

## **Morden Coronavirus Emergency Group.**

Please follow Public Health England and Government Guidelines on minimising travel and personal contact outside your home.

Although the initial surge in infections is slowing and Dorset so far has escaped the worst, and there is talk of easing restrictions. The virus is still out there, there is little or no 'herd immunity' yet and this virus strikes people in very different and random ways. This emergency is going to continue for some time and during that time the Morden Coronavirus Emergency Group will try to support our residents. Most people have developed their own support system but if you are having problems getting food or essential deliveries please contact us.

Most of the self-isolating residents have had a contact call, and this will be continued if helpful. Please contact us on 01929459244 or 01929459496 if you have symptoms and are self-isolating and we may be able to help.

The community lunch 'hot meals on the doorstep' are delivered to up to 14 households twice weekly. If you would like to join the scheme call 459075.

Bere Regis Good neighbour scheme ( 01929 471255 ) usually pick up prescriptions for Morden from Bere Regis pharmacy.

For prescription from other pharmacies or to recharge electricity keys contact 459496, please allow 48 hours warning if at all possible.

We realise that some people have had their income cut badly and may be waiting for Universal Credit payments to be processed. If you are really struggling please contact 07795416019 or 07841784000 for advice and help. Your details will be kept confidential but will be kept on file for the time it takes to deal with your problem. All personal details will be deleted at the end of the Coronavirus emergency period.

The Cock and Bottle Pub is still working as a Pop-Up shop with a wide range of commonly needed essentials as well as ready cooked meals. 01292459238.

The Botany Bay in W Zelston is offering takeaway food and grocery deliveries 01929459227.

The Salt Pig in Wareham is offering delivery service on fresh meat and fish and vegetables. 01929550673.

Bridgetsfuitandveg.co.uk is the market stall which operates from Wareham Quay on a Saturday morning. They will deliver fruit and veg boxes to Wareham or Bere Regis from online sales. And might deliver to Morden if 5 or more boxes were ordered. Call 459496 to discuss.

Sherford farm may be selling some of their prime beef locally as the large catering orders have stopped. Text 07894471485 for more details.

Various other local companies will deliver, it is worth phoning around. Remember small companies need us to support them so they can survive this crisis.

The essential workers Care Staff and Delivery drivers have never been so important so lets cheer them as well as the NHS on Thursday night 8pm. Make a pleasant noise. But be sensible, some people have ended up in A&E from over exuberant leaping around.

# Bank Holiday Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>

## Celebrate VE day !

You may think these are dull days but it is 75 years since the end of the World War 2 and we should be having a street party. Obviously that can't happen but we can celebrate in other ways that our village is still largely healthy and together. Most people who can, are out exercising in the village walking cycling jogging once a day and out footpaths and lanes are a great resource for us. So suggested ways to mark the occasion in Morden.

**Decorate** your gate or front garden, even if you are one of the scattered houses, people walk past your front gate. Hang some bunting, ribbons, rosettes or whatever you can devise. Red White and Blue predominantly, doesn't have to be Union Jacks, design your own.

**Children** can make a Red White and Blue picture to stick in a window. They have done a lovely job in creating Rainbow pictures. They could copy it and enter it in the Village Produce show even if it is a virtual show. Or chalk the road outside in a Union Flag shape, but be careful of traffic and social distancing.

**Families** could make a scarecrow in the front garden to be seen from the road, Traditional style possibly with a wartime or Dig For Victory theme. Photos can be taken and there might be a small prize for the best Three.

**Feast.** Try baking some austerity style recipes. Look up Austerity recipes or raid your grannies cookbook. Lord Wooton pie, Rock buns, Wholemeal bread. Sugarless fruit cake. Have a tea party in the 40s style, cucumber sandwiches, jelly and custard. Take a picture and share it.

**Village quiz.** Questions will be posted on the Morden Parish Friends Facebook page for walkers around the village, (Hard copies available from Cox Cottage gate.) This is to stimulate your local knowledge and observational skills. Just to make your daily walk more interesting.

**Nationally for VE day.** We should listen to the Queen on Friday at 9pm and join in with a chorus of 'We will meet again.'

**Make Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> different and a day to remember.**