



# WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2020

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**This edition of the Parish Newsletter is 'On-Line' only as it is impossible to deliver printed versions.**

Even our hardy bunch of regular distributors have had to take a break from their monthly deliveries, due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Thank you for your dedication delivering the Newsletter. The Parish Council sends you all our Best Wishes and hope to see you all in the Autumn at the Annual Distributor's Afternoon Tea.

The Parish Council has initiated contingency arrangements to conduct necessary business and fulfil our statutory obligations. All planned Parish Council and Committee meetings have been cancelled until further notice, with any necessary meetings being conducted using telephone conferencing.

Any meetings that are held will be advertised as normal and members of the public will be able to dial in to listen to proceedings after applying to the Parish Clerk for a Telephone Conference Entry Code.

The Council is receiving updates from our District Councillors, Nigel Collor and Jim Back, our KCC Councillor Geoff Lymer and various other organisations, which have been posted on the Parish Council Website and the popular "Whitfield Village Community - Kent" Facebook Group. Thanks to the organisers of this group, it is an invaluable means of communicating news and updates to the wider community.

Council Staff will not be based at the Parish Office so any enquiries or communication should be made to the Parish Clerk via our normal email contact: **whitfieldpc@btconnect.com**

### Community Support:

If you or anyone you know is struggling or needs support, KCC and DDC are co-ordinating Community Support:

**Kent Together (KCC) 03000 41 92 92 (24/7)**

[https://kentcc-self.achieveservice.com/service/Kent\\_Together?User\\_type=Public](https://kentcc-self.achieveservice.com/service/Kent_Together?User_type=Public)

**Community Hub (DDC) 01304 821199 (9am-5pm, 7 days a week)**

<https://www.dover.gov.uk/Community/Coronavirus-help-for-the-community.aspx>

### Message From St Peter's Church

The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must close. We are seeing a huge increase in the number of people falling sick with COVID-19. We must distance ourselves from one another and prevent the spread of infection in order to save lives.

Therefore, as well as public worship being suspended, this and all church buildings in the Church of England are now closed. Our worship of God and our care for each other continue but cannot be done in this building.

The clergy/churchwardens of this church can be contacted in an emergency:

**Rev Brian Duckworth**

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**Tina Parsons**

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*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."*

To protect the vulnerable amongst us, please do not leave your home except for essential trips.

### A Big, Big Thank You to.....

... all the NHS and Care Home Frontline Staff, and their Support and Specialist Staff, Health and Social Care Workers, the Emergency Services and Armed Forces, Local and County Council Staff and Contract Partners, and the ever increasing Army of Volunteers that are helping out wherever they can,  
**and**

to Everyone who continues working in Shops, On-line Retail, Home Delivery Network, Food Production and Processing, Warehousing and Distribution, Farming and Agriculture, Manufacturing and Industry, Utility Services (Oil, Gas, Electric, Water, Sewerage and Communications), Waste Disposal, Postal Services, Teachers and Support Staff, Transport (Bus, Tube, Rail, Freight, Ferries, Shipping and Air), Pharmaceuticals and Medical Research, Financial Services, Judiciary Services, Media and Broadcasting, and many, many more...

We are so grateful for your work supporting the essential elements of our daily lives and national infrastructure that enables the rest of us to

**Stay at Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives**

too many of you (especially NHS and Care Workers) will unfortunately make the ultimate sacrifice.

**Thank you all.**

### Whitfield PCSO – Connor Fennessy...

has confirmed that his Surgeries and Parish updates are suspended for the current time. Connor is still available by email: [connor.fennessy@kent.police.uk](mailto:connor.fennessy@kent.police.uk)

Incidents should continue to be reported using the Police non-emergency 101 telephone number and asking for him by name. If he is not currently on duty, a message may be left for him.

**In an emergency always call 999.**

### Recreation Ground arrangements

The Recreation Ground is open for use in accordance with Government Daily Exercise advice.

**As Required, both the Children's Play areas, the MUGA and Adult Gym are closed.**

Our thanks go to our Grounds Staff, Allen and Gary, who continue to empty litter and dog bins, carry out maintenance and cleaning and generally keep an eye on everything.