

Seagrave Village Magazine

July/August 2020



All diary dates and news updates to Caroline at seagravevillage@gmail.com

by

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If you would like something to appear in a future edition of the magazine please make contact using the email address above. Submissions for inclusion in the September edition should be made by **August 26th 2020**.

Parish Diary

20th July Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm held remotely

Seagrave village magazine goes virtual

In these unprecedented times, the parish council remain keen to support the village magazine as a means of communication between villagers.

If you would like to receive a monthly copy of the magazine by e-mail, please send an e-mail message to seagravevillage@gmail.com from the account to which you would like the magazine to be sent and include the text 'Virtual Distribution Request' in the subject line. If you have already responded, your request will be carried forward.

Church Services

As lockdown is eased, the good news is that churches will soon be allowed to resume services, provided that there is no singing. We do not know when Seagrave's services will restart, as we have to wait for guidance from the diocese. Until then the church will remain closed for services but will now open two days per week for private prayer. Please see "Church News" for details of opening days and times.

Church Cleaning Rota

Because the church will still be closed for most days of the week, the cleaning rota will continue to be suspended until further notice. In the meantime, the churchwardens will visit the church regularly and clean it as required.

Church News – Mervyn Harris

Church Reopening

As part of the easing of the lockdown, places of worship will be able to reopen for services as from 4th July, provided that there is no singing. At the time of writing, we do not know when Seagrave church will reopen as we are waiting for guidance from the diocese. Ensuring the safety of the congregation will be paramount and we will have to observe social distancing and, doubtless, other measures.

We will, though, be opening the church for individual prayer on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10.00am until 12.00noon, starting on Saturday 27th June. Everyone is welcome to attend but the church will not be open for tourism and large areas of it have been closed off. Social distancing will have to be observed and other safety measures have been put in place in the building.

Please go to our website, www.scsparishchurches.uk, for further information about church openings and details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study and community life.

How to contact us

We are all waiting for further easing of the lockdown and the opportunity to enjoy, so far as we can, a "normal" life. In the meantime, we can always be contacted. Please contact me (01509 812366) or Jenny Dyer (01509 812163),

if you think we can help in any way. Any pastoral issues will be passed to our Rector, Duncan Beet. In an emergency he can be contacted directly on 07814 536648. For now, we pray to God that all in our village and wider parish will be spared the pandemic. Covid-19 may be in retreat but it still continues to affect our country and way of life. We must all be vigilant.

Borough and County Council News

From our local councillors

Consultation on Loughborough Town Deal

There is still time to take part in the consultation on a plan which will shape the future of Loughborough. The Loughborough Town Deal is aiming to secure up to £25 million of government funding to transform the town and has drawn up a draft investment plan which is now out for consultation.

The project is being led by the Loughborough Town Deal board involving a range of organisations, including Charnwood Borough Council, Loughborough University, Loughborough College, Love Loughborough, Leicestershire County Council, the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, Charnwood Together Economy and Skills Group, local businesses and Loughborough MP Jane Hunt.

The draft investment plan outlines four areas of focus:

- Physical regeneration and how Loughborough functions as a place
- Equipping people, communities and businesses for the future
- A smart, green Loughborough
- Loughborough – ‘innovation city’, global national and regional destination Charnwood Borough Council Leader, Cllr Jonathan Morgan, and Dr Nik Kotecha OBE, chief executive officer of Morningside Pharmaceuticals based in the town, are co-chairs of the board.

The Town Deal is an extremely important opportunity for Loughborough, particularly given the need to stimulate the local economy and lead the community out of the devastating effect of the coronavirus pandemic. The consultation on the draft investment plan began on June 16 and closes at midnight on Sunday, July 5.

To have a say on the consultation, please visit www.loughboroughtowndeal.co.uk/consultation

Loughborough is one of 100 places across the country which have been offered the chance to bid for Town Deal funding to regenerate town centres, boost businesses and improve infrastructure and connectivity.

Councils continue to respond

As Councils continue to adjust and respond to the pandemic some services are being reinstated and new arrangements made. Measures in town centres to assist social distancing as general retail reopens are now in place and the County and Borough Councils are working together to refine arrangements as necessary. At the time of writing the County Council is awaiting the outcome of a round 1 bid to the Government for transport measures under the Active Travel Emergency Fund, measures to reallocate road space for walking and cycling. These measures will have to be focussed on public transport corridors, to offset the impact of reduced capacity and usage of that mode. The Council is also working up further proposals for the next round of this funding.

The County Council has introduced a Highways' Parish and Community Fund, to implement either temporary or permanent measures within parishes and communities that will support social distancing and active travel. Information is being sent to all parishes. Temporary measures introduced through this grant will be for an initial period of three months, at which point their continued presence and duration will be considered against the Government's guidance in place at that time, as well as their local impacts.

Traffic management has been removed at Recycling and Household Waste Sites (RHWS) as the booking system means there is now very little queuing. Work is continuing to reopen further sites and it is hoped that by the time you read this the Shepshed site will have reopened for five days a week, including weekends.

County Council Regulatory Services has reintroduced the birth registration process, first at Anstey Frith Registration Office, and over 500 requests for an appointment were received within the first week. The Loughborough and Coalville offices are now also open for birth registrations. Support for PPE procurement and raising awareness about scams continue to be key priorities for the Trading Standards service. The latest scam reported involves unsolicited callers claiming to be associated with local councils, requiring the householder to accept a boiler service and to provide bank details as confirmation of the appointment.

In Adult Social Care demand has been rising and currently there are some 100 patients per week being discharged from hospital who require funded adult social care packages. The complexity of patients' needs has also been increasing, and work is underway to look at discharge practice in the longer-term with rising numbers.

For both Councils the financial impact of COVID – 19 remains a critical issue, despite the emergency funding provided by the Government.

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Parish Office

The Parish Office will be open on Wednesday and Friday between 10.00 – 12.30pm. Should you wish to contact the Clerk at other times please ring 01509 815015 and leave a message or send an email to: clerk@seagraveparishcouncil.org.uk emails are monitored regularly.



Minutes and Agenda:

These are available on the Councils web site and in hard copy on the Parish Council notice board on Church Street, Seagrave.

Planning Applications:

If you have any concerns over planning applications that affect you, please write or e-mail the Parish Council. We can then consider your views when we

respond to the application. If you decide to write to the planning department please let the clerk have a copy of your letter.

If you live in the Conservation Area, please note that planning permission is required for cutting down/pruning/lopping trees. Please contact Nola O'Donell at Charnwood Borough Council to enquire – telephone: 01509 634766

May/June Parish Council meetings

Due to the current Covid 19 crisis the Parish Council held its May and June meetings via Zoom. Members of the public are welcome to join and the joining instructions can be found on the agenda on the PC website www.seagraveparishcouncil.org.uk

Police Report

During May there had been some damage reported to the village notice board on Green Lane. There had been no reported crime during June.

Progress on P/20/0696/2 LCFC training ground, minor material amendments to junction improvements

The PC had objected strongly to the proposal to open the LCFC training ground before the junction improvements had been made. Councillor Poland has requested that this is considered by the CBC Plans Committee.

Annual Audit 19/20

The 19/20 annual audit has now been completed and documents can be viewed on the PC website.

Borough Councillors report

The garden waste service has now reverted back to the normal fortnightly collection.

The bulky waste collection service charging measures do not seem to have led to increased levels of fly tipping in the village.

CBC has launched the second phase of grants to businesses affected by the Covid19 crisis. Grants of up to £25k are available and the closing date for applications was 22nd June.

County Councillors report

Both applications for British Gypsum had been turned down at the LCC Plans Committee.

The next edition of Leicestershire Life is currently being delivered to households across the County.

Tree Survey

The PC is currently getting quotes for a tree survey on all trees owned by the PC. This will help to identify any work that is needed to them.

Dog Waste Bin

The licence has now been obtained for the waste bin on Mucklegate Lane. The bin has been ordered and should hopefully be fitted soon.

Dog Fouling

The problem of dog fouling in the village is an ongoing issue. It is sometimes a common misconception that is ok to allow a dog to foul on footpaths that are outside the village boundary and going across fields. It is an offence to allow a dog to foul on any area where the public have access whether this is a pavement or a footpath going across a field. If any villager witnesses an incident they should report it to Charnwood Borough Council on 01509 634564. They have the power to take action against offenders. It is also a good idea to report any dog fouling seen as CBC should arrange to have it cleared away and it enables a picture to be established, if there are any particular problem areas.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The July Parish Council meeting will take place on July 20th at 7.00 pm and will be held remotely.

Knit & Stitch -Ruth King

The group is not able to meet yet, but we're still busy. Linda Heaps has asked people to knit or crochet poppies to add to Seagrave's displays for our Remembrance commemorations in November this year. Thinking ahead, we've got some made already, but if you can knit or crochet and make some to add to the collection, that'd be great. Various free patterns are available online or I can email you one or drop a copy round if you prefer - email ruthmking2a@gmail.com or tel. 814468. Or, if you have any leftover red yarn you can spare us, or small amounts of green or black, please drop it round to me (48 King Street) or Linda (3 The Banks), or contact me and I'll collect it. Thanks in anticipation of any help you can give us!

Seagrave Fun Day Fete 6th September 2020 - Event Committee.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the uncertainty that this has brought, the committee has sadly decided to cancel this year's Seagrave Fun Day Fete in September. Many thanks for your continuing support and hopefully we will be back in business for 2021.

Seagrave Village Walks - Chris Thompson, John McDermott, Guy Preston, Roger Williams, Roger Brown & Ruth King.

You will not be surprised to learn that the Seagrave Village Walks programme is suspended for the time being but, be in no doubt, we will resume as soon as possible.

In the meantime, keep fit and healthy and hopefully we will see each other out and about on the footpaths around Seagrave. In particular, don't forget to make use of the new 'permissive path' installed last year along the verge and through the old allotments on Big Lane. Happy walking!

Village Social Media Page – Caroline Emberson

Are you interested in joining a team of like-minded individuals to start up and run a social media presence for the village? If you would like to exchange contact details with others who are interested in planning, launching and maintaining a site, please email me at the magazine (seagravevillage@gmail.com) and I shall put you in touch.

Cyber Warnings - Sam Hancock Cyber Protect Officer, Leicestershire Police

DWP scam warning - Thursday, 4 June, 2020

Action Fraud are continuing to see examples of emails and texts sent by fraudsters purporting to be from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

The DWP will never text or email asking for your personal information or bank details.

Do not click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails and never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for personal or financial details.

If you are expecting a call from the DWP on your online benefit application, DWP work coaches will leave you a message in your online journal to let you know.

NHS Test and Trace guidance - Monday, 1 June, 2020

Unfortunately, criminals will exploit every opportunity they can to defraud innocent people of their money, or steal their personal details.

It is important to remember that NHS Test and Trace will never ask you for any form of payment or any passwords or PINs. They will also never ask you to download anything, ask any details about your bank account or send someone to your home.

Whilst it is possible for criminals to spoof official phone numbers, they cannot fake official website addresses. We would encourage anyone with concerns about a phone call, text message or email they have received, in relation to Test and Trace, to check the website address being provided to you carefully. If possible, type the official address, which will be

<https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>

followed by unique characters given to you, directly into your browser.

Test and Tracer callers will NEVER

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to us (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind
- ask for any details about your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- disclose any of your personal or medical information to your contacts
- provide medical advice on the treatment of any potential coronavirus symptoms
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else

Reporting rogue emails and texts

Don't forget, if you think you have been sent a scam email on any subject, you can forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk, or if a text message, please forward to 7726 which spells "Spam" on your mobile keypad.

The While Horse Inn – Gemma Thomas

As I'm sure you're all aware, the Government has now made the decision to close all pubs and restaurants as meeting places for the foreseeable future. However, we are still permitted to provide takeaways of food and drink to you all, for delivery or collection. During these extremely difficult times, we want to support you, our villagers, as much as we can. Our new takeaway menu, which we delivered through your doors recently (also available to view on our website, www.whitehorseseagrave.co.uk) will continue to run during our normal food service hours (Tuesdays to Sundays).

You can place an order by calling us on 01509 814715 or emailing us at gemma@whitehorseseagrave.co.uk. We also have a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available to take away – for example, if you fancy a pint (or four!), just bring along a clean 2 litre plastic milk bottle and we'll fill it up for you with your draught beer or cider of choice for just £10!

Please get in touch, too, if you're running low on any household items – we have regular wholesale deliveries and may be able to help. We can also collect and deliver supplies, including prescriptions, to your doors. Your support has been invaluable to us over the years – this is the least we can do for you all.

Tuesdays, 6pm-8.45pm

Wednesdays, 6pm-8.45pm

Thursdays, 6pm-8.45pm

Fridays, 6pm-8.45pm

Saturdays, 6pm-8.45pm

Sundays, 12pm-2.15pm

Wednesdays to Saturdays, 12pm-1.45pm

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