

STRATTON COURT VILLAGE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR BOURTON AND BILBURY LODGE



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April

APRIL'S NEWS

Easter is almost here, the flowers are blooming and dare we say it, but the weather is also starting to get a touch warmer! The clocks have sprung us fully into spring and the longer days are making us really excited for what the summer has in store for us.

A NOTE FROM SACHIN

"I am happy to confirm that we have now facilitated the second vaccination for everyone who were due for their covid-19 vaccines. We are really hopeful that we are on the final stretch of the pandemic and can look forward to more events and more socialising very soon.

On Monday 29th March we lifted the total lockdown we had imposed and we can confirm that the staff and residents are 100% covid free.

Thank you to those who came to our wonderful village meeting. It was great to hear everyone's feedback and it has given us valuable feedback on the potential new Village Manager.

As always, we value your opinions and input, so please feel free to feedback on ways we can improve our wonderful Village."

STAFF UPDATE

Village Manager feedback was really valuable and we hope to make a decision very soon.

Libby will be on leave throughout April and her role will be covered by Mownika, David and Doriana. Her dates off (including her normal days off) are: 9th – 12th April, 16th – 28th April. She normally has off every Sunday and Monday.

Amy, who you met in the Village Residents' Meeting has joined to help David with activities in the Care Home and is also going to be joining one day per week (restrictions allowing) to offer massage and aromatherapy treatments.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
LOCKDOWN AND THE
RULES, PLEASE DO NOT
HESITATE TO CONTACT US
AT RECEPTION



A NOTE FROM STEFAN AND THE KITCHEN TEAM

The take out menu has been working well and we have had been getting lots of orders from the Village. We know there was a little confusion at the resident's meeting regarding what needed ordering ahead of time.

To clarify this, anything from the Stag menu can be ordered whenever you want, with no notice. This is a convenience menu which features sandwiches and jacket potatoes as well as a few main meal options. The SET MENU is what we would ideally prefer to have as a pre-order, however, in some cases we may be able to accommodate more immediate requests for this.

Sadly, due to current government guidelines, we have been unable to welcome you to the restaurant as initially planned. This has also affected our ability to continue the fun activities we had planned.

Don't forget to let us know if you have a special occasion coming up and we would love to help cater that whether it be a simple cake, or something more indulgent.

Please also find attached our seasonal menu. This is going to be available from April 1st on **pre-order** and our Stag Menu which is available every day,

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

We are hoping to still get lots more of the 'This is your Life' entry, so please do get those to us asap!

The book club was a great success and the new book has been chosen and distributed this week.

Following many of you joining us for the Jazz singing, we have a cello concert on the 23rd and a wonderful day at the beach themed event for the 30th which will involve some fun traditional events such as Punch n Judy and other beach themed treats.

On Sunday, do keep an eye out for our Easter Bunny who may be visiting you with a special Easter treat!



A NOTE FROM ANDREW

The daffodils that were showing last month are now in full flower and looking glorious, especially with the recent sunshine. We are hoping to plant the new shrubs towards the end of April so keep an eye out for our new planty additions!

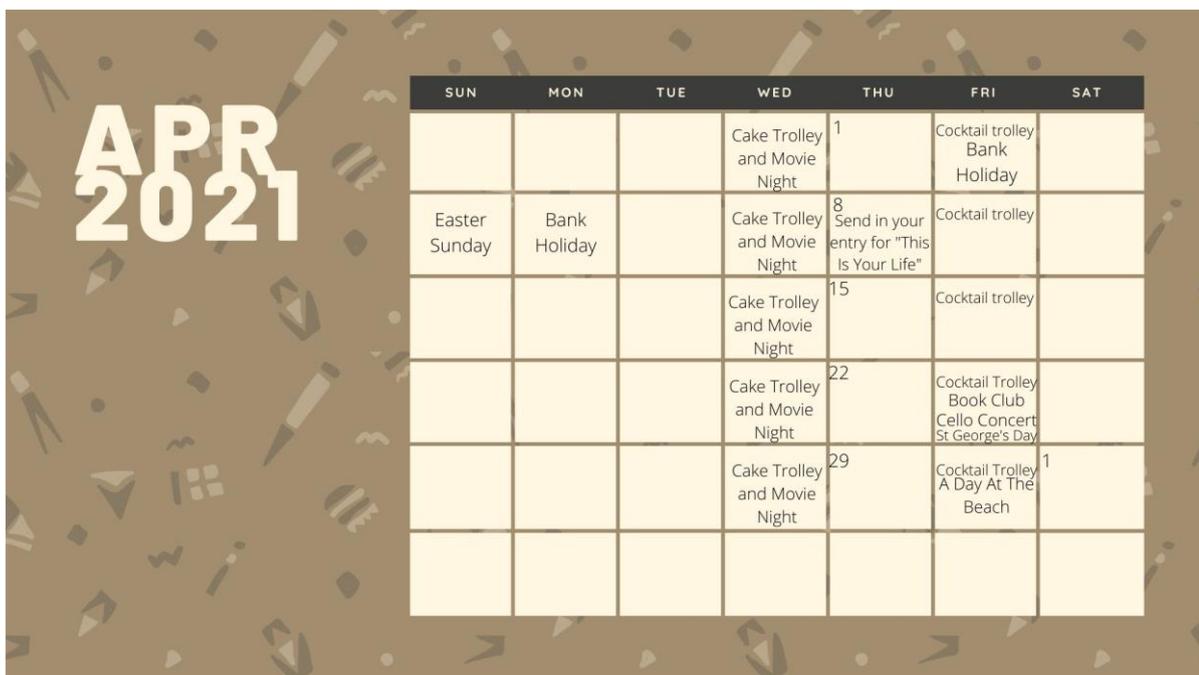
The bluebells that people have been eagerly awaiting are planted by the bank and will be in flower in roughly 3 weeks' time, so will be something great to look forward to.



THE SHOP IS OPEN

We are thrilled that our shop has been officially opened and will be open from 9-5:30, 7 days a week. We are still looking for feedback on items requested in the shop so we can ensure we are meeting your expectations, so please feedback to us on the sheet provided.

We hope that everyone will enjoy using the shop and it is the start of many more brilliant initiatives for the Village which will help make it the most vibrant Village around!



THE MONTH AHEAD

While we are not out of lockdown yet, we have put together some more evenings for you to look forward to. Once out of lockdown our events will be regularly as follows:

Monday

Coffee and Catch-ups – 10am

Enjoy a bacon roll on the first and third Monday of each month where we will be ready to discuss the news and current events. These will hopefully be starting in May when restrictions lift further for indoor groups.

Tuesday

Entertainment evening - 17:30pm

Tuesday evenings will rotate between four events: cheese & wine night, quiz night, music night, and poetry & punctuation night. This is unable to start until lockdown has lifted. We will be chatting with you to see if you would like to do a quiz at home night over the next week.

Wednesday

Cake Trolley – 3pm

Enjoy a lovely slice of cake from our tea trolley every Wednesday from 3pm.

Movie Night – 17:30pm

Our movie nights will be usually held in our cinema with freshly popped popcorn and treats, however, with lockdown we are unable to do this so we are going to be bringing a library of DVD's to your door to pick for the upcoming week ahead.

Friday

Cocktail night – 17:30pm

A fun filled cocktail evening which will feature some lively music and wonderful cocktails! Due to lockdown, we are doing this as a cocktail trolley and will have a feature cocktail from around the globe so you can try something new or rediscover a cocktail you may not have had in some time.

Please note, activities and events are limited due to lockdown and government guidelines.

*****EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES*****



THE ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN

COVID-19 Regulations

Key Dates to look forward to

- 8th March - recreation in an outdoor public spaces will be allowed between two people
- 29th March - Outdoor gatherings of 6 people or two households will be allowed including in private gardens.
- 12th April - Non-essential retail, pools and gyms can open
- 17th May - Outdoor most social contact rules lighten, 6 people or two households can meet indoors, indoor hospitality can open
- 21st June - All legal limits on social contact removed



COVID-19 UPDATE

Despite the recent announcement from the Government, we are not quite back to life as normal. We're working closely with local authorities to ensure that we are working safely to protect our residents and staff and will be available should you have any questions as to what the rules of lockdown mean. **The next key date to look forward to is 12th April where non-essential retail will be opening as well as pools and gyms.**

Now that you have received your second dose of the vaccine, we hope this means we can all look forward to some "normality" this summer.



AURA CARE LIVING GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Regulations

Keep our community a safe and clean space for all!

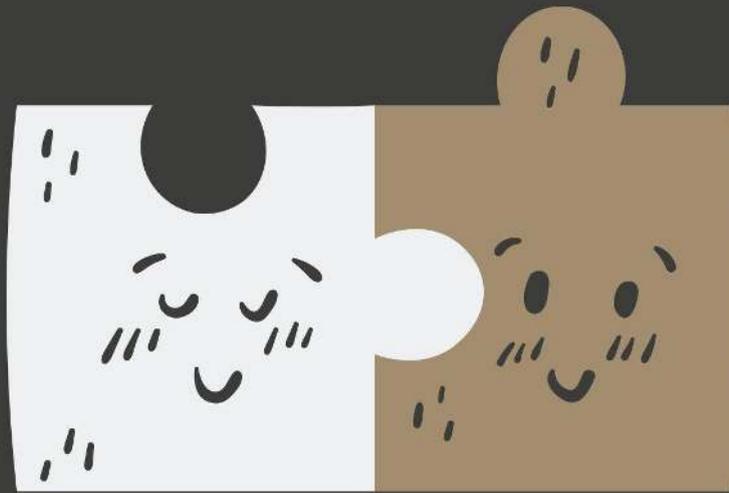
- Wash your hands frequently
- Wear a mask at all times when outside your apartment
- Observe social distancing



COVID-19 Symptoms SOURCE: NHS



If you have fever, new continuous cough or a loss or change of your sense of taste or smell please call us at reception immediately.



Aura Puzzle Page

MARCH'S ANSWERS

Q: What has wheels and flies but is not an aircraft?

A: A garbage truck

Maths puzzle: 40 mins



APRIL'S PUZZLING CHALLENGES

Q: What has wheels and flies but is not an aircraft?

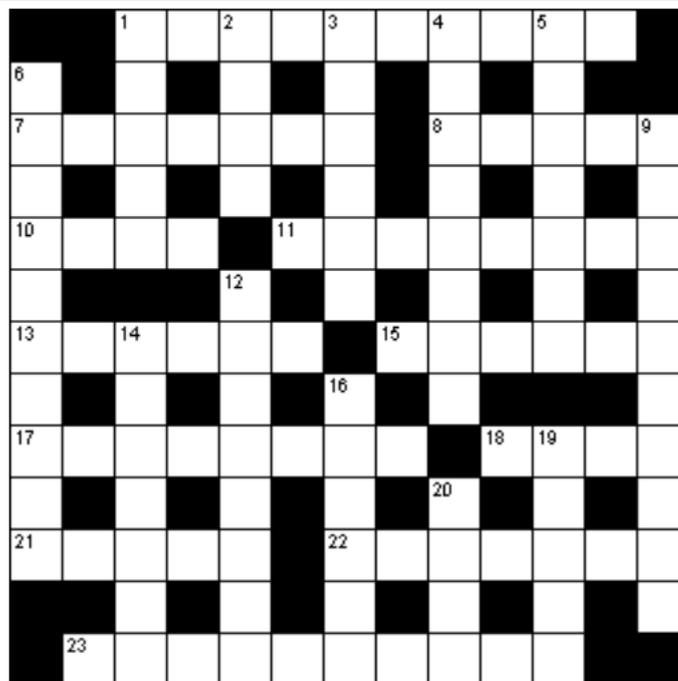
Logic puzzle of the day:

5 pirates of different ages have a treasure of 100 gold coins. On their ship, they decide to split the coins using this scheme: The oldest pirate proposes how to share the coins and ALL pirates (including the oldest) vote for or against it.

If 50% or more of the pirates vote for it, then the coins will be shared that way. Otherwise the pirate proposing the scheme will be thrown overboard, and the process is repeated with the pirates that remain.

As the pirates tend to be a bloodthirsty bunch, if a pirate would get the same number of coins if he voted for or against a proposal, he will vote against so that the pirate who proposed the plan will be thrown overboard.

Assuming that all 5 pirates are intelligent, rational, greedy and do not wish to die (and they are rather good at maths for pirates) what will happen?



Across

- 1 Not precise (10)
- 7 Opposed (7)
- 8 Pastimes (5)
- 10 Require (4)
- 11 One who makes a will (8)
- 13 Common, crude (6)
- 15 Custodian (6)
- 17 Response (8)
- 18 Joke (4)
- 21 Rope fibre (5)
- 22 Duo (7)
- 23 Below (10)

Down

- 1 Picture (5)
- 2 Unpleasantly moist (4)
- 3 Male parent (6)
- 4 Bedtime drink (8)
- 5 Enticed (7)
- 6 Meat-eaters (10)
- 9 Fortify (10)
- 12 Former French prison (8)
- 14 Relationship (7)
- 16 Natural fabric (6)
- 19 Historical era (5)
- 20 Settee (4)