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**Arley
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Winter 2020

Welcome to the Winter 2020 edition of the Arley News

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Spring Hill Medical Centre.	Reception: - Open 08.00 to 17.30	01676 540395
Phil Collins Way.	Surgery: - Open 08.30 to 18.00	Phones switch to
Arley. CV7 8FD.	All Monday to Friday	emergency at 17.30
Arley Primary School Gun Hill. Arley	CV7 8HB.	01676 540347
Arley Sport Centre Oak Avenue, Arley.	CV7 8FN.	01827 719321
North Warwickshire Borough Council.	Switchboard	1827 715341
South Street Atherstone. CV9 1DE.	Out of hours emergency	1827 718086

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS IN THIS PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY

Warwickshire County Council	Hotline for vulnerable and isolated residents	0800 408 1447
Warwickshire County Council	Customer Service	01926 0410410
Samaritans	Mental Health	116 123
Coventry & Warwickshire Mind	Mental Health	0300 1233393
RISE	Childrens mental health	0300 2002021
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Age Uk	Help	01926 458100
Trading Standards	Report a trading issue	0808 2231133



To report flytipping and litter:

Google-North Warwickshire Borough Council. Go to **Waste and Recycling**, pick **Fly Tipping, Litter etc.** and fill in the online form. On Facebook-search for North Warwickshire Borough Council and use the **Shortcut** to send a message.

FROM THE EDITOR

Here we go again! We thought that once there were restrictions on recycling centres the quiet lanes in Arley and surrounding areas would become a quick and easy dumping ground for unscrupulous rubbish removal companies and people who can't be bothered to take their rubbish to the tip.

In this instance it looks like the rubbish has come from someone who had a new roof, then other people have added household and gardening waste.

So why do they do this?

In my view it is pure and simply down to money. Firstly, the person who wants to get rid of their rubbish wants it removed at the lowest cost, so they engage someone who is not accredited. Their view is "it's out of my way, so I don't care".

Secondly, the people that do this illegal dumping know where the quiet places are, so they must be fairly local, and of course they know there is no cost unless they are caught. In most cases there is little chance of that.

I can see a number of people asking:

“why can't we use CCTV in the areas that are regularly used for illegally dumping waste”?

Well, it is not as easy as that, the rules surrounding the installation of CCTV are extremely strict and have to comply within the legal criteria, plus the cost.

Briefly, you must erect signage informing everyone using the area that CCTV is installed. The general public using the area covered by CCTV have the right to request to view the footage at anytime, plus you would need to comply with the DATA PROTECTION ACT.

Although it could be installed it would be very costly and extremely hard to manage.

I am aware that people might think my comments are unhelpful, but all we can do is to become more vigilant and report anything we see.

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Arley Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:15pm at Rowland Court and the minutes of the meetings are posted in the notice boards in New & Old Arley.

The first item on the agenda is always the Open Forum where Parishioners are invited to speak on any subject for a limited time. If you have an issue you wish to raise you are welcome to attend any of the APC meetings.

North Warwickshire Borough Council Members for Arley & Whitacre area.

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Councillor Margaret Bell 0788 5733263

**We do not know what sort of Christmas celebrations we are going to be able to hold, but your Parish Council wishes you all a
Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

Update from the Parish Council

All Arley Parish Councillors are aware that we are in difficult times. We are entering another lockdown until 2nd December, and ask everyone to stay safe and please follow the government advice by wearing facemasks and social distancing.

We are unable to hold our usual council meetings but we want everyone to know that we continue to monitor everything in the Parish, and deal with matters that arise. If anyone wants to raise anything with us our contact details are on our notice boards and our website. (Arleyparishcouncil.co.uk) They are also printed in every edition of Arley News

There have been numerous complaints about the parking at Gunhill School being a danger to the children, and new yellow lines have been painted: we ask you to obey these lines.

Each year we have a problem with youngsters carrying a load of straw from the field at the rear of Gunhill Recreation Ground and piling it on the skateboard ramp and in the meeting room. This straw we have to pay to get removed and it causes a wet, soggy mess. Everyone should be aware that the gap in the far corner of the Recreation Ground is NOT a public right of way. We will be taking steps to reduce the size of this access to the field to stop wheelie bins etc being able to get through to fetch the straw. We do not want to close this gap entirely because of its use by dog walkers etc, but if the problems continue we will be forced to close it completely.

We are aware that many parishioners are having difficulties getting through on the phone, or booking appointments, with Springhill Medical Centre. We have registered our concerns with the appropriate authorities and will report to you any progress we make.

An articulated vehicle ran over our Arley Colliery Memorial and badly damaged it. However we have just taken delivery of a replacement and this will be installed and the memorial restored to its original best.

Spring Hill Medical Centre

Tel: - 01676 540395



CHRISTMAS 2020 AND NEW YEAR

Prescription Enquiries

If you will run out of medicines between

23rd December and **4th January**, please order the items you need via the **POD** or Practice between the **14th** and the **21st December** and not before please.

There is no need to order extra or more than usual.

Christmas and New Year 2020

24th December Open/Telephone Triage

25th December Closed Christmas Day

28 December Closed BANK HOLIDAY

29th December Open/Telephone Triage

30th December Open/Telephone Triage

31st December Open/Telephone Triage

1st January 2021 Closed New Year's day

4th January 2021 Open/Telephone Triage

Spring Hill Medical Centre

STATEMENT FROM THE MEDICAL CENTRE

Online comments

It is an unfortunate reality that some patients use social media to vent their frustrations about the medical profession, particularly their GP's and GP Practice.

Very often the practice may wish to respond to such postings, but if a response is necessary we suggest that patients write to the Practice Manager, as we would be pleased to respond to any complaint.

The Practice and CCG are aware of comments which seem to convey a dissatisfaction with the Practice service .

The Practice always takes patient's concerns seriously and has a complaints procedure in place so that they can be investigated and addressed appropriately.

If patients have any concerns, they should raise these directly with the practice staff by using the complaints procedure, because discussing the practice online may dissuade patients from seeking care or treatment when they may need urgent medical assistance.

Kind regards,

Chrissy Jones Business Manager-Spring Hill Medical Centre

www.springhillmedicalcentre.co.uk



Spring Hill Medical Centre

ALERT!

COVID-19 case numbers are rising rapidly across the whole of the UK. We must act now to control the spread of the virus. The single most important action we can all take to fight coronavirus is to stay at home, to protect the NHS and save lives.

Due to an incident at the Practice, **DO NOT** attend the Practice if you have recently been tested positive or have COVID19 (including 14 days plus).

Ring the practice in the first instance

Still symptomatic or developed new COVID19 symptoms?

You need to arrange to have a test stay at home.

OUR STAFF WILL BE ASKING PATIENTS IF THEY HAVE ANY NEW OR EXISTING COVID19 SYMPTOMS BEFORE BOOKING ANY FURTHER APPOINTMENTS AND BEFORE YOU ENTER THE PRACTICE UNTIL THE END OF THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN.

When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we reduce the spread of the infection. That is why, from Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December, you must:

Stay at home, except for specific purposes.

Avoid meeting people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.

These new measures will reduce the growth rate of the virus which will prevent the NHS from being overwhelmed.

Please support us by adhering to measures in place and do not risk our staff, their families and other patient's health and safety.

Shielding letters

Letters will be provided by the government and sent to patients who are classed as extremely vulnerable **ONLY** – these include adults, children and young people.

Please visit our website for up to date information on COVID19, lockdown and support and reassurance, and anything else medical/practice related :

<https://www.springhillmedicalcentre.co.uk>

Practice Pressures - Statement from the Local Medical Committee

Dear Patients of Spring Hill Medical Centre,

General practice appointments data released last week shows the enormous efforts that everyone in general practice is making to ensure patients can access the services they need. The total number of appointments for September is now higher than any time during the pandemic, and significantly higher than the same time last year. This comes at a time where the patient population continues to increase, while the number of GPs has significantly decreased.

Added to that, the results of a BMA survey show that the total number of appointments only conveys part of the story, with remote consultations taking longer, which leaves GP staff more tired and with longer working days as a result. The results highlight how staff are working harder, are concerned that they are going to have difficulty meeting demand in the next few months, and are starting to burn out. The current general increased demand on primary care, added to the extraordinary efforts to manage the COVID response, are simply unsustainable and the BMA has asked for more support.

The BMA also met with Sir Simon Stevens (CEO NHS England) last month to highlight the dire state of the morale of the profession. Sir Simon expressed his support for general practice, but since then practice workload has increased further. Alongside this, there has been significant, unfounded and unchallenged media criticism of general practice, which is deeply concerning. This is not only adding to this problem, but is also leading to adverse reactions from the public toward their practices, with recent reports of practice staff being abused and harassed.

We would request patients' understanding of the pressures practices are facing and their continued support in the face of this unremitting pandemic.

Warwickshire LMC

Spring Hill Medical Centre

Dear Patients,

Spring Hill Medical Centre will be working closely with our Primary Care Network and Clinical Commissioning Group in order to prepare for General Practice to contribute to a potential COVID-19 vaccination programme, while continuing to deliver care to all our patients. The Practice will have more information after November 17th on the COVID-19 vaccination plan.

The practice will remain open Mon-Fri. You must ring the practice first on **01676 540395**; please do not arrive without a pre-booked appointment.

Please do not ring between 08.00 and 09.30am for anything other than a same day telephone triage appointment-our telephone lines are extremely busy at that time.

With regards to secondary care (hospital appointments, results and missed calls) you need to ring the hospital, not the Practice.

It is the patient's responsibility to manage their own medication requirements and not run out. They should re-order with the POD or the Practice in adequate time.

When the Practice rings patients (clinical and non-clinical staff, for various reasons) and do not get an answer, we document this in the medical notes to minimise any further anxiety for the patients when they ring back to ask why we were making contact. The Receptionist will then advise the patient when to expect a call from a GP.

If you are not classed as extremely vulnerable you will **NOT** receive a shielding letter from the Government. **VISIT THE GOVERNMENT WEBSITE IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OVER SHEILDING.** To find it: Google **ukgov-shielding**

REMEMBER: HANDS-FACE-SPACE!

Do not visit anyone, unless for a specific purpose, or if they are in your "support bubble".

Do not visit the practice if you have any COVID -19 symptoms (new or old).

Self isolate if you have tested positive for COVID -19 and are still symptomatic. Do not put others at risk by leaving home. Ring NHS 111, or contact the Practice by telephone, or visit our website for up to date information.

This is a worrying time for everyone but we at Spring Hill Medical Centre are still working very hard to help all our patients, as we did during the first lockdown and after the restrictions were lifted, to deliver primary care services. We are experiencing an increase in unacceptable behavior from some of our patients, and we have no choice other than to remind them about our zero tolerance policy. We understand patients are worried, frustrated and disappointed, but some patients think it is acceptable to make verbal threats to staff.

We are doing the best we can while facing winter pressure, including the pandemic.



Patron Her Majesty The Queen



ARLEY ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH



Although the annual Remembrance Sunday Service was cancelled, Arley still honoured those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Parish Council, Royal British Legion, military representatives and other local organisations laid wreaths at the War Memorial throughout the day.

New members are always welcome so if you're interested come and join us. You do not have to have been in the Armed Forces. We meet on the 1st Sunday in Feb, Apr, June and Oct 11am at the Wagon Load of Lime.

Please contact: Fred or Gill Guy **01676 542105** gill87217@gmail.com

If you are a Veteran and need support our Contact Centre is open from 8am-8pm 7 days a week. Tel; **0808 802 8080** or go online www.britishlegion.org.uk or
The Veterans Gateway is open 24/7. Tel; **0808 802 1212** or online
www.Veteransgateway.org.uk.



The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme continues to support children and families

WCC Council Leader Izzi Seccombe has announced that the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme, which has already provided over £450,000 of support to families through the Covid period, will continue to support our most vulnerable residents.

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis by providing basic and essential help.

. This Scheme is an opportunity to reach and help those most in need, by supporting eligible families.

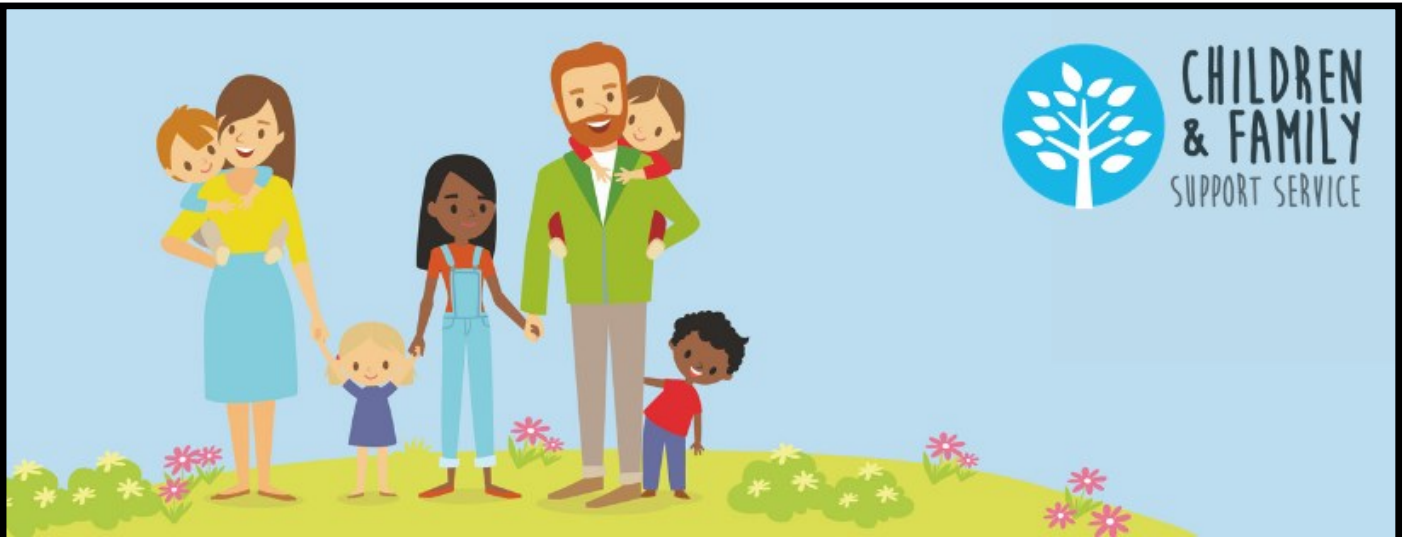
The Scheme will benefit those children eligible for free school meals as well as their younger non-school age siblings, aged 2 or above. This support will be available not just over this Christmas holiday, but over all other school holidays.

Council Leader Seccombe said:

"We do not want people in Warwickshire feeling anxious and we do not want children going hungry over school holidays. Our Local Welfare Scheme is there to support families and children, so this is what we will do. Our Warwickshire communities are really important to us and we are committed to supporting them."

The only eligibility criterion for this offer is that parents are registered for free school meals.

Families wanting to apply for support through the Scheme should call
0800 4081448 or 01926 359182.



The Family Information Service provides information, advice and signposting, to support on a range of topics. Information is available on things to do at

- Home.
- Education Resources.
- Staying Physically and Mentally Well.
- Family Relationships
- Finance.
- Housing.
- Parenting Support.
- Help through Pregnancy.
- Special Education & Disabilities needs.

Telephone **01926 742274** Email: - **fis@warwickshire.gov.uk**

Additional support is also available to families who may need extra help to engage with other services available to them during the current coronavirus pandemic.





Owen Austen Stain

On October 16, 2020 at 94 years of age, Old Arley lost one of its finest gentlemen: Owen Austen Stain.

Born and bred in Arley, Owen lived, worked and died here - he loved this village with all his heart. He was a one-off; we'll never see the like again.

He was born in 1926, at 7 Rectory Cottages. Writing in his journal 'Our Lives' he says:

'It is my guess that my era saw the biggest advancement of life of all times – from houses with no water toilets, there being buckets in a shack up the garden; tile floors, tabletops to be scrubbed every day, and pegged rugs to be shook clean - to the amazing feat of man landing on the moon – it was only the cow that jumped over the moon in the old days! In those days, everything revolved around the Colliery: employment, of course, and housing - most of the houses belonging to the Colliery and therefore one had to work at the pit to be considered for one.'

Owen attended the Church School. And in his own words: 'Being a church school all pupils were paraded to a church service on every Wednesday morning during Lent. At this time one of the top class lads was chosen to pump the organ for Mrs. Hands (the organ of course not being electric at the time). The honour fell to me in due course. Mrs. Hands kept nodding her head to pump faster as my arm became more tired – how I hated 6 verse hymns!'

Owen met his beloved Floss at Herbert Fowler School. They married on the 12th July, 1947 and raised two daughters.

In 1939, when World War 2 began, Owen signed up for the Royal Navy and spent 6 years clearing mines on the minesweeper HMS Cheerful. After the war Owen followed his father down the pit as a mine electrician. Although the job was both arduous and dangerous, he loved it and the men he worked with: several remained lifelong friends.

Community was important to him; he supported so many people through good times and bad, and was always enthusiastic and good-humoured. In younger days he'd organise events at Meadowcroft, and, once he lived on Woodside, he was the driving force behind many a street party. A keen gardener, his garden was a picture; flowers at the front and vegetables at the back. He must have given away most of his produce.

He cared a great deal about St. Wilfrid's Church and was one of the original group who came up with the idea of a community dining club.

With Arley no longer a mining village, Owen was concerned that folks would soon forget the proud mining heritage. Single-handedly he raised the cash and then commissioned a memorial figurine that now sits proudly in St Wilfrid's Church.

Remembrance Day Sunday will not be the same without Owen's upstanding presence. He felt privileged to lay the wreath on behalf of the Church. He was proud of the way Arley marked the event.

He loved the history of Arley and spent hours telling us about life at the pit, his childhood and the kindness of his friends' Mums to him as a motherless boy. He would name the twenty shops he remembered from his youth and talk about the Picture Palace and the two police houses with cells! He had a sharp mind, quick wit and humorous glint in his eye that brought his stories to life. His vast knowledge of local history resulted in an invitation to speak at Fillongley Village Hall at the history group meeting - he was excellent, he loved it and so did the audience.

But he did not spend too long in the past. He was a gregarious and hospitable man, who had a broad circle of friends, (all shapes, sizes and ages) dropping by throughout the week. He called Wednesdays his Ladies Day - he valued company and enjoyed preparing food.

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Owen Stain continued:

He'd make sandwiches, insisting his ladies eat cake and drink numerous mugs of tea. His last word to one of his favourite couples:

‘Look after each other and have good life’

Long may he be remembered

Donations in Owen's name may be made to
St Wilfrid's Parochial Church Council

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

AT ARLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER

11.00 am until 4.00pm

**TOMBOLA LOCAL CRAFT STALLS PRESENTS
FOOD AND DRINK**



*ALTHOUGH SANTA CAN'T BE
WITH US THIS YEAR HE WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR VIDEO CHAT
LIVE FROM THE COMMUNITY
CENTRE AT THIS YEAR'S
CHRISTMAS FAIR.*





Arley and Ansley Big Local is run by a partnership board of local residents, working together to improve the area for everyone.

The Big Local works to improve the area through events, activities, environmental work, youth work, grant schemes and more.

We are always looking for more help and ideas and welcome anyone to get in touch.

If you would like to get involved in any aspect of the project please contact our Project Coordinator on **07939510344** or email nwbiglocal@wcava.org.uk

Leys Youth Project

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions our youth clubs are closed, however our youth work team are still here to support young people and will be out on detached work through November and December, armed with hot drinks, snacks, activities and someone to listen.

The youth project will also be providing at home activities and virtual sessions for young people to access activities and support.

We have just launched our first 'youth board' and had a fantastic meeting this week with 5 young people from the area that told us what was good and bad about their area and how the Big Local project might be able to make it better.

For the most up to date information please like:

facebook.com/theleysyouthproject

Events

The local community put on some fantastic Halloween events and we would like to thank the team at Arley Community Centre and Joanna Harze from Ansley Village for organising Pumpkin Trails across the 3 villages.

The Big Local supported with a small donation towards the events and are keen to hear from residents who would like to organise other events and activities, just give us a call on **07939510344** or email nwbiglocal@wcava.org.uk



Living Advent Calendar

A wonderful way to celebrate advent on the run up to Christmas. A Living Advent Calendar needs 24 windows in an area to unveil a Christmas themed display each day leading to Christmas Day, from December 1st.

We are looking for 24 'host' windows throughout the 3 villages, to host a Christmas scene to be revealed on a specific day at a specific time. It doesn't have to be exotic, fancy or an art masterpiece as long as it has a Christmas theme.

We would allocate a number to a house or business who will decorate a window, which can be seen from the road. These would be from 1-24 and correspond to the appropriate day of advent. At a time to be decided the window would be revealed to the world. We would ask the resident, whose window it is, to display a laminated sheet in the corner that shows that they are an 'official' window of the living calendar and which number they are. Would you like to host a window?

Contact Kelly, our Youth and Community Worker, on 07966380288.

Our Events Subgroup are busy working on other Christmas themed events for December 2020 that also fit within the current covid-19 restrictions. Please follow our Facebook page for updates on a Christmas Tree Trail, Wishes Tree and a local toy swap: <https://www.facebook.com/arleyansleybiglocal/>

Community Cupboard

Our community cupboard project has some Arley Primary School uniform for parents to access for free. The community cupboard works on a donation/swap basis; if you have food/hygiene products or school uniform that you won't use you can donate them to us and take away things you will use.

Through lockdown this is difficult due to restrictions but if you would like to make a donation or are struggling to access food, products or school uniform please contact us. It is not essential to make a donation at the time of accessing support.

For more information, please contact us on **07939510344**.

Citizen's Advice

Citizen's Advice are available, via telephone support, for advice and information on debt, benefits, housing, employment and other issues. Please contact the local advice line on **0300 3301193**



Lending Scheme

We will be launching a lending scheme soon that will offer the opportunity to hire activity equipment for a low cost. You could hire a movie night kit, star gazing, bug hunting, sports day kit, or try your hand at sewing or pottery with our kits and instructions. Full information will be on our website and Facebook page soon.

Time capsule

Earlier in the year we set out to gather information and items for a time capsule, we are still collecting and would love to hear from you if you have any photographs, news articles, magazines, memorabilia, etc. that could be included in the capsule. to help capture our history.



Functional Movement, Pilates Meditation and Mindfulness

Lots of new sessions coming in 2021

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@Mindfulpilates1

www.pilatesmindfulmovement.co.uk

Arley Women's Institute

Back in December 2019 Arley WI started planning a secret party for our oldest member, Ruth, who was 90 years old in September 2020. Little did we know how our plans would change because of the intervening Covid 19 lockdown.

The question then arose; what do we do? Surely Arley WI could not fail to mark Ruth's 90th birthday? So a new plan was hatched. We all brought presents and organised with Ruth for one Arley WI member to visit her at home.

Then unbeknown to Ruth we planned for all of us to meet outside her house as a surprise. Unfortunately due to an increase in the restrictions only a few of us could be there. So on the day, there we were waiting wearing our facemasks and social distancing. When Ruth came to the door there were lots of presents and balloons on her doorstep. With lots of cheering, a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday! and lots of Hip, Hip, Hoorays! Ruth was really surprised and delighted.

In this difficult time we have kept in touch with each other and we are looking forward to being able to meet up again soon. For the moment we are unsure when our next meeting will be. We have provisionally organised to meet on 5th January



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Training*



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Personal training at a time and place to suit you

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- All sessions Covid 19 compliant

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New: Looking to make some changes but unsure where to begin? Why not try a one off health and fitness advice session?

Please contact: Pat Poulton on 07939 204469 or 01676 541986 or patricia.poulton14@btinternet.com

It's never too late to look after yourself

Marcus Jones MP

Working Hard for Arley



I am delighted to support the Arley News.

One of the great joys of being your local MP is spending time with the many groups and organisations that thrive and help enrich the lives of residents. Please contact me if you need advice, or to discuss any concerns – I can't promise to solve every problem, but I will always do my best to help.

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3 packs Lean Diced Steak- only £10!	3 Fresh Seasoned Chickens only £10!	Family Roasting Pack only £25!
3 Packs Lean Diced Steak-only £10!	Whole Beef Fillet- only £30!	3 Packs Extra Lean Steak Mince only £10!

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Arley Methodist Chapel

Although we are closed at present, the Chapel family are praying for our villages and the safety of residents.

If there is something that you would like us to pray for specifically, please drop us a line in our prayer box attached to the car park wall of the building.

This year we were due to celebrate 100 years of the Chapel's presence in Old Arley. COVID has meant that everything has been put on hold.

We have decided that the celebrations will restart in 2021. We have already made preparations and feel that such a significant milestone needs to be commemorated.

Look out for a timetable of events early in 2021.

Lockdown permitting, we will hold our Carol Service on Sunday 20th December at 6.00pm, led by our minister Rev. Jane Braund



COVID-19 Community Information Videos

We are into the second Wave of the COVID -19 pandemic in Warwickshire and the video link below sets out some of the key information in relation to the:

- Pattern of cases in Warwickshire
- Key Prevention Messages
- Definition of close contact and when to isolate
- Reducing the risk of serious illness

Please take the time to view these videos and share with your friends, families and communities, and lets work together to

DO THE RIGHT THING FOR WARWICKSHIRE!

Search YouTube for 'Do the Right Thing for Warwickshire'

If you would like to know more about how you can support your communities please contact: connectingcommunities@warwickshire.gov.uk



Arley Primary School

Since we last reported in the Arley News much has changed again, but equally lots of things have stayed the same. It was a wonderful experience to welcome the children back into school, albeit in a slightly different environment. I am extremely proud of how well the children and staff have adapted to a different way of working, and how fantastically you have supported us all as we have strived to follow Government and local authority guidelines, and apply them to our wonderful school.

Even though the situation we have found ourselves in has been unprecedented, it has not stopped our vision and values from being central to our life at school. The children have experienced many of the activities we would normally hold, and I was never more proud than to see them respecting the two-minute silence to remember those who have given their lives so that we can live ours. The fun we had in support of Children in Need was amazing and our Governors came too! They socially distanced and encouraged the children fabulously. What great sports they are! Two of our values in one week – respect and kindness, very apt considering it was World Kindness Day on Friday 13th November. The community of Arley show kindness as a way of life, not just for one day, and for that I am truly grateful.

It is my absolute privilege to be the Head Teacher of Arley Primary School and I look forward to the day when we can meet properly again. Linda Kelly

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Rev John's Jottings

I hope you are managing during these ongoing difficult days. Very soon we shall be at the end of another year which has been one of the most testing since World War Two. Although Remembrance Sunday services were suspended due to the Covid 19 pandemic Lockdown, the poem **The Gate of the Year** still has relevance.

It was written in 1908, and it was part of a collection titled *The Desert*. It caught the public attention and the popular imagination when King George VI quoted it in his 1939 Christmas broadcast to the British Empire. The poem was brought to his attention by his wife, Queen Elizabeth. In many ways it speaks to us today as the Covid19 pandemic continues.

Its words remained a source of comfort to the Queen, and she had the words engraved on stone plaques and fixed to the gates of the King George VI Memorial Chapel at Windsor Castle, where the King was interred. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, was also buried there in 2002, and the words of "The Gate of the Year" were included in a reflection in her funeral order of service.

THE GATE OF THE YEAR

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So, I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

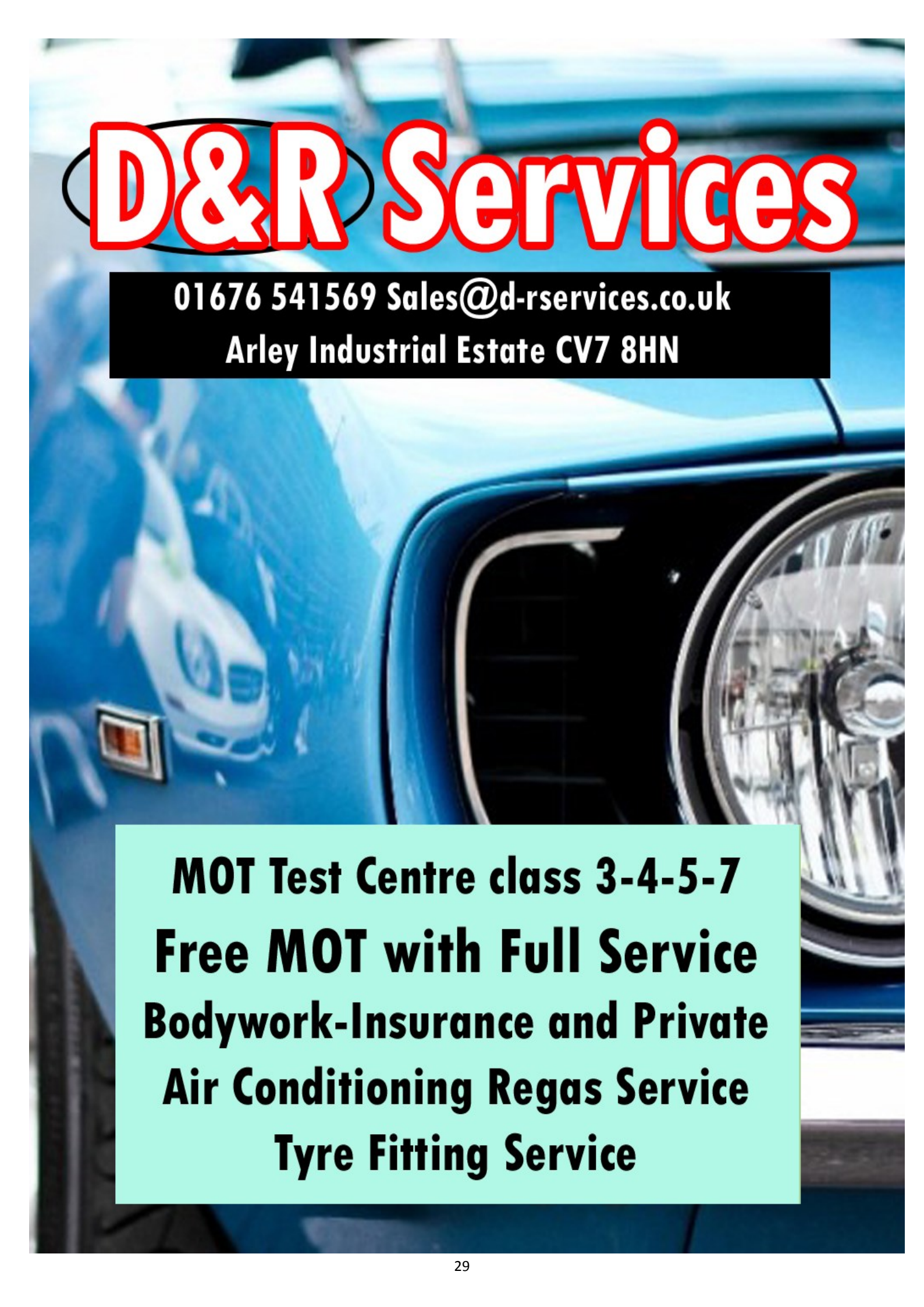
And the poem also included these lines :

*God knows. His will
Is best. The stretch of years
Which wind ahead, so dim
To our imperfect vision,
Are clear to God. Our fears
Are premature; In Him,
All time hath full provision.*

May it be that you find the peace in your life that you need.

Our churches are always there for you and maybe one day when this battle with Covid19 is subdued you can join us in a time of thanksgiving. In the meantime, why not put your hand in the Hand of God, like King George VI and the Queen Mother did. Do take care; wishing you much blessing in the days to come.

Rev. John



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The Container Gardener



The weather has not been too bad since the last edition and looking forward it does not look to bad for gardeners. With Autumn upon us this is the time to get out there to clear all the leaves and add them to the compost bin, with a view to making leaf mould as a soil conditioner for years to come. People are often confused about the time it takes for leaves to rot down, but the rule of thumb is: oak & alder will rot down in a year, but varieties like beech, sycamore, horse chestnut and sweet chestnut will take a couple of years to compost. You can speed up the compose process if, like me. you use a shredder to chop the leaves into smaller pieces. Be aware that the more leaves you leave on the ground increases the chances of harbouring fungal spores and create hiding places for slugs and snails. One thing to remember though when clearing leaves, check to see that there are no small mammals using leaf mounds for their winter hibernation.

While I am outside clearing the leaves I take the opportunity to raise my pots off the ground. This stops the soil becoming waterlogged. I also review the ground surrounding my roses, I clear all the leaves and debris to stop the chances of infection with black spot or rust next year. I never add this to my compost heap, I always burn it to stop infection. I also prune my roses to half their height, this stops them from being affected from windrock by the high winds we have in our location.

Now that I am starting to harvest more of the vegetables I make sure that I don't store anything that looks a bit dodgy. I either throw it in the recycling bin or make sure we use them first. Like the roses, due to the high winds some of the brassicas need stacking. There is nothing more demoralising that going out to pick sprouts only to find that they have been damaged by the wind. This is the time to plant out currant and raspberry plants, make sure the ground is turned and well manured. Also, tidy up your strawberry plants, remove the dead leaves and runners and burn them.

Looking forward to next year, I am thinking of changing the way I grow things, I might go from growing in pots to growing in a raised bed. I've been reviewing the returns versus the time and effort, and raised beds, I feel, gives you a better return, but I am still reviewing the options.

Finally, as I'm one of those individuals who are classed as high risk and have been advised to stay in and not mix, I'm glad I have the garden to take some of the anxiety out of the situation, I feel concern for the individuals who have been issued the same advice but don't have gardens. The pressure to stay safe must be very worrying.



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