

## RADWAY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

### Lockdown by the Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage

And I couldn't escape the waking dream  
of infected fleas  
in the warp and weft of soggy cloth  
by the tailor's hearth  
in ye olde Eyam.  
Then couldn't un-see  
the Boundary Stone,  
that cock-eyed dice with its six dark holes,  
thimbles brimming with vinegar wine  
purging the plagued coins.  
Which brought to mind the sorry story  
of Emmott Syddall and Rowland Torre,  
star-crossed lovers on either side  
of the quarantine line  
whose wordless courtship spanned the river  
*till she came no longer.*  
But slept again,  
and dreamt this time  
of the exiled *yaksha* sending word  
to his lost wife on a passing cloud,  
a cloud that followed an earthly map  
of camel trails and cattle tracks,  
streams like necklaces,  
fan-tailed peacocks, painted elephants,  
embroidered bedspreads  
of meadows and hedges,  
bamboo forests and snow-hatted peaks,  
waterfalls, creeks,  
the hieroglyphs of wide-winged cranes  
and the glistening lotus flower after rain,  
the air  
hypnotically see-through, rare,  
the journey a ponderous one at times, long and slow  
but necessarily so.

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#### Parish Council Information

##### Radway Volunteers and Information/Support What's App group

The WhatsApp group of volunteers continues to provide support to our residents. Help with shopping, contacting people and advice has been provided. If you need help or would like to join the WhatsApp group (you will need to have a smart phone with WhatsApp installed) please ring Tim on 670767 or 07899 902608.

Many villagers have sown essential scrubs, laundry bags, headbands and masks for staff at Warwick Hospital. A big thank you to you all.

#### Good News

The Alkerton Re-Cycling Centre is open again, daily, from 8am – 4pm .

#### Collection of green bins

There is no set limit to the number of green bins emptied for each household. In case of difficulty, please notify Cllr John Feilding on 678390.

#### Old Graveyard, Westend

The Parish Council now holds the contract for cutting the grass in the old graveyard on behalf of Stratford on Avon District Council. The grass will be cut by Bob Manwaring on a monthly basis and Peter Briscoe has kindly agreed to supplement the monthly cut when he cuts his own grass. The Miller tomb has been cleared of weeds and the entrance to the graveyard has been made more accessible- thanks go to both Peter Briscoe and Mike Trotman for all their help. Permission from Stratford District Council is being sought to remove a sycamore tree which is overshadowing a yew tree. This will make the yew tree more visible and help ensure it continues to thrive. The old graveyard now provides a quite peaceful place to visit when walking around the village.

### **Removal of hedge**

In response to residents' requests, the Parish Council had agreed that the hedge alongside the hard standing of the recreation ground, off Langdon Lane, should be removed. With the support of Karen and David Richards, Robert and Ethan from The Grange have now removed the hedge. Our thanks to them for a job well done.

### **Removal of dead trees**

Stratford on Avon District Council has given permission for three dead or dying trees on the Tysoe Road to be removed. The dead cherry tree in front of Oriel Cottage will be replaced with a field maple in due course. Notice will be given so that residents who park cars in the layby can remove them during the work.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

It is planned to hold a virtual meeting across the internet on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 8.05pm using Zoom. Members of the public can join the meeting if they have access to the internet and Zoom. The details for joining the meeting can be obtained from the Ian Wilson, the Parish Clerk on 07725 071616 or [clerk@radwayparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@radwayparishcouncil.org.uk)

### **Village Hall News**

The main Hall has now been painted, and looks wonderful. Outside, the shed painted, (thank you, Mike Trotman), and landscaping work at the back, to extend the patio area and level the ground, is progressing. Our thanks to Mike Trotman, James Stephens and Tim Smith-Vincent, and also the Team at The Grange for the heavy lifting!

### **Church News - Our Sixth Bell.**

The chosen contractors, Taylor's, are now functioning again and are working within the guidelines for contractors issued by the Church of England. The work to install our sixth bell is planned to start on the 22nd June, and is expected to take a week. During the work no one except those involved should enter the church and those that do will have masks etc.

We will not be able to have a 'try out' to complete the contract - just a test of the single bell. However maybe by then the Church of England will

allow one person to ring a single bell on their own in which case Thursdays for NHS & Sundays may have some sound!

### **Thank you**

Generous volunteers have been busy mowing the grass, tidying the memorial garden and re-discovering the old path in the churchyard. Huge thanks from Alex, and all members of the Church council. "A big thank you to those who have worked so hard in the churchyard, not only keeping it looking beautiful but also uncovering the path which many had forgotten was even there. Hopefully we will soon be able to use it to enter the building!"

### **Do You Need a Face Covering?**

Penny Gardner's daughter Emily is completing her DofE silver and is going to make face masks as her volunteering element. They are being made following UK Government guidelines and she will be using 100% cotton material with 2 layers, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering> If anyone would like a couple of these masks they can put the orders into 07976179834 or email [pennyg34@gmail.com](mailto:pennyg34@gmail.com). There will not be a charge for the masks.

Doreen Brown is also currently on Etsy selling colourful, homemade non-surgical face masks, for £6.99. Doreen will donate £1 of every village sale to Myton Hospice and is happy to deliver in the village. <https://www.etsy.com/.../.../handmade-reusable-cotton-face-mask...>

### **Village Activity**

The Wish family has come up with a delightful idea that will appeal to anyone who likes painting. They have started a line of colourful stones by the bus stop, and invite anyone of any age to add to the "Covid 19 snake". There is a pot full of stones on the bench nearby, so feel free to take one home and decorate it, then add it to the line. Let's see how long we can make it!