

Patney Parish Council

To all Patney Residents

Following the Parish Council meeting this week, we thought it might be helpful to update villagers on a few matters.

Covid 19 Assistance

The Village Buddy scheme put in place back in March has been very successful and will continue for as long as needed. Many thanks to all who have provided assistance to other residents in the village. Just to reiterate – if you need help please get in touch with your usual buddy, use the Patney vs Corona WhatsApp group or contact any of:

Mark Cann markcann@bff.org.uk 01380 840542 or 07802 815294

Simon Guest siguest1@hotmail.com 07971 964460

Patricia Alsop palsop2@gmail.com 01380 840501 or 07976 816476

Communications/WhatsApp Groups

The Parish Council is delighted that the **Patney vs Corona WhatsApp** group set up by the Parish Council in March as part of the Village's response to the pandemic has proved to be such a well-used and well-liked forum. Indeed, more villagers have opted to join this than have given consent (as required by the Data Protection legislation) to be contacted by email! The original plan was that this should be used solely to publish requests for help, particularly during lockdown, and for people to reply confirming they could meet that need. More recently, it has become more of a village resource for sharing information, surplus items and plans eg for the park run. It has revealed a much stronger community spirit in the village, which is also wonderful.

In order to address concerns that requests for help may be difficult to spot in the large number of messages that some posts can attract, a separate **Patney Village Network WhatsApp** has just been set up which should be used for social activities, buying/selling/swapping and any other purposes that villagers wish. This is a self-moderating group "owned" by village residents. A link has been sent to everyone in the Patney vs Corona group and everyone who joins can add others.

Everyone is welcome to join either or both groups and, obviously, all messages published on either of these WhatsApp groups should be courteous and appropriate. If you have any difficulty joining a group please ask one of the contacts named above for help.

In addition, if you would like to be included on the village email list and/or the Neighbourhood Watch email list please give your email address to our Parish Clerk, Steve Welford using patneyparishclerk@outlook.com

Bin Stickers

Attached is a wheely bin sticker intended to encourage sensible driving through the village. If you want more there are some spares available in the phone box and if you do not want this one, please could you put it in the phone box for others to use. If we run out before demand is satisfied, we can easily order more.

Parish Magazine - Redhorn News

Apologies that delivery of hard copies to individual houses has not been possible - these can now be collected from the phone box at the start of each month. The annual subscription is £5, which it has not been possible to collect. If you would like to pay this year's cost, please could you drop it in to Patricia Alsop at Manor Farm House, Manor Farm Lane with a note of your address or let her know and she will collect it.

Dog Fouling

We have been asked to remind everyone of the availability of dog poo bins at either end of the Green Lane bridleway and on the village green and to request that all dog walkers clear up after their pets. The folk that mow and strim these places and other walkers will be particularly grateful.

Parish Council Vacancy in 2021

The maximum number of councillors set by Wiltshire Council is 5 and there will be a vacancy arising next year due to a planned retirement. We will follow the normal procedure for advertising the vacancy when it arises and just wanted to alert you to this. If anyone is interested and wants to know more about what is involved please contact Patricia Alsop or Steve Welford whose contact details appear earlier in this letter.

With very best wishes to you all

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