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MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR THE PARISH OF PITCOMBE

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Saturday 15 VJ Day (Victory in Japan) 70 years ago

Friday 21 Black bin Collection

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is included at the end of
this magazine

contribute

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The next edition will be September 2020. Please send any articles or advertisements to the editors by **15 August** at the latest. Our contact details can be found in the Parish Directory in the centre of this magazine.

welcome

PITCOMBE NEWS

Those of you who had traditionally celebrated Summer Solstice Day by travelling to Stonehenge to watch the sunrise, would have been disappointed to hear that this event was cancelled this year. Lockdown has long tentacles. The 'Dog Days of Summer' are the 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11, which coincide with the dawn rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. A less well-known theory is that they are the days when your dog starts panting from the heat.

Dispensing with the trivia, the more serious issues relating to the Pitcombe Parish beckon. Mark Tilley documents the goings-on at Bottom Barn Farm, leaving the average reader exhausted by the sheer variety of work and amount of energy expended by the noble farming fraternity. Of concern is the scarcity of contracts being offered to cider apple producers. An interesting piece has been extracted from latest edition of the Somerset and Dorset Railway Journal. It describes the history of the old Railway Hotel in Cole, with pictures of the layout of Cole Station and a steam train passing by in 1962. The article was kindly brought to our attention by Dorothy Harding, long-time companion of Roma Thick, whose family used to run the pub.

Our War Stories theme continues with contributions from Charles Brook and Willie Constantine, recollecting their memories of WWII, and Charles relating tales of his schooldays and life in post war France and Willie describing a daring escape from the notorious Stalag Luft POW camp by an acquaintance of his mother. Jane Hodges submits a piece about her father in North Africa.

Topical and relevant is an extract from a recently distributed brochure about a new website called Ask My GP. Visit your practice website and click on askmygp to learn about how to obtain faster and easier access to your GP surgery. Apologies for the poor reproduction. Blame co-editors dinosaur-like knowledge of modern technology.

We wish all our readers a healthy and happy time as they enjoy the Dog Days of Summer. Our next edition will be September's. ■

ST LEONARD'S

As the COVID 19 situation improves and social activity can resume we hope that we will be able to gradually resume our activities at the St Leonard's. By the time that you read this Pitcombe News, a video of the Rev Dan Richards taking a service at St Leonard's will have been posted on the Bruton Benefice website. He will be on his own, but it's good to see St Leonard's being used for worship again.

Following the latest Government advice regarding the easing of the lockdown, St Leonard's Church is now open each day from 10am to 5pm to enable those who wish to participate in individual prayer to enter the Church. Individual prayer within a place of worship is defined as a person or household entering the church to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. We ask people to ensure that they adhere to social distancing of 2 metres all round between individuals or those from separate households.

On entering the building, please can you use the hand sanitiser on the chest just through the door and follow the signage arrows. You will see that all the Prayer, Hymn Books and Bibles have been removed, but on the chest you will find a printed sheet entitled 'To help you pray' for those who may wish to use it. Please help yourself to a copy and when leaving Church please take it home with you.

You may remember that our organist Harriet Reed retired after 25 years of playing for us at St Leonard's. This ►



I would like to thank everyone so much for their very generous contribution towards the magnificent lavender plant and very large cheque which I shall enjoy spending! I am extremely touched by your kindness. Best wishes, Harriet Reed.

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▷ commitment was very much appreciated, as she played for us almost every Sunday and also played at the special services. In recognition of this achievement the parishioners clubbed together allowing us to present Harriet with a special card, a cheque, and a garden pot and plant.

Harriet's retirement does leave us with a problem though! I have two organists who can cover some, but not all of our services. If anyone can help us out with some of the Sundays then please contact me.

Philip Pidsley
Church Warden

EASING OF LOCKDOWN AT ST LEONARD'S

Following the latest Government directive regarding the easing of the lockdown relating to Church Buildings, the PCC will be opening St Leonard's Church each day from Monday, 15th June from 10am to 5pm to enable those who wish to participate in individual prayer to enter the Church.

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Unfortunately the lavatory will not be available for use at this present time. ►

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▷ Should you feel unwell may we ask that you leave visiting the Church until you feel back to normal health.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch with either Philip Pidsley - Tel: 01749 813842, philip.pidsley@btinternet.com - or Carole Wyatt - Tel: 01963 350222, email: carolewyatt@btinternet.com.

I have emailed most parishioners, but it may be useful for those who aren't churchgoers to know. ■

Carole Wyatt

JOBS TO DO IN THE GARDEN

JULY

Edibles:

Last chance to sow French beans

- Lift and divide rhubarb plants; discard old clump centres and replant divided outer growth with tons of organic matter in the hole
- Plant out purple sprouting broccoli and winter leeks
- Sow your autumn and winter swiss chard towards month end

Flowers:

- Thin biennials
- Last chance to plant acidanthera and gladioli for late autumn flowering
- Prune lavender
- Start taking cuttings of tender perennials e.g. salvias, pelargoniums and penstemons

AUGUST

Edibles:

- Sow salad leaves and hardy lettuce in gutters for planting outside and autumn/winter/early spring picking
- Sow spinach for autumn crop once weather cools down a bit.
- Last chance to sow chard by month end for autumn/winter/spring harvest. ►
- ► Plant kale and winter leeks
- Plant strawberry runners in a new position

Flowers:

- Sow schizanthus inside for early flowering next spring
- Towards month end, start sowing hardy annuals for next year
- Plant biennials into a temporary bed, or into their final flowering position if you can
- Take cuttings of tender perennials e.g. pelargoniums, penstemons ■

WAR STORIES

NORTH AFRICA 1941

Brian Batchelor joined the Army as a despatch rider in the signal company attached to the South African 5th Brigade. In the description below he had just arrived in Barberton with despatches from Potchefstroom - a journey on today's beautiful highways takes over 5 hours!

My 19-year-old father, was huddled in a greatcoat in the guard room on a bitterly cold winter's night near Barberton (Jock of the Bushveld country) in the early years of WW2 when an officer came in and said 'We urgently need soldiers with HGV licences to drive from Pretoria to Alexandria'. And so the young Brian Batchelor signed up then and there, and thus began his extraordinary journey through Africa. In November of 1940 my father's unit left Pretoria to head North overland. With motor cycles, Ford V8 trucks, radio equipment, telephones with rolls of field wire and signal stores all loaded on flat-bed trucks, they left by rail to Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) where they disembarked at Broken Hill (Kabwe) from whence with Dad now at the wheel of one of the Ford V8 trucks, they continued North by road to Tanganyika (Tanzania), through Kenya, to Marsabit, to Abyssinia, then down the Nile (on boats) to Alexandria, and west to the port of Mersa Matruh. For a young man with a passion for natural history, geology and antiquity the journey kept him endlessly fascinated and his account some 60 pages of typed A4, contains many a digression from the journey to ancient wells in Ethiopia and the abundant flora and fauna!

From Mersa Matruh, now bike mounted, armed with a Webley .38 and a rifle, he drove with the South African 5th Brigade heading for Tobruk where Australian and British troops had been besieged for eight months. As they approached Sidi Rezegh (German airfield) they were strafed by Stuka dive bombers. As the Stukas approached, the troops left their vehicles to find sparse cover in the sands of the desert. Father used his bike as a rifle rest to: ►

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▷ “...fire my own personal bullet against a visible enemy... saw my bullet flick through his perspex dome ... He is approaching at some 120 yards per second, there is time for one shot only. Well, a number of us claimed to have placed the critical shot, we would never know for sure.

But what was sure followed swiftly. He was almost overhead, maybe 50 feet up. His bullets stitched the ground to my right, when suddenly he reared up into the sky, hung there and nosed to the ground only 200 yards away.

Swiftly he changed from being a menace and became a spectacle. Landing wheels raced solo across the desert jinking and swerving through a group, who stood up relieved it was all over, to have this wheel tossed at them. That was quite an experience and we were pleased that .303 fire could damage a Stuka pilot bringing him to earth.

We walked over to the shattered ‘plane, inspected for bullet holes, much as a hunter might inspect a fallen elephant for same. Yes, his perspex had several bullet holes in it, as had the crew of two. There was much metal flying up into the sky from our machine gunners, and Bofors Ack-Ack gunners, distributed among 35 Stukas, but we felt that this fellow’s downfall was our work”

Jane Hodges

ESCAPE FROM STALAG LUFT III

During the war in 1940, my Mother went to work at Lewis’s Ltd a big Department store In Birmingham. She got to know one of the Window dressers called Eric Williams whose wife had been killed in a bombing raid.

He joined the RAF and became an Observer in a Bomber which got shot down over Germany. He was imprisoned in the Airmen POW camp Stalag Luft III (the camp from where the Great Escape took place) and managed to escape by digging a hole underneath the Gym vaulting box and tunnelling a few feet each day. ►

▷ He had a dramatic journey eventually to neutral Sweden and back to England.

He wrote a book called 'The Wooden Horse', my Mother having helped with the typing! He gave me some pfeniggs he had used on his way. He later wrote another book called 'Goon in the Block'. A film was eventually made of the episode. Exciting times!

Willie Constantine

WAR AND PEACE

The winter of 1946/7 was one of the coldest on record/ We moved from the comfortable life we had enjoyed in Yorkshire where food was relatively plentiful to London where rationing was in full swing. We lived in a small house in Radnor Walk, Chelsea, which is now fashionable, and the house is probably worth £2m.

I took the 19 or 24 bus along King's Road to Knightsbridge to a school run by Susan Hampshire's mother in Basil Street. The curriculum was pretty ambitious by present day standards and included Latin and French from year 1 but the food reflected the time: Spam, Pom (dehydrated potato) and shredded raw cabbage was a standard lunch. No wonder that when the holidays came my brothers and I made for the pressure cooker demonstrations in Harrods; the demonstrators clearly understood why three boys were often in the front row.

Polio was rife in 1947/8 – another viral disease without treatment or prevention, with devastating consequences for some, shades of today. Fortunately, my father was posted to Fontainebleau to serve with the air forces of the Western Union (forerunner to SHAPE and NATO); I was sent off to boarding school in Devon and went out to France for the holidays. We thought that England had won the war, but France had won the peace: I had my first banana, fresh peach, apricot and grapes. Sugar – was there a problem? Meat, bread, cheeses and petrol were unlimited. There were no clothing coupons either. The Dior look had just arrived, so my mother had her first dresses since the thirties and we boys had new clothes too. ►

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▷ We drank pink champagne on my parents' wedding anniversary, another first, and a choice of menu in a restaurant. The French certainly knew how to live: Elizabeth David published *A Book of Mediterranean Food* in 1950, but her recipes called for aubergines, basil, figs, garlic and olive oil that were not available in Britain. Here, we had rationing of petrol until 1950, of sugar until 1953 and of meat until 1954. It was only in the mid-1990s (following the effective abolition of the Milk Marketing Board) that the revival of the British cheese industry began in earnest.

Harold Macmillan's slogan of 'You've never had it so good' for the 1959 election really meant something. The Conservatives had won three successive general elections increasing their majority each time. It sparked debate as to whether Labour could win a general election again.

Charles Brook

FOOTNOTE

I remember my Dad telling us that when the European war ended, they asked members of his squadron to volunteer for service in the Japanese theatre and the whole squadron volunteered. Fortunately, the war ended before this could be enacted and he eventually returned home safely. Sadly, a pilot who had survived the war, and with whom Dad flew as navigator on many of the peacetime missions that were continuing until 1946, died in a plane crash in the desert of North Africa. Dad was part of the search mission which found his crashed plane. So sad. ■

Richard Waller



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Ben Gold/Marie Curie

How we can help

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THE RAILWAY HOTEL IN COLE

This piece is extracted from an article in the 2019 Winter Edition of the Somerset and Dorset Railway Journal, written by Andrew Cramer Webb. It was brought to our attention by Dorothy Harding who lives in the old Railway Hotel. Although the article is about pubs along the old railway line, it has some interesting pictures of the old Cole station and hotel.

Cole had its own Railway Hotel. Built in 1900, it stood just outside the entrance gates of the station. On the day the hotel opened, its predecessor, The Sunny Hill Inn, just up the hill on the outskirts of Bruton, closed. Various landlords occupied the Railway Hotel until it was taken over by Stanley and Hilda Thick of R & J Thick, the coal and coke merchants in the station yard. After Stanley died, it was run by Bob and Lily Thick from 1943 until closure in 1973. In his article 'Growing up in Cole' Trust member Piet Biesheuvel refers to the premises serving Yeovil beers from the Bruton Mitchell & Toms brewery, with beer poured straight from the barrel. This



This picture, taken on 1st September 1962, shows Cole Station and the station master's house on the left and the Railway Hotel on the right. Ex-GWR Collett 0-6-0 No. 2277 leaves southbound with the two -coach 2.20 p.m., Highbridge to Templecombe local. R. C. Riley Collection: courtesy, Rodney Lissenden.

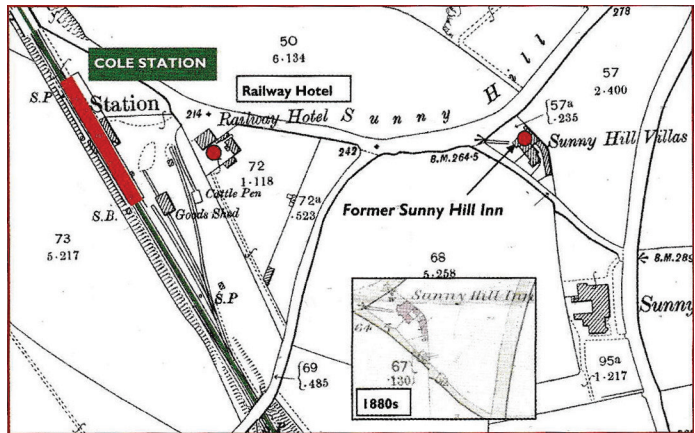
brewery, which also made Autumn Gold Cider, was taken over by Charrington (later Bass Charrington) in 1960, before it ceased brewing in 1965. Having started drinking beer there himself, Piet emphasises the importance of the station to the whole community,

and the pub as the centre for social activities. It is a sentiment that could be expressed for most of the railway hotels and pubs on the Somerset and District Line (S&D). ►

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▷ The present owner of the old Hotel, Roma Thick [sadly deceased since this article was published. Ed.] is the daughter of Bob and Lily. Her brother, John, remembers the Railway Hotel as more of a pub although private accommodation was available. It

had a bar to the left of the entrance, and a Commercial Room on the righthand side, nearest the station. The Hotel suffix was dropped from conversation in the 1950s and was just called The Railway, although it was



The area around the station c. 1903, showing the station, the Railway Hotel and the position of the Sunny Hill pub that it replaced. 1880s map inset.



Cole: The Railway Hotel, pictured during the June 1953 Coronation celebrations. Ivy Gould, the stationmaster's wife (with bouquet) stands with Roma Thick, while the stationmaster's son, signalman Graham Gould takes a photo.

always known locally as the Cole pub. John remembers S&D lengthsmen walking the track from Evercreech Junction, before having a lunch of bread and cheese with cider and returning by train or coming down by train and walking the line back. John, his brother Fred (the relief signalman) and Roma recorded sound of the last ▶

▷ train passing through Cole station in March 1966, using a reel-to-reel tape recorder from a window.

The hotel became a private house called 'Hillside' but retains a carriage house and stables. Removing the securely fixed wrought-iron and leaded glass entrance canopy in 1974, proved to be quite difficult. Its outline can still be seen. The former Sunny Hill Inn was used as accommodation for the eponymous girls' school and is presently the Bursary of Bruton School for Girls. From 1900 to 1968, it had been owned by Piet Biesheuvel's godfather, Col H. H. Johnson. ■

GARLIC – A MEDICINE?

The medicinal qualities of garlic are legendary and were cited by ancient practitioners in China, Babylonia, Egypt, Greece and across the Roman Empire. In 1858 French chemist and microbiologist Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) conducted experiments proving the antibacterial qualities of garlic. He discovered that about a quarter of a teaspoon of raw garlic juice killed bacteria (as effectively as 60mg penicillin).

This knowledge was useful in the Second World War, when due to a shortage of penicillin, diluted garlic solutions were used to disinfect the open wounds of Russian and British soldiers, thus helping to prevent gangrene. Modern day herbalists still prescribe it for a range of conditions, including cancer, heart disease, high cholesterol, digestive problems, fevers and colds. However, the English tradition of placing garlic cloves in children's socks to cure whooping cough is still to be substantiated!

from *A Potted History of Vegetables* by Lorraine Harrison ■

THE HAPPY COOKER

CUCUMBER GAZPACHO

Perfect for hot summery days (here's hoping they come back, as HC types, on a wet, wet day in June!)

Serves 4

Prepare 15 mins plus chilling

INGREDIENTS

2 cucumbers

2 green peppers

1 1/2 tbsp white wine vinegar

6 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

4 salad onions, trimmed and sliced

1 garlic clove, roughly chopped

90 g white sourdough, crusts removed and roughly torn

12 small ice cubes, to serve

METHOD

1. Finely dice 1/4 of one cucumber and set aside in the fridge. Peel, halve, deseed and roughly chop all the remaining cucumber; put in a blender. Add the peppers, vinegar, 5 tbsp oil, salad onions, garlic, sourdough and 20 ml iced water. Whizz at a low speed until combined, then on high for 2 minutes until the soup is silky smooth. Season, adding a little more vinegar if liked!
2. Chill for at least 2 hours (up to 24 h), stir well before serving. Divide between shallow serving bowls or glasses with the ice cubes, and top with reserved cucumber, a grinding of black pepper and the remaining oil. Top with a few small basil leaves, if liked.

Thanks to Waitrose for the idea! ■

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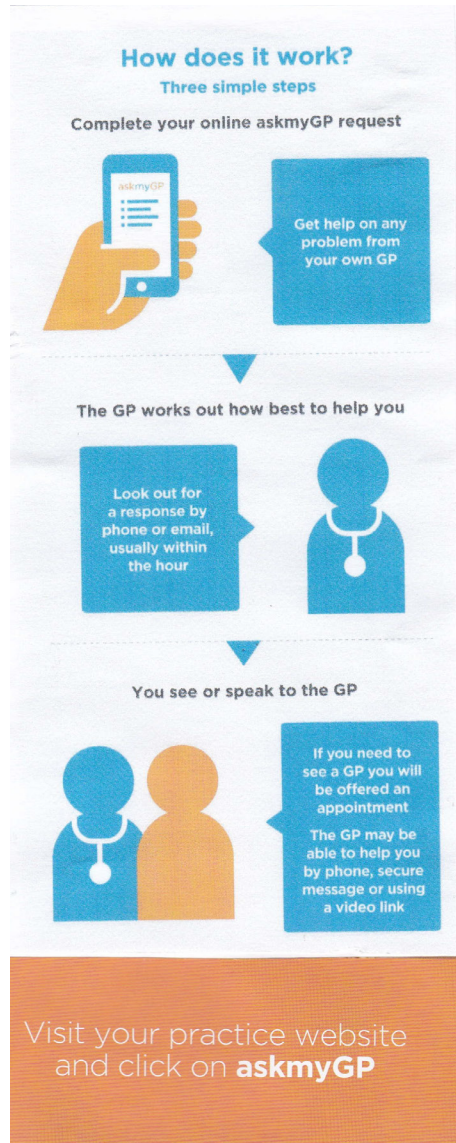
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BOTTOM BARN FARM

As usual Bottom Farm has been busy. Most of you possibly know this, but herewith a synopsis of major events:

Terry Crane left for Scotland, so a 75% reduction in staffing levels.

Lambing completed, sheep moved around the orchards and thankfully various Hadspen residents' gardens - deliberately rather than accidentally, but sheep very grateful for both shade and grass in May.

Back to the old labour- intensive days of moving fences, watering stock daily and then walking sheep and lambs down Hadspen High Street (thankfully no shoppers out or about) for shearing. Shearing accomplished while managing social isolation. Next year I would like to invite residents to sponsor a fleece and come and watch the spectacle. Taking home a useful souvenir!

All wool taken to South Molton Centre. Awaiting the British Wool Marketing Board cheque for all 116 kg of wool at 33p a kilo average!

The ram lambs and ewe lambs separated and returned to residents' gardens, with fly treatment for temporary protection. Rams returned to their respective homes, less their fleeces, for which they were very grateful.

A couple of trips to market to clear the first few lambs and cull ewes but working under new rules means taking a bit longer than usual as everything has to be cleaned and disinfected on each visit.

Cattle have grazed the orchards and been sorted with the best finding new homes albeit at a reduced ...? Now halfway through calving with 5 healthy calves so far. All cattle and calves tested for Tuberculosis and Bovine Viral Diarrhoea. The Bull, Major, had his feet trimmed, although he would rather have stayed in the cattle trailer. ►

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▷ Three Angora goats acquired for entertainment, so sheds and shearing required.

All orchards mown twice and treated for weeds, but no spraying and limited pruning as there are no contracts currently being offered for cider apples. There is no demand and all Somerset shows and festivals have been cancelled as we all know!! A few trees and a bit more tidying required but it all takes time.

Front drive construction started while the main road is quiet past the farm. We still suffer from speeding traffic, however, frightening both the work force and the odd stock which happen to be crossing the road. Much more to look forward to but no holidays yet! ■

Mark Tilley

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29/05/20 9788 Somerset Loft Insulation Scam Warning

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A check online reveals that there have been reports from residents all over the country who have had similar calls, so it is highly likely that this is a scam and your area could be approached soon.

Always be wary of any cold callers, whether in person, by email or by phone. Never give out any personal details, especially financial information. If you have any concerns, hang up and contact the company or business the caller claims to represent using a telephone number from a phone book or old invoice or letter.

You should always wait at least five minutes before making this call as the fraudster may still be on the line. If possible, use a different phone such as a mobile. ■

Avon and Somerset Constabulary

COVID-19 UPDATE

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from the:
PITCOMBE
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Welcome to this COVID-19 Update from the Pitcombe News.

In this update, we have only included specific changes that have occurred since the June issue, along with the key websites and phone numbers in case you've lost them. Like last time, please refer to previous issues (available on the Parish Council website) for more.

We believe all information in this issue to be correct at the time of going to print (24 June) but please check online for the most up-to-date info and for much more detail.

We hope you are safe and well.

CURRENT RULES

You are now able to form a 'support bubble' with one other household if you live alone or are a single parent with dependent children. You can attend your place of worship for the purposes of individual prayer. You have to wear a face covering on public transport

Several changes come into effect from 4 July:

- Where it is not possible to keep 2 m apart, you should keep a social distance of 'one metre plus', which means remaining one metre apart, while taking mitigations (which depend on the workplace or setting) to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Two households of any size can meet in any setting inside or out.
- Pubs, restaurants, hairdressers, hotels, B&Bs, campsites, playgrounds, cinemas, museums, galleries, libraries, community centres and many more venues are allowed to open.
- Places of worship are allowed to reopen for prayer and services - including weddings with up to 30 people, all with social distancing.

Full government guidance was being updated at the time of publishing, please check the websites below to confirm the latest changes.

USEFUL WEBSITES

This is a very fast-changing situation so, if you can, please check the websites below for up-to-date, reliable information.

[gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)
[nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)
[who.int](https://www.who.int)

[pitcombepc.org.uk](https://www.pitcombepc.org.uk)
[brutontowncouncil.gov.uk](https://www.brutontowncouncil.gov.uk)
[castle-cary.co.uk](https://www.castle-cary.co.uk)

PHONE NUMBERS AND LOCAL HELP

Bruton Coronavirus Local Resources line - 01749 717002

Bruton Phone Buddies - 01749 321742

Cary Cares - 01963 351362, carycares@btinternet.com

Spark Somerset - 01460 202970, sparksomerset.org.uk/covid-19

LOCAL HEALTHCARE

PHARMACIES

Boots Castle Cary - 01963350263.

Monday - Sunday 09:00 - 18:00.

DENTISTS

Bruton Dental Practice - 01749 812461

Phased opening from Monday 8 June. Please **DO NOT** attend the practice without an appointment or prior consultation.

Bramcote Dental Practice - 01963 350123

From 8 June the Practice will be resuming face to face dental care. Please note that this is not routine dental care, e.g. check ups. We will not allow anyone in who does not have an appointment. If you have a check up booked, it remains cancelled until further notice.

LOCAL SHOPS AND DELIVERIES

BRUTON

Church Bridge Stores - 01749 812339

Monday - Saturday 09:00 - 19:00, Sunday 09:00 - 17:00, deliveries for vulnerable and self-isolating people. Post Office open when shop is open.

CASTLE CARY

McColl's - 01963 350953

Monday - Sunday 06:30 - 22:00

Levant - 01963 350248, 07779 093020, levantcatering.com

Available for collection Friday - Saturday 17:00 - 18:00

Deliveries and takeaway: home cooked meals

See website for menu and to email your order

SUPERMARKETS

Asda - Gillingham

Monday - Saturday 07:00 - 23:00, Sunday 10:00 - 16:00

WASTE AND RECYCLING

All recycling centres are now on their usual summer schedule but with a range of restrictions to ensure social distancing for the safety of customers and staff, including reduced loading bays that are expected to bring long queues.

Dimmer (Castle Cary): Monday - Tuesday 09:00 - 18:00, Saturday - Sunday 09:00 - 16:00

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You can now take many materials including wood, paint, small electricals and plastic pots, tubs and trays. The following materials are not taken until further notice: anything involving payment (hardcore, soil, tyres, gas bottles or vehicle parts), commercial waste, asbestos or plasterboard.

somersetwaste.gov.uk

We really want to make these updates as useful to as many people as possible. If you have any corrections or suggestions on what we should include next time, please contact Jane Hodges on 01963 351429 or janepamelahodges@hotmail.com.

If you require this in a larger format, please contact Jane Hodges on 01963 351429 or janepamelahodges@hotmail.com This issue is also available as a PDF at pitcombepc.org.uk.



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