



NEWSROUND MAY 2020



Welcome to the second Newsround in the period of Social Isolation due to Coronavirus. Once again there are 2 different versions as information that applies to Yoakley House is different to that for the almshouses.

LOCKDOWN: We are delighted and thankful that we have no residents with symptoms in Yoakley House and those from the almshouses who have been unwell seem to be getting better. The government have ordered that the most vulnerable people in the UK are isolated for 12 weeks which means they cannot leave their homes. This ends around **15th June**. It is our intention therefore not to allow visitors into Yoakley House until that date at the earliest so that we protect our vulnerable residents here.

The Summer Fair planned for 3rd June will not be taking place nor will the Garden Party on 10th July or the National Garden Open Days.

We realise how hard it is not to be able to be together, but we must do what we can to keep everyone safe. If there is any change to this arrangement, we will of course let you know. You can use the gardens but if you stop to chat to anyone please keep your distance so that they don't give you anything infectious.

STAFF: Most of our staff are continuing to work as usual with Donna, Mandy and now Julie the warden working from home. There is a facility to have staff tested right next door at QEQM car park so that will be useful should anyone need it. You have to have symptoms for 3 days before this test can be applied for. We will be welcoming Scott to the kitchen team as soon as he has passed his initial training and DBS check.

NEWSPAPERS: The newspaper shop which delivers here plans to reopen on 11th May. In the meantime we will collect and deliver papers to those who normally have one when staff happen to be shopping.

ENTERTAINMENTS: I have asked several of our entertainers if they would be prepared to come and sing in the garden now that the weather is warmer but most have declined up to now as they do not feel they can justify this as an essential journey. We will continue to ask as restrictions change. A few have recorded shows which we have been able to play on the large television for Yoakley residents but it is not the same as a live show. Church services have continued with the ministers preaching from their homes Facebook Portal.

VE DAY: We are planning to have another **outdoor event** on **Friday 8th May** at 3pm which would have been our VE Day 75th Anniversary Party. **Social Distancing will still apply.** We are delighted that Jules who came at Easter will be singing to us again and The Mad Hatter Tea Room will kindly be providing a special "afternoon tea in a box" which you can enjoy whilst still isolating. We'll put the flags out! Please pray that we have a nice warm afternoon so we can enjoy being in the garden.

YOAKLEY HOUSE EVENTS

We will continue to use the Portal for church services on the screen. Where possible entertainers will come and sing in the garden and we can enjoy them from inside keeping our distance. Otherwise we will use videos and recordings as we have been doing. Cheryl will return for exercises when she is allowed to.

Thursday 30 th April	11am 3pm	Service with Rev Rhodri Walters Music by Tim Greenwood on guitar
Friday 1 st May	10am 2pm	Exercises with Thelma Colouring then A Way with Words
Monday 4 th May	10am 11am	Library boxes to choose a book from Dominoes with Thelma
Tuesday 5 th May	2.30pm	Bingo
Thursday 7 th May	11 am 3pm	Service with Rev Steve Cave Martin the Crooner sings
Friday 8 th May	3pm	VE Day celebration outdoor singalong with Jules
Monday 11 th May	11am	Dominoes with Thelma
Tuesday 12 th May	2.30pm	Bingo
Thursday 14 th May	11 am 3pm	Service with Roy Bonner Lee Patrick sings
Friday 15 th May	10am 2pm	Exercises with Thelma Colouring then Scattergories
Monday 18 th May	10am 11am	Library boxes to choose a book from Dominoes with Thelma
Tuesday 19 th May	2.30pm	Bingo
Thursday 21 st May	11am 3pm	Service with Ruth Ford Old Time Singalong
Friday 22 nd May	10am 2pm	Exercises with Thelma Colouring then Pictionary
Monday 25 th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 26 th May	2.30pm	Bingo
Thursday 28 th May	11am 3pm	Service with Rev Colin Telfer Derek Ward sings
Friday 29 th May	10am 2pm	Exercises with Thelma Colouring or Fairy Garden creativity