

STRATTON COURT VILLAGE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR BOURTON AND BILBURY LODGE



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MAY'S NEWS

Happy May! We are starting to see warmer days, but not quite clear of those frosty colder nights. Hopefully May will truly welcome in those warm days which we so fondly enjoyed last year! We have two Bank Holiday weekends in May, which are 3rd and 31st May.

A NOTE FROM SACHIN

“With the easing of lockdown restrictions, we will be looking at reviewing the visiting procedures into the home and village.

We will now be able to safely reduce restrictions on activities such as the use of restaurant facilities which can be made available on the private patio outside the restaurant for up to six people at any one time.

Our shop is open as is the hairdresser who can be booked in via Libby at reception. The gym is also open for those wanting to exercise.

We will now also be able to pursue summer activities in the garden, and this includes exciting things such as BBQ's. However, all of these things will need to be booked in advance via the reception.

As most of the village residents have had both vaccines, we can look forward to more events and we also are excited to welcome the new Village Manager, Pat Jobson, who is starting in July.

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 have chosen Pat Jobson who hopes to start in July 2021.

Libby has returned from her annual leave and we are thrilled to see her smiling face again. Please note, she normally has off every Sunday and Monday.

Doriana has left and we wish her well in her new position and Carolina has joined the accounts team.

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 are looking forward to welcoming you back to our restaurant soon. N and are exploring the option of outdoor dining for you. Due to it being still rather cold, we would welcome feedback as to whether this is something you would like to do, or wait until either the weather warms up or you can dine inside. Please do let us know.

The latest menu for the month ahead will be printed for you on Monday and will be available for pre order, and the stag menu of light bites and sandwiches can be order whenever you choose.

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.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Book Club has been going well and the new book will be chosen next week. Thank you to all who have attended.

Cello concert was enjoyed by all and we are looking forward to more musical fun as lockdown continues to lift.

Punch and Judy was a great day and we saw some of the apartment residents for this.

Open Day is coming up on the 26th May and we have some amazing fun things planned including a magician and band.

Walking Club is due to start next Thursday and will be bi-weekly. Please register your interest so we know who is coming and can plan accordingly.



A NOTE FROM ANDREW

The bluebells are starting to show and we are looking forward to a lovely display.

Andrew has visited one of the UK's biggest nurseries for inspiration and exciting purchases which will be added over the upcoming weeks.

We are looking forward to our first outdoor event in May, and will be preparing the grounds for a great day to be enjoyed by all.



BRITAIN IS BACK

Our first open day is due to be celebrated on 26th May. This will celebrate that Britain is finally coming back following a year of difficult times had by all.

We have a fantastic band coming (Honeymoon Swing Dance) and a magician to entertain everyone. We will also have delicious British themed food and drink available throughout the day.

This will be an outdoor event due to regulations, so please do join us safely outside for some music and merriment.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Cake Trolley and Movie Night		Cocktail trolley	1
	Bank Holiday		Cake Trolley and Movie Night		Cocktail trolley	8
			Cake Trolley and Movie Night	Walking Club 1pm	Cocktail trolley	15
			Cake Trolley and Movie Night		Cocktail Trolley	22
			Britain is Back Open Day Event	Walking Club 1pm	Cocktail Trolley	29 Book Club 2pm Porsche Club 3pm
	Bank Holiday					

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 at the end of 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.

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.

Thursday

Walking Club at 1pm Join Mary on a local walk to explore the area! This is a new event and we hope to see lots of you there. Please register with reception your interest in the walking club so we can contact everyone should the weather not be right for walking.

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 17th May where outdoor most social contact rules lift and 6 people or two households can meet indoors. Indoor hospitality can also open.**

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!

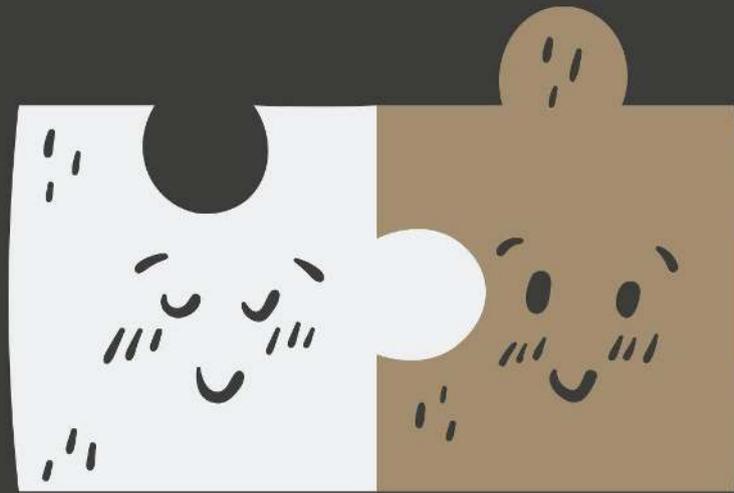
- Wash your hands frequently
- Wear a mask at all times when outside your apartment
- Observe social distancing



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

APRIL'S ANSWERS

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?

Answer: The oldest pirate will propose a 98:0:1:0:1 split, in other words the oldest pirate gets 98 coins, the middle pirate gets 1 coin and the youngest gets 1 coin.

Let us name the pirates (from oldest to youngest): Alex, Billy, Colin, Duncan and Eddie.

Working backwards:

2 Pirates: Duncan splits the coins 100:0 (giving himself all the gold). His vote (50%) is enough to ensure the deal.

3 Pirates: Colin splits the coins 99:0:1. Eddie will accept this deal (getting just 1 coin), because he knows that if he rejects the deal there will be only two pirates left, and he gets nothing.

4 Pirates: Billy splits the coins 99:0:1:0. By the same reasoning as before, Duncan will support this deal. Billy would not waste a spare coin on Colin, because Colin knows that if he rejects the proposal, he will pocket 99 coins once Billy is thrown overboard. Billy would also not give a coin to Eddie, because Eddie knows that if he rejects the proposal, he will receive a coin

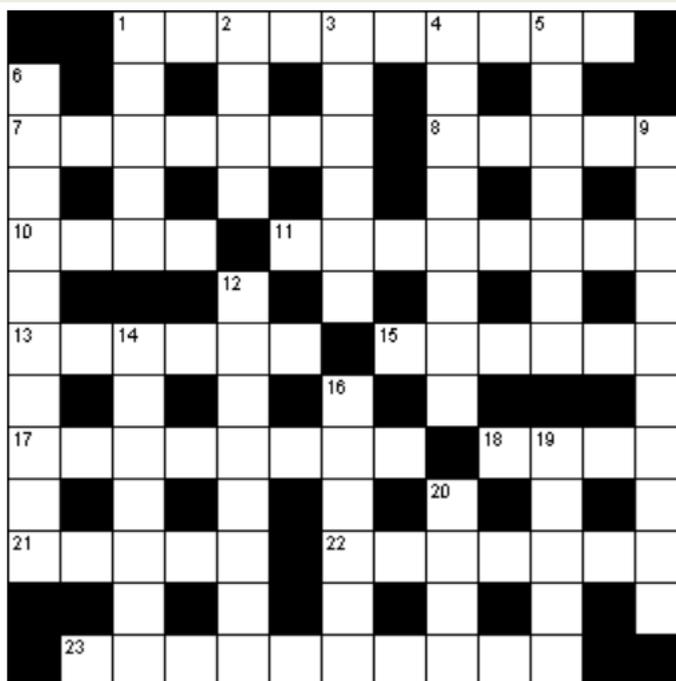
from Colin in the next round anyway.

5 Pirates: Alex splits the coins 98 : 0 : 1 : 0 : 1. By offering a gold coin to Colin (who would otherwise get nothing) he is assured of a deal.

(Note: In the final deal Alex would not give a coin to Billy, who knows he can pocket 99 coins if he votes against Alex's proposal and Alex goes overboard. Likewise, Alex would not give a coin to Duncan, because Duncan knows that if he votes against the proposal, Alex will be voted overboard and Billy will propose to offer Duncan the same single coin as Alex. All else equal, Duncan would rather see Alex go overboard and collect his one coin from Billy.)



MAY'S PUZZLING CHALLENGES

**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)

Riddle: What begins with a T, ends with a T, and has T in it?