

ANSTEY, BRENT PELHAM & MEESDEN NEWSLETTER

JUNE to JULY 2020

Diary of Events

Date	Event <i>(unless cancelled in the meantime!)</i>
June 16 th	Meesden PCC meeting Alma Cottage 7.30pm
July 9 th	Brent Pelham and Meesden Parish Council meeting – Meesden Village Hall 7.30pm
Aug 23 rd	Herts and Essex Country Fair Brent Pelham



Well we can all dream, can't we?

Stay Safe and Keep Well Until Then

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The next deadline is **15th July 2020**



Welcome

To the first electronic version of the Newsletter. How sad it is to see the Diary of Events virtually empty. We hope this copy will reach as many people in our three villages as possible. Please share it with the other people in your household by printing it or forwarding it on. If you know of anyone who HAS email but hasn't received a copy please ask them to send a message to jhamilton.redstack@hotmail.com, or brentpelhamnewsletter@protonmail.com, and a copy will be sent to them and their name(s) put on the list for the next distribution. If you know of any close neighbour who has NOT got email, and if you have a printer and are prepared to help, please print off a copy of this edition and pop it through their letterbox. "For those without email in Anstey some copies will be it is hoped printed and volunteers will try to ensure they get a copy."

You will notice that one advantage of having to look at this on screen is that it is all in glorious colour! And we have included ALL the ads as space doesn't matter for the time being. Please bear in mind however that many of the advertisers will have had to close down during the current crisis.

Some news about the newsletter in the months to come, and beyond: -

- 1. Its future is assured as there will be a transfer to a new editor at the end of the year.**
- 2. Please send in your own news including experience of living with lock down, and photos, to your local editors at the addresses on page 1. We will include as much as possible while we have no space limits.**
- 3. The next few editions (no idea how many, but until the crisis is over) will be coming out by email. As soon as we can, we will find a way to get printed copies to those who need or ask for them.**

GENERAL NEWS

GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME. This has had to be suspended for the time being, as most of our volunteers are having to stay in for 12 weeks. Please however do make use of the help schemes, such as AnsteyLink, that have been set up in all our villages.

And speaking of help schemes **Daily Hope**, the Church of England phone line, has been set up particularly for those unable to go on-line. The number is 0800 804 8044 and it offers hymns prayers and reflections 24 hours a day.

Garden & DIY Equipment A reminder that we have equipment that is available for people to borrow. For full details of the equipment visit <https://www.brentpelham-meesden-pc.org/> and check out the Loan DIY Equipment tab. Please do let us know if you have equipment that we can add to this list.

Citizens Advice We're still here to help! If you need advice during the current **coronavirus outbreak**, we're still here to help. Whilst we've had to temporarily close our face to face service you can still contact us in a number of ways if you are an East Herts or Uttlesford resident. Online you are able to go to www.citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk/webadvice or for **phone advice** please call **03444 111444** 10am-4pm Monday to Friday (you may have to wait in a queue but we will get to you as soon as we can). Or call **01920 45944** and leave a message. One of our advisers will get back to you as soon as possible.



You can also access information online at citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk. For medical advice go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/. NB. We will do our very best to answer all calls and emails but, due to a reduction in the number of staff and volunteers we have available, please bear with us at this difficult time. It may be that we have to offer to call you back with more advice at a later time.

New Bus Timetable. Here are the new schedules for bus routes 20 and 27 round the Villages, and to and from Bishop's Stortford and Royston.

Great Hormead/The Pelhams – Bishop's Stortford **20**

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS		from 30th March 2020			
Notes:	Sch	TTh	F	TTh	
Gt Hormead, Horseshoe Hill, Willow Close			1013		
Little Hormead Turn, Horseshoe Ln (SW)			1015		
Hare Street, B1368, Swan Lane			1018		
Anstey, opp Blind Fiddler PH			1025		
Meesden, Mill Lane, opp Rose Cottages			1030		
Brent Pelham, Pump Hill, opp Church	0725		1035		
Stocking Pelham, Ginns Rd, The Cock PH	0730		1040		
Furneux Pelham, Ginns Rd, opp Bonhams	0733		1043		
Furneux Pelham, The Street (E)	0737	1047	1047	1357	
Furneux Pelham, Ginns Rd, Bonhams	0741	1051	1051	1401	
Clappgate, Albury Rd, opp Parsonage Lane	0747	1057	1057	1407	
Albury, Parsonage Lane, opp Church	0750	1100	1100	1410	
Little Hadham, Stortford Rd, Albury Rd	0800	1106	1106	1416	
Bishop's Park, Tesco	0807	1111	1111	1421	
St Michael's Md, Mercers Ave, Carpenters	0811	1114	1114	1424	
Bishop's Stortford, St Mary's RC School	0820				
Bishop's Stortford, Bridge St, Stop J	0825	1121	1121	1431	
Bishop's Stortford, Interchange		1123	1123	1433	
B Stortford, Dunmow Rd, opp Nags Head	0833				
B Stortford, Dunmow Rd, opp Services	0837				

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Bishop's Stortford – The Pelhams/Great Hormead **20**

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS		from 30th March 2020			
Notes:	F	TTh	NSch	Sch	
B Stortford, Parsonage Ln, Birchwood Sch				1550	
B Stortford, Dunmow Rd, Nags Head PH				1552	
Bishop's Stortford, Interchange, Stop B	1320	1320	1600	1600	
Bishop's Stortford, Bridge St, Stop J	1322	1322	1602	1602	
Bishop's Stortford, St Mary's RC School				1607	
St Michael's Md, Mercers Ave, Carpenters	1329	1329	1609	1614	
Bishop's Park, Tesco	1332	1332	1612	1617	
Lt Hadham, Stortford Rd, opp Albury Rd	1337	1337	1617	1622	
Albury, Parsonage Lane, Church	1343	1343	1623	1628	
Clappgate, Albury Rd, Parsonage Lane	1346	1346	1626	1631	
Furneux Pelham, Brewery Tap PH	1352	1352	1632	1637	
Furneux Pelham, The Street (E)	1354	1354	1634	1639	
Furneux Pelham, Ginns Rd, Bonhams			1638	1643	
Stocking Pelham, Ginns Rd, opp The Cock	1401		1641	1646	
Brent Pelham, Pelham Hill, Church	1406		1646R	1651R	
Meesden, Mill Lane, Rose Cottages	1411			1656R	
Anstey, Blind Fiddler PH	1416			1701R	
Hare Street, B1368, opp Swan Lane	1423				
Little Hormead Turn, Horseshoe Lane (NE)	1426				
Gt Hormead, Horseshoe Hill, opp Willow Cl	1428				

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Bishop's Stortford – Royston

27

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS ONLY from 30th March 2020

Notes:		Notes:	
Bishop's Stortford , Interchange, Stop H 	0935	Royston , Bus Station, Stop I	1315
Bishop's Stortford , Bridge St, Stop J	0937	Royston , Barkway Rd, opp Shaftesbury Way	1317
St Michael's Md , Mercers Ave, The Carpenters	0944	Newsells , Royston Rd, Newsells Turn	1321
Bishop's Park , Tesco	0947	Barkway , Royston Rd, opp Windmill Close	1323
Lt Hadham , Stortford Rd, opp Albury Rd	0952	Barkway , High Street, Townsend Close	1325
Albury , Parsonage Lane, Church	0958	Anstey , opp Blind Fiddler PH	1335
Clapgate , Albury Rd, Parsonage Lane	1001	Meesden , Mill Lane, opp Rose Cottages	1340
Furneux Pelham , Brewery Tap PH	1007	Brent Pelham , Pump Hill, opp Church	1345
Furneux Pelham , The Street (E)	1011	Stocking Pelham , Ginns Rd, The Cock PH	1350
Furneux Pelham , Ginns Rd, Bonhams	1013	Furneux Pelham , Ginns Rd, opp Bonhams	1353
Stocking Pelham , Ginns Rd, opp The Cock PH	1016	Furneux Pelham , The Street (E)	1357
Brent Pelham , Pelham Hill, Church	1021	Furneux Pelham , Ginns Rd, Bonhams	1401
Meesden , Mill Lane, Rose Cottages	1026	Clapgate , Albury Rd, opp Parsonage Lane	1407
Anstey , Blind Fiddler PH	1031	Albury , Parsonage Lane, opp Church	1410
Barkway , High Street, opp Townsend Close	1041	Little Hadham , Stortford Rd, Albury Rd	1416
Barkway , Royston Rd, Windmill Close	1042	Bishop's Park , Tesco	1421
Newsells , Royston Rd, opp Newsells Turn	1044	St Michael's Md , Mercers Ave, The Carpenters	1424
Royston , Barkway Rd, Shaftesbury Way	1049	Bishop's Stortford , Bridge St, Stop J	1431
Royston , Bus Station	1051	Bishop's Stortford , Interchange 	1433

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Can you to help us to share our message in these difficult times? We at **Khandel light** have just



launched our first Crowdfunder to raise the £10,000 we need to keep the water flowing in the desert region of Khandel. Of course Crowdfunders only work if a lot of people see them!

Please - if you can - listen to Dr Peter Gough's message, and share it with your friends and family. Please talk to your neighbours, post on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or email your friends. We'd be so grateful if you would.

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Thank you again. *Kate Hurst - and the Khandel light Team*

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ANSTEY NEWS

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Plant Sales. Not a bit deterred by the cancellation of their yearly sale outside the church, **Jan Pledger**, **Jenny Goymour** and **Wendy Hillier** have set up stalls of plants and honesty boxes outside their homes to sell plants to raise money for the NHS. At the time of compiling this newsletter they had raised the astonishing amount of over £1000. Well done indeed ladies!!!

The Coronavirus has stopped us doing many things, but surely it can't excuse not picking up after our dogs on the village footpaths. There have been several complaints about this, so PLEASE do take poo bags and clear up when you are walking your pets and encourage others to do so.

The Good Neighbours Scheme may have had to be suspended but don't forget the **Anstey Covid-19 Help Scheme**. If you are having to self-isolate or are in the over 70 and/or vulnerable category and need help with getting groceries, medicines etc, please ring or email Adrian Cossor the coordinator, 01763 848479 adrian@accoson.com . There is also **Anstey Link**, and if you are not a member please email Sarah Cruise cruise.s@icloud.com and ask her to join you.

A big thank you to **Edward Burton**, who has provided the locked down Anstey residents with a series of his marvellous quizzes. A great deal of fun for us all, and a great deal of hard work for Edward which is much appreciated. And another thankyou to **Paul Abbey**, who got the quizzes into electronic form so they could be distributed to us all via **Anstey Link**.

NEWS FROM ANSTEY VILLAGE HALL

The hall is currently closed of course, though we look forward to reopening, and resuming our usual

activities (exercise classes, Film Club and other events), just as soon as we are advised that it is safe to do so - watch this space! In the meantime we are having broadband installed, and the floor is being repaired and refurbished by a Granwood specialist. Finally, a belated 'thank you' to the Parish Council, and to Dig & Dump, for their work on the Village Hall car park. It is, I'm sure you'll agree, much improved! Dave Oxley (oxleydj@yahoo.co.uk)

We regret to announce the death of **Sir Roger du Boulay**, who died on the 14th April aged 98. The du Boulays moved away from Anstey some years ago, but for a long period they lived at the Old Rectory and took an active part in many aspects of village life. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Jan Pledger writes: - **The plant sales** outside Woodside Cottage, Little Thatch and Daw's Cottage have been very well attended with nearly all that Jenny Goymour, Wendy Hillier and I put out on a regular basis being taken and generous donations left in the Money Boxes. All proceeds will go to the NHS Staff fund. There are still more items to be put out as the weather improves with lots of bedding and veg at most venues.

Keep looking at the ansteylink@googlegroups.com to see what is being put out and when. We look forward when all plants have been sold to giving a very good donation to the NHS. You will be updated in the next newsletter on just how generous you have all been. Can we request that any flower pots that you have used can be dropped back to anyone of the Cottages for reuse in next year's plant Sale, the first Saturday of May 2021?

All the Khandel light 2.6 challenges are finished



now. Thanks to all of you our 4 intrepid volunteers raised nearly £2,700. This is a fantastic start towards the £10,000 we need to keep supplying drinking water. THANK YOU ALL.

Anstey Parish Council would like to extend its best wishes to you and your loved ones during this difficult time. We hope that you have all received information regarding our Neighbourhood COVID-19 Help Scheme and urge you to register via the Anstey Link: ansteylink@googlegroups.com if you have not already done so, or need any assistance during this epidemic. Both the Annual Parish Meeting (the AGM) and our May meetings were held online via Zoom and minutes of the meetings can be found on the Anstey Village Website <http://www.ansteyvillage.co.uk/parish-council/>. Following the meeting held on 4th May, we received Police advice to ensure all your outbuildings

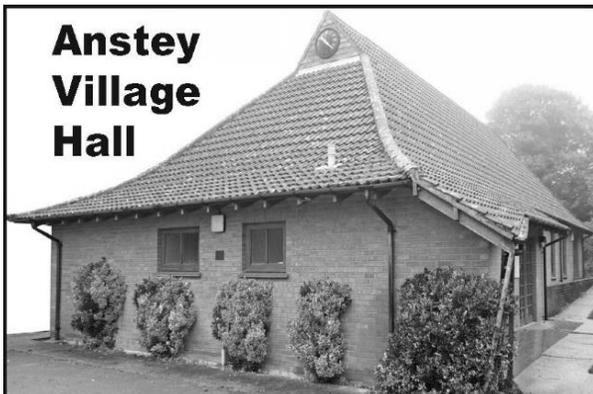
are securely locked, that you may wish to review your crime prevention methods and remain vigilant as other areas have been recently targeted with break-in to sheds and outbuildings. Any suspicious incidents, persons or vehicles should be reported via 101.

Residents are also reminded by the Police to adhere to the COVID-19 Government guidelines.

The Folly Playing Field at Anstey is now open again, any children visiting the field should please follow all social distancing guidelines.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 20th July. It is envisaged that this will be held remotely and not at the Village Hall. Information will be added to the Noticeboards and online the week before the meeting date.

ANSTEY DEFIBRILLATOR. A reminder that the Anstey defibrillator is located outside The Blind Fiddler, just to the left of the entrance porch. The code to open the cabinet is **3456**.



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BRENT PELHAM NEWS

Firstly, a big thank you to the volunteers in Brent Pelham, who have helped with chemist collections, hospital and shopping trips, and any other support services for others in the Village during the current Covid-19 pandemic. It is greatly appreciated!! Thank you.

Brent Pelham & Meesden Parish Council. The AGM of the Brent Pelham and Meesden Parish Council should have been held in April. However, all planned Parish Council meetings have been put on hold due to Social Distancing restrictions. The next meeting date will be posted as soon as possible. In the meantime, please refer to the website - brentpelham-meesden-pc.org - for information and full contact details of your Parish Councillors.

Bus Services – New Timetables New timetables from 30th March 2020 for the bus services that run through Brent Pelham are now available. The number 20 operates between Great Hornead – The Pelhams – Bishop’s Stortford (timetable printed earlier in this newsletter), and the number 27 between Royston and Bishops Stortford both stopping in Brent Pelham, Meesden and Anstey. They are run by Richmond Coaches. Note: We seem to have lost our service 28 to Buntingford.

Richmonds Coaches, in their email, have said “I would also like your community to know that we have enhanced our cleaning routines, especially on frequently used surfaces such as handles and bell pushes. Passengers can be reassured that we are doing everything in our power to make travelling on our local services as safe as possible. Our buses take contactless payment too.”

Facebook page “The Pelhams” Fran Bell from Lower Cottages, Brent Pelham, has just started a Facebook page called The Pelhams. It’s about collecting stories and anecdotes about the area and it would be great to see people joining and hopefully contributing pictures or posts. Link :<https://www.facebook.com/groups/772768022801021/>

Brent Pelham Letter Delivery Service Zoe and Kristina and I have come up with an idea to spread a little cheer in lockdown, especially for those who can’t get out and see others. They have started a letter delivery service just to people in Brent Pelham. They plan to collect letters and deliver them to other people in the village. Please contact Zoe or Kristina for more details. Zoe - zoec1995@googlemail.com Kristina - kristina@dalborg.se

Collection from chemist Sarah Fryer is doing a Friday collection at the Mr Shah Chemist in Buntingford. If anyone needs medication can they

ensure it is ready for Friday. If you need to speak to anyone at the chemist, the contact is Sandra and mention her name - Sarah Fryer.

Please email Sarah on swrbond@yahoo.co.uk if you would like anything collected from the chemist

Khandel light fundraising thank you from Shirley Lacy At the end of April Shirley started walking 26 miles over 10 days to raise money for Khandel light (you might remember them from Brent Pelham Country fair) and has now completed this.

Khandel light helps disadvantaged families in Rajasthan, India. The communities and families living there rely on the delivery of monthly water tanks as there has been a drought for many, many years.

Due to the pandemic they need more water than ever. Unable to social distance in their large families of around 30 people, they rely on handwashing to keep them safe. They are using double the water so it truly is more critical than ever before.

Thanks to all of you that donated money to Shirley Lacy’s 2.6 challenge for the charity Khandel light. Shirley doubled her target and altogether the 4 volunteers raised nearly £2,700. THANK YOU ALL.

Khandel light has just launched its first Crowd Funder and is aiming to reach the £10,000 that is needed to keep supplying water to the Khandel villages in the desert region of Rajasthan. We need a lot of people see this urgent COVID-19 appeal. Can you help us to share our message? Please talk and share it with your friends, family and neighbours. Post on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or email your friends. We’d be so grateful if you would. Thank you again. Shirley Lacy - and the Khandel light Team. See the Crowd Funder at www.khandel-light.co.uk/covid

Brown bin garden waste collections – Restarting from Monday May 11th Staff shortages caused by coronavirus meant that the council had to make the difficult decision to suspend brown bin collections so that it could protect the vulnerable and prioritise the most critical collection services: refuse, and recycling. The crews are now able to restart brown bin collections alongside maintaining the regular priority collections and brown bin collections for garden and food waste will start again from Monday 11 May. More info from <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronaviruses-and-bin-collections>

Nature Notes: Barn owl rehabilitation A very unwell male Barn Owl appeared at Foxway on the 1st April. He was very weak, listless and made no attempt to get away when approached. A quick search online brought up the website of the Barn Owl Trust with a lot of very good information about the do’s and don’ts of emergency owl care, and a wonderful video on short-term care. This essentially involves rolling the owl in a small towel and dripping water, with a small amount of sugar, into its mouth in order to rehydrate and prevent organ failure.



He was taken in by the Hügi's and he was given water through the night every few hours and then small bits of mouse were slowly introduced (we have a snake and so just so happened to have frozen mice in the freezer – lucky for the owl). After a few days of this and after speaking to a wildlife rescue person, Raptor Rescue UK and the Barn Owl Trust we started to

weigh him. Three days after taking him in he weighed 217g, the average weight of a male should be 312g, with anything below 240g being dangerously low. Apparently, it has been common this year for malnourished barn owls to appear due to the month-long persistent rain that we had in March (seems like a distant memory). Barn owls cannot fly with wet feathers and so do not fly in the rain. They can last a few days without food and that is quite normal, but with the prolonged rain it seems that this one had not been able to feed for a very long time and had become weaker and weaker.

We consulted further with the Barn Owl Trust and because feeding was going well, and also being in lockdown it was decided that we would continue to rehabilitate him at Foxway with a view to releasing him when strong enough. It is best to release them in the area they were found as they need to establish a territory before August, and this will already be his 'home range'.

We quickly renovated an old chicken hut and run so that he would have an outdoor area that was dry and secure. It then took until the end of April, feeding him daily for 'Tyto', our name for him, to get back up to his normal weight, and to start to become stronger. However, worryingly he was still not taking food himself, or making any attempt to feed himself.

During this time the next stage was progressing, which has been to build him his final release 'aviary', which is actually an old bicycle shed put up a large cherry tree! It is sitting on the decking of an old tree house in the garden, only metres from



where we found him. A caged outdoor area has been built adjoining to it for him to start to build up his strength with room to fly. The good news being that as soon as he was in his new living quarters, he started to take food for himself, and so contact and disturbance is now at a minimum, although they can quite happily live alongside humans as long as they have a safe space. One side of the shed has a pulley system set up to be able to silently lift up a panel for when it is time to release him, this is called a 'supported' release. The guidance, again on the barn owl trust website, is that he should be confined like this, with food being made available, for at least two weeks so that he becomes familiar with his surroundings. Then at dusk during good weather the panel can be silently lifted so that he can leave in his own time in a relaxed manner. It is then left open which allows the bird to come and go at will and hopefully will set up a pattern of returning for food. Then if he does come back the guidance is that food should be provided for at least 10 days while he continues to take it. All this time they will be increasing their strength, establishing their territory again and getting back into the swing of things.



Fingers crossed we are looking for a release date at the start of June as we approach a full moon on 5th June (for good night-time hunting) but weather permitting. We have grown rather fond of Tyto and we are hoping that the story ends well.

...To be continued

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If you are aware that a neighbour does not have email please consider printing them a copy, whilst checking with them first, maintaining social distancing and taking hygiene precautions whilst printing and delivering. Thank you.

For the benefit of those new to the village and as general reminders

Brent Pelham Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user then don't forget to like the Brent Pelham Facebook page to keep up to date with upcoming events & local news.

Fraser Murray sends out emails to the village with general news, these are useful for getting out urgent

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MEESDEN NEWS

Plant Sales. This year more than ever we all need to look for signs of normality and that is what our garden does for us. No matter what happens in life nothing will stop the miracle of nature. The glorious springtime weather saw bulbs pushing their way up to show off. Buds appearing on trees and shrubs and colourful flowers to attract the bees and butterflies, and let us not forget our wonderful birdsong serenading us and keeping us company. We feel it was a huge mistake to close garden centres because of the enormous pleasure and health benefits they give us.

With our garden so full of interesting plants we are constantly dividing and potting them and putting them out for you to buy and enjoy at our garden gate Alma Cottage, Meesden SG9 0BH.



This year profits will be split between St Mary's Church Meesden and the NHS. So a HUGE THANKYOU in advance to all of you who are supporting us at this challenging time for many. May our plants bring a rainbow of colour to all your gardens. Keep well and safe. *Elaine and Andrew McNeile*

Thoughts on VE Day



"What does it feel like to have no European war? V Day was rather an empty celebration out here. I did get a bottle of beer though, in honour of the occasion." *A letter home from a wounded*

Officer in SEAC (South East Asia Command). He had been wounded in Burma.

Berlin, December 30th 1944: Dr. Ley to the political leaders:

'The Party leads the state. The Party handles the armaments and production. The Party mobilises the

people. The Party builds protection barriers in the East, South and West. The Party organises the *Volkssturm. The Party is the soul of German resistance. The Party is Germany, and Germany is Adolf Hitler.'

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The diarist, Friedrich Kellner goes on to report that Dr. Ley forgot to say that the Party in twelve years had brought Germany into the abyss and led millions of its citizens to extermination.

He recorded mass murders within the first two months of the war. On more than one occasion he reports similar items to the following:

Disseminated Enemy News – Executed - March 30th, 1945

Ferdinand Lang, from Salzburg, constantly listened to enemy radio broadcasts from 1940 to 1943. He tried to shake his colleagues' faith in the final victory. This honourless traitor had to answer for himself before the People's Court which condemned him to death. The judgement has already been carried out.

Kellner, throughout the war kept a diary and listened regularly to 'enemy' broadcasts; the very fact that he did so was dangerous for him and his wife, discovery would have meant certain death.

The Museum to German Resistance is now at the Bendler Block in Berlin. Wall after wall has inscribed the names of Germans who lost their lives opposing Hitler and the Nazi Party. The Bendler Block is where Stauffenburg and his July Plot co-conspirators were filmed for the edification of the Führer being either strung up on piano wire or being shot.

Kellner notes his relief that Hitler survived the Plot. 'I welcome the rescue of the Führer for tactical reasons, he must remain alive to the bitter end. It must not be possible for his death to be used as an excuse in the future. He must remain until there is no more way out'.

So echoing the Allied leaders, wary of a repeat of 'The Stab in the Back', Hitler's oft stated justification of the 1918 defeat.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, in a Message of Hope May 31st 1945 said: "It is difficult, after knowing the circumstance [*discovery of the Concentration Camps*] not to condemn the entire race [.....] we may not ignore the fact that there were also Germans who did fight against the evil."

You Tube: 'My opposition: The Diaries of Friedrich Kellner', also Cambridge University Press.

Article written by Wilfrid Dimsdale

Baby News!

Marc and Charlotte of 6 Rose Cottages are pleased to announce the arrival of **Milly Christine Etherington** on 19th March. She was born at 6.07pm at the Rosie hospital after a quick labour. Her big brother **Rupert** is very pleased



that he has been promoted and has someone to play with. Marc and Charlotte look forward to raising

their young family in Meesden for many years to come.

Some happy news this month for **Trevor and Fiona Hughes** of Westley Farm was the safe delivery of a new grandson, **Tobias** on 17th April to their son **Simon** and wife **Stephanie**. Many of you know Simon who now lives in Stocking Pelham. He is a Science teacher and tutor who has been working with a



number of students in this area. He has also been heavily involved in helping students in remote learning online. This has been very successful and greatly appreciated in these difficult times. Because of the lockdown, like so many of us,

we are separated from our grandchildren, and they have been unable to see the new baby and can't wait until they can give him and his big brother Zachary lots of cuddles!

Congratulations!



Lily and John Robinson celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 26th March - sixty years of marriage! A fantastic achievement, and we send hearty

congratulations to them both. We are sure all their many friends in and around the villages wish them many more happy times together!

Neighbourhood Watch



There is a wealth of local information available to everyone that subscribes to the Online Watch link (OWL) Neighbourhood Watch scheme and we encourage everyone to subscribe at their website www.owl.co.uk for up to date information on the prevention / tracking of rural crime and scams.

Parish Council

It might be an obvious statement, but due to the Corona virus restrictions, the Brent Pelham and Meesden Parish Council have been forced to postpone the AGM normally held in May, where we like to hear the views of people in our Parish. The meeting will be held as soon as restrictions are lifted; the date will be posted on our website: <https://www.brentpelham-meesden-pc.org/>



Whilst the Parish Council meetings are temporarily suspended due to the corona virus, the public are still able to view the 2019/20 statement of accounts during

the following period: June 15th to July 24th by contacting Ken Newstead, 1 Rose Cottages Meesden SG9 0BA. Tel: 01279 777 700 or better still by Email: clerk@brentpelham-meesden-pc.org. The next scheduled PC meeting is at Brent Pelham Village Hall on Thursday 17th September at 7:30 pm (subject to lifting of current restrictions). Members of the public are as always most welcome to attend.

A Date for the Diary (possibly!)

Parochial Church Council - Alma Cottage - 16th June 7.30 pm. Please note this is dependent on Government social gathering regulations.



Meesden Community Garden



With shops and Garden Centres being closed, the biggest challenge these past few weeks has been

getting potting compost. Stores that are open to online orders and delivery sold all their stock in a few days and were unable to get further stock from manufacturers. After several hours trolling the internet, my own investigations found a supplier that had a small amount in stock and promised a five-day delivery. Having taken my order, the delivery instantly changed from five days to five weeks! With no other supplies in sight, it was a case of begging friends and neighbours for their help. The fantastic weather has been great for growing plants. The vegetable garden will have potatoes, onions, parsnips, peas and beans and the raised



bed behind the Village Hall should have a wealth of colour throughout the summer. A few tomato plants that have grown so well were quickly snapped up when offered around our village.

Article written by Ken Newstead

Reuniting Families

A timely message from Allison Jane of the Reunite Foundation- www.reunite.org.uk (Mobile 07379 328691 - Landline 020 7097 3974) "As the number of confirmed Corona virus cases increases steadily each week, we are trying to use our experience to find

missing relatives, so there is someone there for them. We are a non-profit voluntary organisation and assist hospitals and other

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organisations with our services. We need your help to get the word out there to assist in locating missing relatives and taking the pressure off the NHS. Do let us know if this service, which is free can benefit your community or organisation”

Freshly laid Eggs!



The Clanfield family have a ("flock, brood or peep", if you are into collective nouns!)) of about twenty hens who lay delicious

eggs. Tilly says that their laying is rather random, but she does sometimes have eggs surplus to their family requirements. So if you are partial to a new laid egg for breakfast, Tilly would be pleased to hear from you. The family don't charge for their eggs, but would be grateful for any donations for the NHS. Contact details:- tclanfield@hotmail.co.uk or 01279 777667.



NHS and all carers.

Over the last 5 weeks, the residents of Meesden Lr Green have been meeting in the road outside their houses to clap for the NHS (thank goodness for reduced traffic or we might be calling on the NHS!!) In our busy lives it is all too easy to pass by our neighbours without any real interaction and it has been really wonderful to have this enhanced communication with people who are very special to us. We take our chairs out, clap for the NHS, drink a few glasses of wine and pass the time convivially. Richard and Chris have every reason to be grateful to the NHS recently. Their daughter Jo gave birth to baby Isabelle in Addenbrookes 2 weeks ago and are had to rely on the ICU department after t a very rocky start. Thankfully mother and baby are now doing well but we are all so grateful



for the wonderful care that they were given. This week Richard had reason to visit Addenbrookes A&E department having suffered a facial injury after playing with the dog! Again fabulous treatment and Max and

Richard are doing well! We must all ensure that our appreciation for those wonderful people continues into the future.

Shout Out!



A quick shout out please for Tonia Hart who has helped several people in our village by collecting prescriptions from the Pharmacy in Buntingford. Being restricted by the NHS Shield and not allowed out is sound advice, but very

frustrating when it comes to everyday tasks such as shopping. Without Tonia and other volunteers in the village there is a great chance of an elderly person contracting the Corona virus and not being able to survive the infection.



Suffering from the Lockdown Blues?

Here are some "Rainbow" lifestyle tips on how to survive isolation (and even *thrive* on it)

Looking after our physical health - sleep, exercise, nutrition and rest are of vital importance. Our sleep might be impacted by worry but we should try to ensure that we get at least eight hours' good rest in a comfortable bed.

Exercise might be limited to the back garden, our front room or a short walk, but something we can all do is to get up from our chairs, stretch, open the door and get some fresh air.

Nutrition is important. We might have more time on our hands than usual, so why not try cooking from scratch? Forget the shop-bought cakes and pastry, there is nothing like the smell and the taste of home baking!

Learning allows us to expand ourselves and puts our situation into perspective. It doesn't matter what you decide to learn - it could be Russian or How to Play Monopoly - whatever takes your fancy!

Kindness and Giving - a cheerful phone call to an elderly aunt or an old friend whom you might not have seen for years, might have the effect of raising their spirits greatly, and could do wonders for your morale too.

Gratitude - we are here, we have a roof over our heads. Focusing on what we should be grateful for is an amazing tool for happiness. Some of us lead mad, busy lives, but we need to take stock from time to time and really take in the smell and taste of the coffee, the bird singing, the gentle breeze and the warmth of the sunshine.

Humour - Finally, and very importantly, remember that a good laugh and a good night's sleep make everything seem better. We may find our humour gets a bit black over this period, but better than being blue!

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