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<http://www.wooltonhill.com>

and click on the newsletter on the front page.

You can access and download the PDF file with active links from there.

Face Coverings a Must

Just to remind you that as from today there is a new way of life that is unlikely to change for the foreseeable future. Wearing a face covering, for example, a fabric covering, scarf or bandana – that covers the nose and mouth, is now compulsory when visiting shops and supermarkets, shopping centres and transport hubs as well as banks, building societies and post offices.

Transport hubs mean face coverings must be worn in indoor train stations and terminals, airports, maritime ports, and indoor bus and coach stations or terminals.

The wearing of a face covering is to stop Covid-19 spreading. It is not to protect you but to protect others with whom you may come in contact in case unknowingly you have become infected but have not yet developed symptoms.

You must also always wear a face covering on public transport or when attending a hospital as a visitor or outpatient and this includes our local doctors' surgery. Hospitals will be able to provide a face covering in emergencies.

If you can, you should also wear a face covering in other enclosed public spaces where social distancing isn't possible and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet. This is most relevant for short periods indoors in crowded areas.

You should be prepared to remove your face covering if asked to do so by police officers and staff for the purposes of identification.

Face coverings do not replace social distancing. If you have symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, and/or high temperature, and/or loss of, or change in, your normal sense of smell or taste - anosmia), you and your household must isolate at home: wearing a face covering does not change this. You should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if you have COVID-19.

Wearing a face covering is not mandatory in other venues that have measures in place to protect staff and the public from COVID-19. These include:

- eat-in restaurants and pubs
- hairdressers and other treatment salons
- gyms and leisure centres
- cinemas, concert halls and theatres

However, it is compulsory to wear a face covering when buying food and drink to take away from cafes and shops. If you are in a premises where you are able to sit down and consume food or drink that you have bought, then you can remove your face covering in order to eat and drink on-site.

Face coverings are not mandatory for:

- anyone under the age of 11
- those with disabilities or certain health conditions, such as respiratory or cognitive impairments that make it difficult for them to wear a face covering. Exemptions extend only to anyone with justifiable reason for not wearing one on the grounds of their own health or disability, or someone for whom they are caring, not on personal preference or principle.

Under the new rules, people who do not wear a face covering will face a fine of up to £100, in line with the sanction on public transport.



Woodland Stores in Penwood have a number of types of Face Coverings

The liability for wearing a face covering lies with the individual.

Should an individual without an exemption refuse to wear a face covering, a shop can refuse them entry and can call the police if people refuse to comply. The police have the formal enforcement powers and can issue a fine but have been very clear throughout the pandemic that they will “engage, explain, encourage and finally enforce as a last resort”.

More details of the regulations and a more detailed list of potential exemptions can be found [HERE](#)

Leisure Facilities set to Reopen this Weekend

Further regulations will come into force on Saturday 25 July, to open more businesses and venues to the public. This will include swimming pools and water parks, indoor fitness and dance studios, gyms and sport courts.

Facilities at Basingstoke Aquadrome and Tadley Swimming Pool and Gym will reopen this Saturday (25 July), following this further easing of lockdown restrictions.

At the Aquadrome, the gym, studio for classes and the 25-metre pool will reopen on a reduced capacity. The lagoon and health suite will remain closed.

The gym and pool facilities will also reopen at Tadley Swimming Pool and Gym. Due to the size of the studio, no fitness classes will be running at the facility.

At both facilities, swimming lessons will resume from Saturday 1 August.

All activities at both facilities will need to be pre-booked to allow the monitoring and maintenance of social distancing and customers will be encouraged by make card payments where possible.

The reopening of these facilities follows the earlier reinstatement of activities at Basingstoke Golf Centre. The pitch and putt, adventure golf and driving range facilities are available but the clubhouse and toilets remain closed

Woolton Hill Village Market - this Saturday 25th July

Please note the new location and time as the market is being held at Woolton Hill Junior School, between 11.00am and 2.00pm.

There are a number of measures being taken to help with distancing and safety:

- The stalls will be spaced 2m apart and each will be set up within a 3m x 3m area under their gazebo
- There will be a one-way flow around the area where the stalls will be set up. Customers cannot go back on themselves
- The playground will be chalked up to ensure the 2m distance when queuing
- A clicker system will be in place to ensure a maximum capacity of visitors within the area at any one time
- There will be hand sanitising stations on entry and exit
- There will be four marshals to ensure that the measures are acknowledged

There are a wonderful, wide range of stalls:

- Arts and Crafts (Willow)
- Brickleton Beads
- Brunch Bar
- Bloom & Bear
- Cottage Arts
- Devon Fish
- Duchess and the Deli (Jams, Chutneys, Eggs, Salads)
- Fernworth Farm
- Flamingo Cards
- Groceries
- Happy Plants
- Hill House Honey
- Honesty Bread
- Local Fresh Cut Flowers
- Neals Yard
- Nigel Stillman (Garden Metal and Woodwork)
- Susie P Accessories
- Tea Room

- The Cheese Agent
- The Coffee House
- Tropic, Cottage
- Usborne Books



For all the latest information go to the Woolton Hill website [HERE](#)

Laptop Recycling for Schools

The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the inequality of access to online learning. Children in lockdown have not all been able to access online lessons which impacts on their ability to learn. Some are having to share devices with parents and siblings meaning that their time and space for learning is very much reduced.



The BBC has launched a campaign to encourage people to donate 'old' tech such as laptops, tablets, and smart phones so that they have be 'cleaned' of stored data, refurbished and given to children in need of hardware. Click [HERE](#) for the BBC site.

Click [HERE](#) to see how to donate the site lists Park House as a local school collecting laptops

From the Rector: Revd Canon Christine Dale



Thank you to our fantastic Neighbourcare team and for the invaluable information in this newsletter each week which reminds us how important it continues to be to respect the ongoing guidelines for our mutual well-being.

Services and Face coverings – the government is also now recommending that, along with shops etc, face coverings be worn in places of worship. In keeping with this the Church of England has now given strong advice that **face coverings** be worn by those gathering together in church. We will follow this advice and ask you to please, according to government guidance, wear a face covering when in church with others. It is clear that services will continue to be a bit different for some time to come, please see our amended notes to help you know what to expect [here](#).

We continue with a mix of online and 'in church' services this Sunday with a 'Zoom' Holy Communion with hymns at 10.00am and Evensong at 6pm in St James' Church, Ashmansworth.

As ever - if you would like to join our e-mail circulation for all details and joining codes for online services, please send your e-mail address to me (*contact details below*).

The full schedule of services planned to the end of August is [HERE](#).



Cheerful robin on old gravestone in St Thomas' Churchyard this week

This week we held three **school leavers' services**. Two for the infant school at St Thomas' Church and one for St Martin's School at St Martin's Church. In each case only the children leaving came with some parents and a few staff. The Junior School held a virtual leavers' service. It was so good to welcome the children again to church, the year 2 children from St Thomas' were able to put their school uniform on again for the first time since lockdown began – one parent told me their child wore theirs all day! There were a few tears shed, not the least as we said a fond farewell to Mrs. Pearce-King at St Thomas' after seven years serving as Headteacher.

August begins next week, where has the time gone this year!? I wish you all, especially our school communities, time for recreation and refreshment in the coming few weeks.

with every blessing to you all

Revd. Canon Christine Dale
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Federation of Woolton Hill Schools

The six-week period of consultation in Woolton Hill regarding the proposed federation of the two schools (St Thomas' Infant School and Woolton Hill Junior School) has now been completed. The federation has now been approved and in the autumn the schools will be advertising for an Executive Headteacher to oversee both schools.

Consultation on a New Hospital

Residents of North Hampshire, Newbury and West Berkshire can have their say on an exciting new NHS programme during a special online meeting being held next week.



The session, which will begin at 8pm on Tuesday 28 July, will provide people in the area with more information about the Hampshire Together:

Modernising our Hospitals and Health Services programme, which includes the construction of a brand new hospital to serve the people of Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Winchester and the surrounding areas.

Hampshire Together involves NHS and social care providers across the area and its impact will reach far beyond the walls of this new building, involving GPs, mental health, community care, social care and the wider voluntary sector, as well as acute hospital care. The programme is being led by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Partnership of Clinical Commissioning Groups, Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

As part of the programme, people across Hampshire are currently being asked for their views on the way health services are provided in the area now and in the future. To register for the session focusing on north Hampshire, Newbury and West Berkshire at 8pm on Tuesday 28 July, click [HERE](#).

More information about Hampshire Together, including details of all upcoming events, and an online comment form can be found [HERE](#). You can also find Hampshire Together on Twitter [HERE](#) and Facebook [HERE](#)

If you would like to receive the listening document and a comment form by post, write to the programme at FREEPOST Hampshire Together (no stamp required) with your name and address or to download click [HERE](#)

It is vital that the voice of NW Hampshire is heard in determining future healthcare provision in the area

Weekly Grey Bin Collections Resume 17th August

Weekly collections of household waste in the grey bins will resume from the 17th August. Collection days remain unchanged and the grey bins will be collected alongside all other collections on the normal collection days.

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and its waste and recycling contractor Serco have reviewed staffing and are happy the weekly service can be resumed as lockdown measures continue to relax.



New subscriptions to the popular garden waste service will also be available from Monday 3rd August but residents are being advised it may take over a month for bins or bags to be delivered and collections to start.

The council and Serco will continue to review the staffing of all waste and recycling services and will take measures to protect the core services during the COVID-19 crisis if required.

Reinstating the weekly waste collection and opening new garden waste subscriptions means all of the council's waste and recycling services will be back online by mid-August.

Carry on Tipping

Agreement has been reached in principle for residents of NW Hampshire to continue to have access to the Newtown Road household waste recycling centre (HWRC) in Newbury.



Following lengthy discussions Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, who have no responsibility for HWRC's, have nevertheless stepped in and signalled their intention to protect the interests of their residents as part of their initiative to reduce carbon emissions in response to the climate change emergency declared last year. They are prepared to share with Hampshire County Council (HCC) the costs for continued access for existing permit holders demanded by West Berkshire Council.

This will be a transitional arrangement for one year, but HCC will also undertake to examine the possibility of establishing a new HWRC at a site which has been identified locally in Kingsclere. This would have the benefit of not only serving the residents of NW Hampshire but also potentially relieving some of the pressure on the Wade Road site in Basingstoke by attracting residents from parts of Tadley, Baughurst, Overton and surrounding areas.

Access to Newtown Road will remain as before and currently is by pre-booked appointment only. It is restricted to those already holding the blue authorisation permits. Information on booking, including an online booking form can be found [HERE](#)

Local residents in Hampshire can of course continue to use the HCC HWRC's in Basingstoke and Andover if they so wish. Again, this is by appointment only and further details are available [HERE](#) However be warned, slots are few and far between, which is why HCC has accepted the need to extend the access to Newton Road to prevent further pressure on the already overstretched sites.

The agreement is expected to be finalised by all three councils next week and be effective from August 1st.

Activities

Going out?

Watermill Theatre offer outdoor theatre performances in the garden – a comedy version of Sherlock Holmes and a musical version of Lerner & Loewe's Camelot. Click [HERE](#) for details

Woolton Hill Village Market outside – a welcome return for the Village Market on Saturday 25th July – new venue, new time. Woolton Hill Junior School 11am to 2pm. Click [HERE](#) to read social distancing guidelines and view the extensive list of stallholders

City Arts Newbury has a range of outdoor arts and photography workshops over the summer for teens and adults. Email info@cityartsnewbury.co.uk or see facebook page [HERE](#)

Staying home?

Festival of Archaeology – Hampshire Cultural Trust offers a range of activities for families and an exploration of treasures found in Hampshire click [HERE](#)

Culture in Quarantine - Filmed in Lockdown: Swan Lake Bath Ballet

Elite dancers from across the globe create a 3 minute, modern-day Swan Lake from their own bathtubs. Click [HERE](#)

Teddy tales – read the adventures of Tino, find your way through the maze and discover more about the 269 bears on their way to Milestones in Basingstoke. Click [HERE](#)

Digital family activity day 29th July - organised through Shaw House social media Click [HERE](#)

Watch live stream performances

Free from the Globe Theatre – 90minute Macbeth, created especially for young people. To find out more, click [HERE](#)

Local Pubs and Shops

Please see Newsletter 16 for all the details on local Pubs and Shops. Click [HERE](#)



Cakes available from the Yew Tree Garden Centre



Bread and cakes are also available at Woolton Hill Stores and Woodland Stores, Penwood

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