



NEWSROUND APRIL 2020

This is a very unusual Newsround as we are in this time of Social Isolation due to Coronavirus. As I write this we have only had 1 almshouse resident I am aware of who has had serious symptoms and she is getting better and another with mild symptoms so that is something to be thankful for. We are praying that we all (residents and staff) stay well!

For the first time I will be printing 2 different versions of the Newsround with information that applies to Yoakley House on one and information that applies to Drapers Homes on the other. Let's hope that it is not too long before we can meet together again as community.

HAPPY EASTER! We may be in isolation as we celebrate this special time of year but we must be thankful for the Resurrection New Life it reminds us of. Let's be grateful too to Paul & Chris for the beautiful gardens we can enjoy as long as we keep our distance from each other. No better place to be isolated! (Incidentally congratulations to Chris who has completed 5 years' employment with the charity this month).

STAFF: Thank you for all the lovely greetings for DiDi on her retirement. She is actually going to carry on for 2 afternoons a week for a couple of months as the lady who was employed to take her place Kim has a medical condition which means she must isolate for 12 weeks!

Carole has been unwell for some time with heart problems and is also unable to work for 12 weeks. She was due to retire in early July anyway. Ashley will be taking over as Head Cook. BB too will be unable to return due to her health condition.

Mandy and Donna both have medical conditions which mean they must stay home for 12 weeks but we have set them up with special laptops which mean they can work from home. This means staff will still get paid and things we need will still get ordered!

Chelsea (carer) must also be off for 12 weeks but apart from that all other staff are working as normal unless they or their family members become ill.

We have to say THANK YOU to them all as they are doing a brilliant job in very difficult times especially with the schools closed. When you clap for the NHS workers on a Thursday evening at 8pm remember our brilliant staff team too and say a prayer that they stay well! When this is all over we are going to have an enormous party and say a proper thank you including to those who have retired this year.

NEWSPAPERS: Those of you who received newspapers with the Yoakley delivery need to know that the paper shop is closed because of the virus until after Easter. If anyone happens to be going shopping we will do what we can to get you a newspaper but otherwise I am afraid it will be yet another sacrifice we have to make.

YOAKLEY HOUSE EVENTS

The events and services will mostly be with our Facebook Portal gadget. The ministers and entertainers will be speaking and singing via the screen so will not actually be coming into the building. That way we aim to keep you all safe.

Thursday 2 nd April	11am 3pm	Service with Ruth Ford Lee Patrick singer entertains
Friday 3 rd April	3pm	Colouring with Thelma
Monday 6 th April	11am	Dominoes with Thelma.
Tuesday 7 th April	9.45am 2pm	Exercise with Cheryl Bingo
Thursday 9 th April	11 am 3pm	Service with Susan Wing Fun Games with Thelma
Friday 10 th April	GOOD FRIDAY	
Monday 13 th April	EASTER MONDAY	
Tuesday 14 th April	9.45am 2pm	Exercise with Cheryl Bingo
Thursday 16 th April	11 am 3pm	Service with David Burrin Colin Wade singer & comedian entertains
Friday 17 th April	3pm	Colouring with Thelma
Monday 20 th April	10am 11am	Library Books Dominoes
Tuesday 21 st April	9.45am 2pm	Exercise with Cheryl Bingo
Thursday 23 rd April	11am 3pm	Service with Eileen Parkin Fred Barker singer entertains
Friday 24 th April	2.30pm 3pm	Colouring with Thelma Pictionary with Thelma
Monday 27 th April	10am	Dominoes
Tuesday 28 th April	9.45am 2.30pm	Exercise with Cheryl Bingo
Thursday 30 th April	3pm	Tim Greenwood entertains