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This is going to be the last Bulletin for a while as we have run out of information! Shops and businesses are opening now and although services are not back to normal, many have re-invented themselves through necessity. Many of you have found other ways to go shopping without a visit and on the positive side we have all discovered several local suppliers. Thankfully, we are well served in Fairford and Lechlade. Please remember the sterling work they have done during this crisis – you have relied on them and they would still appreciate your custom when this is over.

What to do about the monthly Newsletter? With so many of you taking a rest from the physical activities and those that can carrying on their activities through Zoom and similar conferencing media, there is really not a lot to report. Therefore, the club activities would be at a minimum and not able to fill up the columns of the Newsletter.

The Editors and I feel that in future we will produce a Bulletin when we have something to say; as a result, it will be on a rather erratic basis. I have a lot of respect for the sports writers in the newspapers who, with no new material, manage to find something to report! Keep an eye on your emails as the Bulletin will be distributed in the usual way if and when one is produced.



A little bird tells me that one of our founder members has recently had her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy Birthday Barbara (Cobbett)! A shame you could not celebrate in a grand way but as compensation, you have had food delivered to your door and a wonderful birthday cake sent by your daughter in Greece! Both your and Don's contributions to the Newsletter have been very much appreciated in the past and you are both formidable proof-readers!

Our AGM is on hold along with many of our other activities and we can only hope that it won't be too long before our lives get back to 'normal'; whatever that may mean for the future. Your Committee met in a virtual Zoom meeting the other day and will continue to meet this way once a month.

I shall sign off with a little quotation which I think is quite appropriate.

*'Tis better to keep silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and prove it'*

**Marilyn Gibbon**

**Chairman**

## **Solos**

6 solos met up in a garden obeying all the rules for a chat and catch up, taking our own drinks and chairs. It worked out so well we thought we might try it again if the group was interested, in different gardens with any interested members joining in, (of course only 6 at a time).

Mike

## **INFORMATION**

There are now more stalls on the **market**, although it is not completely back to normal and social distancing is employed around the various vendors.

If you want to get rid of all that junk you have cleared out, **Fosse Cross** recycling centre has reopened—prebooking is essential. This can be done on the internet site.

If you need **a post office** where there is no crowding the one at Kempsford is open every Thursday between midday and 2 pm.

## **NOW OPEN**

Westonbirt Arboretum but must book beforehand.

IKEA

From 15 June M&S clothing and many other shops

Garden centres

The Market Garden, Cirencester

The Organic Farm Shop, Burford Rd., Cirencester has a click and collect service.

***Drinking wine on the patio counts as an outdoor activity.***

## **FOOD DELIVERY**

Peter Paredeo has set up a useful page for Fairford businesses with a food delivery services. Go to -

<https://www.facebook.com/FairfordFoodDelivery/>

Just copy the above in your search engine for the local places listed. You simply scroll down to see the list of all your favourites eateries.

## LOCAL TAKE AWAY MEALS

Colosseo

The George at Kempford

The Red Lion, Castle Eaton who also  
have a shop some mornings.

The Cotswold Chippy

The Fairford Chinese

To all the grandparents  
who are missing their  
grandchildren.  
When this is over you can  
have them for a month.  
Promise.



*I thought growing old would take longer.*

## BREATH OF FRESH AIR

I wondered lonely as a cloud  
Two metres from the madding crowd  
When all at once my name was called  
To enter Waitrose hallowed hall  
This was the pensioners' special hour  
I'd gone to get a bag of flour  
But I forgot when through the door  
What I had gone to Waitrose for  
The Waitrose staff are extra kind  
I told them it had slipped my mind  
They asked what else I had forgot  
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot  
I phoned my wife again to ask  
She reminded me of this special task:  
"I need some flour to bake a cake  
With all that cream you made me take"  
"Ah yes, I recall" I had to lie  
I dared not ask what flower to buy  
But then I saw them next the tills -  
A bunch of golden daffodils!



## If WW2 had happened today

1. Can I have more clarity on the "Your country needs you" slogan, it's too ambiguous
2. Why aren't you doing enough to prevent these air raids?
3. Does the siren apply to everyone?
4. There are only male and female toilets in the air raid shelter, and I don't identify as either.
5. This respirator haversack has a leather strap and I'm a vegan.
6. Why can't I have almond milk on my ration card.
7. I find the term "black out" offensive.
8. I find the lack of colour options within military uniforms oppressive.
9. Why didn't we have stockpiles of spitfires at the start of this conflict?

**The Editors would like to thank all those who have contributed and sent items to the editors in box. Please continue to do so for possible future use!**

