



# Berwick St James Weekly Newsletter

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## Our Village Community Updates

For generations the residents of our beautiful village 'Berwick St James' have formed a united neighborhood of benevolence, pulling together with strength and spirit always. During these present and most extraordinary times with the Coronavirus pandemic, is proving no



Figure 1 *In the garden by James Whatley*

exception. To ensure we are all connected during these challenging times we intend to send out regular newsletters such as this. Several other new initiatives have been implemented.

**A Buddy System:** to ensure that all those who need help are fully cared for at all times. Community support has been outstanding with coordinated shopping and the collection of medical prescriptions. The Buddy System within the village is working really well.

If any of you should need additional assistance with the collection of repeat prescription orders and / or collection of medication, please email your request to [medsC19@berwickstjames.org.uk](mailto:medsC19@berwickstjames.org.uk). Alternatively, please call Dr Sally Hiscock directly on 07887 690664

Similarly should any of you need additional support with grocery shopping, please email your request to [shoppingC19@berwickstjames.org.uk](mailto:shoppingC19@berwickstjames.org.uk). Alternatively, please call Hayley Burrey on 07774 926567 for direct assistance.

**The Farm Shop** is providing a wonderful service to the community and has put together a new Order & Delivery

system to cater for everybody. The current opening hours are 0900 to 1400 Tuesday to Saturday (closed on Sunday / Monday) To place an order for delivery please use the following email: [farmshopC19@berwickstjames.org.uk](mailto:farmshopC19@berwickstjames.org.uk) Orders for delivery by Tuesday should be placed by 13:00 on the Monday and orders for Friday should be placed by 13:00 on the Thursday. Alternatively, if you cannot E-mail, please telephone Carolyn MacDougall on 01722 792761. Calls will be taken Monday – Saturday 09:00 -10:00, 13:00 – 14:00 and 15:00 to 17:00.

We are forming a new **Berwick Book Club**, with the view of connecting residents with a love of literature. At any usual time, a Book Club is a fun, informal and enjoyable way to expand our social circles - plus enhance our literary aptitude. During these extraordinary times, it's also a great way for some of us to connect.



2Figure 2 *The Glyn- Owen Family*

Within this group, which we hope will be a relaxed and stimulating social setting, we can freely exchange views. We are organizing the group review / deliberations -

to be carried out via the Webex video system. Hopefully this will provide some additional fun during this challenging time.

If you are interested in joining this group, please email your interest to: [bookclub@berwickstjames.org.uk](mailto:bookclub@berwickstjames.org.uk)

In this last week, we have collectively contributed to light up Berwick in support of our [NHS](#)

A stunning display of blue floodlights illuminating the Church has been complimented with many homes decorating their gardens with innovative fairy lights. Creating an incredible feeling of pride within



Figure 3 The Lange Family

the village.

Our initiatives with Social Media have proven to be most popular. The **WhatsApp Group**, which is available for support coordination, can be accessed by contacting Sarah Humphreys on 07966 195627 and providing her with your mobile contact number. The **Facebook Site** called 'Carry On Berwick', which is providing fun and informative exchanges -is filling with new content daily. There is a list of 'Topics' (e.g.: Informative, Village Meeting, Humor, Cultural, etc.) which provides easy access to what may interest you most. To join please use the following link: <https://bit.ly/CarryOnBerwick>

Some of you may have noticed that the sign 'Eggs for Sale' has been removed from **Berwick Hill Farmyard**. We can assure you that fresh eggs are plentiful and available to purchase as usual for all residents and locals.

The sign has been taken down for the duration of the pandemic, to deter unknown clients trying to purchase large quantities to sell on.

The first **Berwick 'Virtual' Pub Quiz** took place last Friday. It was a great turnout, most entertaining and really brought the residents together.

It was the participants, your humour, contributions, jokes and laughter which made it all so utterly fun!!

All players and Teams welcome again for this coming Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – The virtual room will open at 6.45pm for a 7pm start. To join online please follow the below link.

<https://christian-923.my.webex.com/join/christian> | 629 868 105

The **Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub** have created an [online interactive map](#) that allows people to see what COVID-19 community support is available in their neighborhood. For the map, which will be regularly updated, please use the following: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus).



Figure 4 View from the bridge in Berwick