**WHAT’S ON**

**In The Village?**

**Issue 198 April 2021**

The COVID restrictions begin to ease up this month, provided that the numerous pandemic numbers continue to run our way. Let’s please each do our personal bests to keep it that way.

Please continue to **follow the COVID rules** as they begin to change. This is also important for those of you who have received the vaccine, as you will not yet have full immunity and it is not yet known whether you can pass on the virus. So please, while it remains a requirement, STAY AT HOME, PROTECT THE NHS AND SAVE LIVES – and don’t go wild once you no longer have to!

Macca Howland’s and Ella Winter-Goodwin’s **Sandford** **Orcas Food Bank** continues to collect essentials for the Sherborne Food Bank. Please contact 01963 220 084 (Howlands) or 01963 220 177 (Winter-Goodwins) to pass on your in-date donations.

Please welcome Jeff Tomblin to Sandford Orcas. He has just moved into Rooks Caw, at 2, Manor Close.

PC Pete Moore has taken a well-earned retirement. He has been succeeded by PC 2777 Laura Prowse, who we will see around increasingly as COVID restrictions ease. If you see her, please welcome her to her new patch.

Jan Lowe (jan@jelowe.com) asks for your views on installing **road name signs** in the village.

David, of Top Edge, visited with his knife sharpening van on 25th March. The customer turnout was excellent, and he promises to be back this month, date to be confirmed.

**CONTACTS / ORGANISERS:**

**Website:** [**www.sandfordorcasvillagehall.com**](http://www.sandfordorcasvillagehall.com)**; Email: info@sovhall.plus.com**

**Sandford Orcas Village Hall Committee:**

Cindy Brown (Secretary); Viki Jackson; George Lossius (Treasurer, 100 Club);

Rowlie McBeath (QTPC, Artsreach); Robert Patterson (Billiards & Snooker; PCC); Rick Pollard (FOSOVH); Richard Slade (Chairman); Graham Winter-Goodwin (Maintenance)

**Village (and Outside) Organisers:**

FOSOVH Friends of Sandford Orcas Village Hall I.e. anyone who wants to help, on an ad hoc basis

FPO Footpaths Officer Roger Brown (01963 220521)

Mitre The Mitre Inn: Cheryl & Allen Page (01963 220 271).

www.mitreinn.co.uk.

HW Home Watch Allen Page (01963 220 271).

PCC Sandford Orcas PCC: Secretary: Robert Patterson (01963 220 455).

- Dorset Police: Sherborne Rural. PC 2777 Laura Prowse & PCSO 6269 Mark Jones

 Safer Neighbourhood Team Phone: **101**, sherborneruralsnt@dorset.pnn.police.uk

QTB Queen Thorne Benefice Rector: Reverend David Bond (01935 850 201)

QTPC Queen Thorne Parish Council Parish Councillors: Sally Allcard (01963 220 520), Jan Lowe

(01963 220 490), Rowlie McBeath (01963 220 208).

SOFB Sandford Orcas Food Bank Macca Howland / Ella Winter-Goodwin (01963 220 084 or 220 177)

VH Village Hall: Chairman: Richard Slade (01963 220 740)

**Village Hall Bookings: Cindy Brown,** **sandfordorcasvillagehallsec@gmail.com**

[www.queenthorneparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.queenthorneparishcouncil.gov.uk) for Dorset Council and medical updates.

**Sandford Orcas is opening up again!**

**Events Every Week:**

**The Mitre Inn: Contacts: Allen or Cheryl (01963 220 271)**

* Take-away meals continue, on the same days as for eat-in meals.

**Catchoftheday:**

* In the Village Hall Car Park every Friday, from 3.00 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.

**The Story Pig Pop-Up Shop:**

* Every Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 2.00 p.m.

**Portland Shellfish:**

* Noon deadline each Sunday for ordering from Viki for delivery the following Wednesday.

**Sunday, 28th March 2021. Time: 10.30 a.m. Trent Memorial Hall/St. Andrew’s QTB**

**Palm Sunday Procession**

The Palm Sunday Procession will start at 10.30 a.m., from Trent Memorial Hall to St. Andrew’s Church, Trent. An open-air Eucharist service will follow in the churchyard if the weather holds up, otherwise in the church. Both the procession and the service will be socially-distanced, and masks must be worn.

**Sunday, 4th April 2021. Time: 11.15 a.m. St. Nicholas’ Church PCC**

 **Easter Day Service**

An All-Age service will be held in St. Nicholas’ Church, Sandford Orcas at 11.15 a.m.

Services for the rest of the month will be shown in the Queen Thorne Magazine. Tuesday morning Zoom services will continue until further notice. Details will be promulgated weekly.

**Saturday, 14th April 2020. Time: See below Mitre Inn Mitre**

**The Mitre Inn Re-Opens**

The Mitre Inn is planning to re-open from 14th April\*, at lunchtime and in the evening from Wednesdays to Saturdays and at lunchtime only on Sundays. Everything will be outside in the garden and the marquee - come to see their brand-new one! - and both tables and food must be pre-booked on cheryl@mitreinn.co.uk or 01963 220 208 as space will be limited. Drinks will be served from the hatch at the rear. The pub itself is intended to re-open on 17th May\*.

A reminder of the rules as of 12th April\*: restaurants and pub gardens will be allowed to serve customers sitting outdoors - including alcohol. Customers can meet in groups of up to six people from different households. A maximum of two households can meet to form a group of any size. Groups must be socially-distanced. \* All dates subject to the Government’s say-so.

**Thursday, 18th April 2020. Time: See below Mitre Inn Mitre**

**Sherborne Market**

Sherborne Market returns on Thusday, 18th April, and then every month until November.

**Saturday, 22nd May 2021. Time: 10.00 a.m. Village Hall VH**

**Great British Spring Clean**

**The Great British Spring Clean** will clear up rubbish in and around the village and to spring clean the village hall. Please choose and clean your patch, and bring your own gloves, etc. Black bags will available from the Village Hall. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided at the Village Hall at 11.00 a.m. Previous efforts made such a difference; let’s do it again!

**Not quite there yet, but on the way …**

The Sandford Orcas Village Hall committee is planning several village events to mark our progressive return to normal life. Once the rules allow, a Story Pig hog roast, an Artsreach open air event (being applied for at this moment), an International Pirate’s Day celebration in September and a produce and craft market just before Christmas are all possibilities.

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**Sandford Orcas Village Community (Version 14).**

We have contacted local suppliers who are providing home delivery or collections for basic food requirements. Please support, particularly, our most local businesses.

We also have a group of people in the village available to collect whatever you need;

Email: sandfordorcas@hotmail.co.uk or 01963 220 521 (Cindy) / 01963 220 535 (Viki) / 07765 654771 (Kim)

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| **Name & Contact Info** | **Items Available to Order** | **Delivery Options** |
| The Mitre Inn, Sandford Orcas01963 220 271,cheryl@mitreinn.co.uk | Fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, milk, takeaway beer, cider and wine.  | **Homecooked meals: Tues–Sun (evening), Wed–Sun (lunch).** Free delivery from the pub. **Please try at least once a week to support our local pub.** |
| Jeff\* and Somaya Davies07918 745826 & 07918 743071\* The Mitre Inn’s chef, no less! | Delicious cakes and bakes: Cakes, Chocolate Logs, Mince Pies, Sausage Rolls, Desserts, Cupcakes and Celebration Cakes. | Contact Jeff and Somaya directly, or through The Mitre Inn (see above). |
| Glenholme HerbsSandford Orcas, 01963 220 302alison-redman@hotmail.com | Herbs, vegetables and vegetable plants. For the full range, see [www.glenholmeherbs.co.uk](http://www.glenholmeherbs.co.uk)  | Free delivery within Sandford Orcas, or collect. Seasonal plants to order. |
| The Story PigSandford Orcas, 07802 443 905james@thestorypig.co.uk | Tamworth pork, sausages, bacon, home-grown vegetables. Also meat & vegetables box. | Pop-Up Shop each Saturday, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the farm. On 19th December, then every Saturday from 9th January. Pork, jam, chutney, etc. Free delivery in village |
| Rosanne EskellHigher Sandford House,Sandford Orcas, 01963 220 275r.eskell@hotmail.com  | Sandford Orcas’ very own Benchy View white wine, grown in Rosanne’s own vineyard. Rated “delicious” by our Rector! | Free delivery in Sandford Orcas, discuss delivery elsewhere with Rosanne when ordering. |
| Fiona Potter, Higher Orchard, Sandford Orcas.01963 220 773, 07708 842 553fionapotter@live.co.uk  | Bramblewood Grass fed Dexter Beef. Joints, steaks, stewing steak, mince, sausages and burgers. Also Pure Apple Juice from their own trees. | Free delivery in Sandford Orcas and nearby area. |
| Kim CreswellBy The Ford, Moorway Lane, Sandford Orcas, 07765 654 771 kim@kimcreswell.co.uk   | Medical herbalism advice and medicine, using village-grown herbs. Delicious, heritage veg boxes (herbicide /pesticide free) @ £12.50 resume in the Spring. | Essential shopping/prescription runs, when asked (not to supermarkets). Please make requests by evening before. |
| Catchoftheday | Fresh fish direct from West Bay. | Every Friday from 3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., in the Mitre Inn’s car park. |
| Portland Shellfish Ltd | Crab, Lobster, Langoustines, Scallops, Razor Clams, Cockles and Palourdes, local Smoked Salmon, Fresh Fish. | Please place your orders to Viki Jackson on 01963 220 535 on 07831 623862 or vikijackson@hotmail.com by noon on Sundays for delivery the next Thursday. |
| Monique Hustinx07949-595632monique.hustinx@hotmail.com | Sandford Orcas-reared, lamb. Half a Lamb: £65. Butchered to your requirements. | Contact Monique for delivery details. |
| Market Town Garden 52, Cheap Street, Sherborne 07967 659638sherbornemarketfruitandveg@aol.com  | Fresh fruit and vegetables. | NOTE: New contact details, following previous owner Adrian’s retirement.Contact them to discuss fruit and veg box sizes and delivery details. |
| J&M ParsonsCheap Street, Sherborne01935 812 071info@parsonsbutchers.co.uk  | Traditional butcher and milk, cheese, eggs. | Free delivery with orders over £10. |
| Chocolate Arthouse, Holwellclaudia@chocolatearthouse.co.uk  | Amazing hand-made and hand-decorated chocolates. | Contact by email, Facebook, Twitter. |
| Olives Et AlSturminster Newton01283 474 300viki@olivesetal.co.uk | Fresh fruit, vegetables, freshly-made bread, milk, eggs, pasta, rice, biscuits, chocolate and all your Olives et Al favourites. | Free delivery to village through Viki (East Field Cottage). Viki also collects shopping & medical prescriptions. |

**Useful Facebook groups:** Queen Thorne Parish News and Views**;** Sherborne Viral Kindness