

COLEBROOKE PARISH CV BULLETIN No 18 dated 1st November

Here we go again. I plan to produce Colebrooke Bulletin every two weeks or as necessary at least until the end of this lockdown. An extract of the Government guidance is below.

The new lockdown will be imposed in England from Thursday 5th November and will be in force until 2nd December, subject to review. There are three key differences for us as a community:

- a. On Government projections, there is a much higher likelihood this time of some of us having to isolate either because we have been infected or have been in contact with someone who has.
- b. Schools and colleges will be staying open.
- c. There is no legal requirement to shield.

But a lot of us are classified as vulnerable (now including anyone over 60) and some will want to protect themselves by being extra careful. If you are in this situation and you have not been able to arrange for someone to help you, then please contact me (Steve Graham 84309) and I will pass your name to the appropriate local coordinator, Jayne Clemence (Penstone), Rosemary Stephenson (Colebrooke) or Andrew Colquhoun (Coleford) for them to make the arrangements.

I still have the list of those prepared to help during the last lockdown. However, our circumstances have changed and it may no longer be possible for those people to help others. If you volunteered last time but cannot do so now please let me know. Similarly, if you are prepared to help neighbours, please also get in touch.

The Government has issued guidance on the rules that will come into force on Thursday. These are at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

In broad terms, the Government is giving the following directions:

1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for specific purposes.
2. Preventing gathering with people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.
3. Closing certain businesses and venues.

Stay at Home: You must not leave home except for specific purposes, which include:

- For childcare or education
- For work where your workplace remains open and you cannot work from home. This includes working in other people's homes.
- To exercise when you can join one other person from outside your household or bubble.
- Shopping for necessities

- To visit members of your support bubble.

A Support Bubble is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Within that bubble, you can visit each other, stay overnight and visit outdoor places together. You may only form one bubble.

Meeting with People: You can exercise or visit outdoor places with people you live with, your support bubble or with 1 other person (which does not include children under school age). Playgrounds, parks, beaches, countryside, public gardens, allotments, all remain open. You cannot meet in private gardens.

Businesses and Venues: The following must close:

- Non-essential retail (but they can remain open for delivery to customers or click and collect).
- Indoor and outdoor leisure facilities.
- Entertainment venues
- Personal care facilities
- Hospitality venues (but they can still provide takeaway and delivery services, not including alcohol).
- Places of worship except for funerals and individual prayer.

Immediate Local Implications

The Parish Hall must now close so there will be no further Yoga Classes (Jojo Hogan will stay in touch with class members) or coffee mornings until restrictions are eased.

The New Inn: Mark will resume his takeaway service from Thursdays to Saturdays, with a pre-ordered Sunday Roast lunch. Times will be 1730 – 2030 for open weekdays and 12.30 – 2.30 on Sundays. Free delivery for orders over £20 within 4 miles radius.

Recycling Centre: Staff are awaiting guidance expected early this week.

Playground will remain open.

If there is any item you would like to be included in these Bulletins, please contact Steve Graham.