charming snowdrops that grace our semi-shady places around the village, but their flowers are now over and turning to seed. They are now replaced by pretty primroses which can be seen in abundance, on sunny banks and under hedges. Most will be the true wild variety with pale yellow flowers but sometimes you will see pink or pinky-yellow flowers instead. These are the result of cross-pollination by insects which have visited the red and pink hybrids of *Primula* or *Polyanthus* garden plants, before visiting wild primroses. Surprisingly, they can occur a long way from any gardens.

At the Maze, the blackthorn is in full blossom, providing a lovely white backdrop to this quiet green space. Unless there are any late, hard frosts, there should be a good crop of sloes – essential

of course for making that favourite winter warmer, sloe gin. Coming into leaf, are the two elm trees which were planted at the Maze by Butterfly Conservation (BC) in 2018. It is a variety which is resistant to the Dutch Elm disease. BC are running a project in our area to increase the number of elms, which are the essential foodplant for the caterpillar of the rare White-Letter Hairstreak butterfly. Other plants now in flower are green alkanet, wood anemones and the ubiquitous sycamore – all of these provide good sources of nectar for the early insects, including bumblebees.

## THE MAZE

The first working party of the season was planned for 4th April but this was cancelled due to the lockdown restrictions. Pete Woolhouse edged and mowed the maze on his own over a couple of days in the week before and Geoff Weir did the strimming around the seating areas. It does now look very tidy and is well visited by walkers taking their daily constitutionals. Photos of the blackthorn and the alkanet which were in full flower featured in the Spring Nature Notes on the village website.

The working party dates (all Saturdays) for the rest of 2020 are as follows:

2nd MAY, 13th JUNE, 4th JULY, 1st AUG, 5th SEPT, 3rd OCT, 7th NOV (if needed) starting at 10am

These plans are of course subject to cancellation, dependent on the limitations on movement and gatherings set by the government at the time. Please check the 'Whats On' on the website or contact me to find out the latest update, before turning up to help.

When we **are** allowed to hold a normal working party again, PLEASE make a resolution to come along to at least one session this season – your help would be much appreciated. All tools are provided.

Another small way in which you could all help keep the Maze looking smart is to give your 'family' bricks a 'wash & brush-up' (but only of

course when this sort of activity is considered OK). There are now three generations of bricks in the circles – the originals dating from 2004, the first restoration ones laid in 2013, and the most recent ones laid in 2018. Many of the pre-2018 ones are looking rather dirty and illegible, so it would be great if you could give your ‘family’ bricks a good scrub with a stiff brush, washing-up liquid & water.

*Sally Woolhouse, [sally.woolhouse@gmail.com](mailto:sally.woolhouse@gmail.com)*

## **EDITOR’S NOTES**

The community response from the Volunteer network, to help vulnerable people self-isolating with their food shopping and prescriptions, has been excellent. This bulletin has been edited without leaving the house and the normal distribution network (we have nine bulletin distributors in the village) has been tweaked with help from this network, to ensure those self-isolating are not asked to leave their homes.

The deadline for Summer Bulletin content will be Sunday 12th July and this issue will cover the period late July through to October 2020. Please email articles to me at [rlwilliamsafcw@btinternet.com](mailto:rlwilliamsafcw@btinternet.com) in PDF or Word format. Articles are welcome from anyone in the Village, not just the regular contributors.

There’s not much to say about forthcoming events in or near the Village due to the lockdown and uncertainty about how long this will last and what form any relief will take. Festivities in the Village (*Whitfest*), Pangbourne and Whitchurch Hill are all being moved back to later in the year. Best advice is to refer to the Village website for any updates.

*Richard L Williams, Editor Whitchurch on Thames Bulletin*



A beautiful 18th Century country style pub and restaurant  
nestled in the small riverside village of Whitchurch-on-Thames,  
just a few yards from over the Whitchurch toll bridge,  
a short walk from the car parks in Pangbourne.

- 
- Serving quality homemade food
  - Comprehensive bistro style menu
  - Homemade stone baked pizzas
  - Traditional Sunday roasts
  - Take-away food available
  - Private function room
  - Superb lunch menu
  - Fine selection of wines, cask ales,  
Spirits and soft drinks
  - Parties catered for
  - Great friendly atmosphere
  - On-line booking

The Ferryboat, High Street, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG8 7DB  
Telephone 0118 984 2161 email [info@theferryboatwhitchurch.com](mailto:info@theferryboatwhitchurch.com)  
[www.theferryboatwhitchurch.com](http://www.theferryboatwhitchurch.com)