



# Handley Safety Net Newsletter 01/05/20

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## St George's Day & Clap for Keyworkers



*The Browns join in St George's day  
keyworker clap*

Last Thursday nights clap for key workers coincided with St George's Day celebrations, so for the 1st Woodcutts family scouts, cubs, beavers and their families there was a double reason to stand on their doorsteps and make lots of noise! Saint Mary Court were doing their best in the noisemaking department when they were joined by two bugles and drums from the Scout leaders up here on the top of the hill. Even better was to go on Facebook afterwards and see The Browns joining in at the bottom of the village and others from

all over the parish and beyond sharing their photos of support and celebration.

1st Woodcutts are continuing to deliver Scouting through the lockdown using online groups, tutorials and challenges. And over the Bank holiday weekend they will be running a Virtual Camp...

Visit their website [firstwoodcutts.org.uk](http://firstwoodcutts.org.uk) to find out more or catch up in the next Downsman.

## Supporting our Parish

We started canvassing for supporters at the beginning of March and since then have had over 90 responses. We now have over 80 active volunteers and a team of reserves ready to step in should someone's circumstances change. To monitor how much work is being undertaken we record weekly shopping and prescription trips, dog walking and importantly Phone Buddy calls. All of this is based on an expectation of 4 trips or calls per person a day. On this basis we could support over 244 trips a day and 44 phone buddy calls a day. To date we are running at less than 20% utilisation and so the big message to everyone is DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK, we can support you and monitor our workload to ensure we have the right number of people available in each area.

We are also supported, through

the Parish Council and CCIO, to provide funding for anyone who has financial problems, we can provide funds to shop in either the Butchers or Nisa Handley to the value of £50 at each shop. Please contact me if you need this support, again do not be afraid to ask, we are here to help. Personally I would like to thank everyone for observing the government guidelines and the efforts of all our key workers, from staff in our shops through to those in the School and NHS and finally our network of supporters.

STAY SAFE, PROTECT THE NHS.

### Phone Buddies

Phone Buddies seem to be fulfilling a very real need in our community at this unique time. Since we started the service two weeks ago we have made 98 phone calls, many of which have been repeat calls to people living

in isolation. Most of the calls have been initiated by a buddy but we would welcome anyone who felt that they would like someone to chat to. Simply phone Maureen on 552492 and I will be able to match you up to a volunteer. If possible someone with similar interests to you.

### 6d Jolly Post

Following in the footsteps of Wimborne St Giles we are pleased to offer a postal buddy service. This has been initiated by the staff of Sixpenny Handley First School. The idea is that you register for this service and will then receive regular letters from the children attending the school and of course you can write back to them. If interested please contact Rachael Musselwhite (headteacher) at Sixpenny Handley First School Common Road, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury SP5 5NJ or email [office@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk).

## Salisbury Hospital

Salisbury has been in the news a lot. Firstly, Guy Ritchie posted a video on Twitter expressing his gratitude to the hospital. Then on Monday 6th April and 24th April, BBC Newsnight broadcast two very moving reports from the Covid-19 wards at the hospital. It made one realise just how lucky we are to have a first class centre with an international reputation on our doorstep, and yet still essentially a warm and friendly community service focussed on local people. Both can be seen on YouTube at : <https://youtu.be/UwIFgROe4Mg> [https://youtu.be/cV0YlW\\_MaiM](https://youtu.be/cV0YlW_MaiM) The hospital has treated hundreds of Covid-19 patients, and there are currently 20 patients who have tested positive and 27 who are awaiting results. Sadly, to date 45 patients have lost their lives.

Despite the dramatic news headlines, Salisbury Hospital does NOT have a PPE problem. Normal out-patient activity is being phased in again, and 28 specialities have adopted virtual consultations, which will be also continued in the future as a positive legacy of the pandemic.

There has been an outpouring of public support by way of donations of all sorts, which is being coordinated by the STARS Appeal office for which the hospital is enormously grateful.

If you have a loved-one or friend in the hospital whom you cannot visit, you can send a message by email to : [sft.messagetoalovedone@nhs.net](mailto:sft.messagetoalovedone@nhs.net) or you can telephone the PALS team on 07393 267852 between 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday – Friday, and the message will be delivered by hand by volunteers. And finally, there is now a Covid-19 testing centre in Salisbury.

### What are people in our Parish enjoying in Lockdown?

- Loving the much quieter roads & skies

*Tracey Adams*

- The emergence of the highly secret and covert Crocheting Club

*Iain Laing*

- We've been very lucky with the weather , so many more people doing daily exercise, lots of friendly hellos and a great sense of community spirit. I've been baking a lot more for myself , neighbours and the nurses on the frontline. Being woken by the dawn chorus instead of the building site . We're very lucky to live where we do.

*Karen Johnson*

- Watching World Class Theatre [www.nationaltheatre.org.uk](http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk) [www.metopera.org](http://www.metopera.org) [www.shakespearesglobe.com](http://www.shakespearesglobe.com)

*Naomi Booth*

Learning to unicycle, taking more notice of the springtime

*Verity Booth*

### 180 years of Stamps

The 1st May 2020, marks the 180th Anniversary of the introduction of a pre-paid postal service in Great Britain



and Ireland and the advent of the very first “stamp” issued by the Post Office, which was the famous “Penny Black.” In 1840. The Penny Black was used for letters of up to half an ounce in weight for delivery anywhere in Great Britain and Ireland. With time on our hands created by the government policy to stay at home to counter the coronavirus pandemic, now is a good time to start a stamp collecting hobby. Both stamps and albums may be easily obtained online for home delivery from a variety of sources.

Stamps have been issued annually in this country since 1840 each bearing the effigy of the reigning monarch. A good place to start a collection is the year 1936 in which year there were three Kings: George V; Edward VIII and George VI. Stamps from each reign may be obtained inexpensively and form the start of a worthwhile and absorbing hobby.

### Let us know if you can help or if you need help!

Email your leader if online or call so that we can keep everyone up to date and issue this newsletter or updated contact lists going forward.

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