

# THE MARKET HOUSE

Newent Town Council's Newsletter - May 2020

## Message from The Mayor - Cllr June Davies

To say we are living in uncertain and worrying times is an understatement; times where we are seeing shops and businesses closed, dining tables becoming school desks and the words 'social distancing' and 'self-isolating' being the norm rather than the exception.

Being of a vulnerable age, my husband and I have both had to self-isolate, with just our daily walk for exercise, not forgetting to social distance on the way. We have also had to forego having close contact with our family and missed the cuddles with our grandsons because, as our six-year old said, of that "stupid corona".

Not being technically minded, I have suddenly had to learn Zoom as it has become an everyday exercise and council work must still go on behind the scenes, but, of course, at a distance. A group of councillors, the Pandemic Crisis Management Team, meet once a week and more if necessary, to ensure urgent council work continues.

As Mayor, I am very proud that our town has taken the pandemic in its stride and that most people have followed government guidelines and I thank you for that. I am grateful to the We Will



Help Newent Group and the local Churches for ensuring vulnerable people in the town are cared for, and to all the other people who have ensured neighbours and other vulnerable residents have received the help they need, proving community spirit prevails in times such as this.

It goes without saying that the NHS, Carers and all key workers in our midst are doing a sterling



job and I know I speak on behalf of Newent Town Council when I say that our grateful thanks go to everyone who is 'doing their bit' to help the community. Please continue to help one another, stay safe and follow the guidelines until we are advised to ease up. The lockdown is frustrating, but we do not want this awful virus to peak again.

## Clifford's Mesne

It is easy to forget that our Town Council has responsibility for the whole civil parish and not just the town of Newent. Clifford's Mesne is the next largest settlement in the parish. Cllr Ruth Wadley adds the comment:

*"We are all coping in the village. Lots of extra walkers are taking advantage of the lovely weather and the time and space to do it. I hope that they keep up the walking when all this is over. "*



## Know of someone who needs help?

The Gloucestershire County Council Help Hub will direct non medical requests for help to local organisations and volunteers. Call 01452 583519.

Locally the Lord's Larder and more recently The Long Table organisations are also working hard to supply food and meals, and many local businesses are providing deliveries and take-aways. Ask us for more details.

## The Lake

Our new duck 'village' has its first residents. Two male mallards look interested and seem to have beaten the moorhens this time!



## Contacting your Councillors

If you wish to speak to one of the town councillors, please contact us through the clerk or through the details elsewhere on this website.

