



## **SNAPE RECORDER'S REPORT FOR 2020**

*This reproduces, without comment and almost verbatim, selected blogs from [snapevillage.info](http://snapevillage.info)*

Posted on 14 Jan, 2020 by Caroline Beach (Village Hall Chair)

The first Coffee Morning of the year got off to a very good start! We had another fantastic raffle which included a beautiful bird-box, made and donated by Neville Edmunds, a beautiful pot of plants from Geraldine, prosecco, chocolates, a cake, and a host of other great prizes. We also had fantastic bargains on the bric-à-brac and book stalls. Although there were fewer visitors than last month, everyone appeared to be on good form with lots of chat and laughter. Seats at the Team Curtis table filled quickly, causing quite a stir! Our youngest visitor, Jacob aged 3, assisted with the raffle by pulling out the first winning ticket. Although he wasn't to be a winner, he didn't go home empty-handed, thanks to Tula who gave him her prize of two beautifully-knitted dolls. Such is the wonderful spirit of our community gatherings! We took a staggering £195, which will help keep the village hall going for us all to enjoy.

Posted on 12 Feb, 2020 by Brian Boulton (Churchwarden)

In preparation for the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VJ Day in August this year, I am researching all the men from the eight villages of the Alde River Benefice who were prisoners of the Japanese during World War 2. Those from Snape were Fred W. BONE, Walter Charles PANNIFER, Harry PARKER, Ronald Arthur SMITH and Clement WELLS. Of these men, only Fred Bone survived. Photographs and information on any of the men would be much appreciated and enhance the presentation that will be displayed at the service in Snape Church on Sunday, 16th August.

Posted on 15 Feb, 2020 by Derek Walduck (Chair of environmental group GreenSnape)

As part of its community projects' work, Waitrose has chosen Priory Wood for its current green disc scheme. The restoration of Priory Wood is GreenSnape's main project for 2020. As well as being a place for residents and visitors to enjoy, the wood will also be planted to support and encourage wildlife. More discs mean more funding so we hope to receive as many as possible. The scheme runs for another week or so.

Posted on 28 Feb, 2020 by Lesley Walduck (Joint Secretary, GreenSnape)

A group of us from GreenSnape worked at the School yesterday, digging over the beds in preparation for the children to plant their veg and flowers. It was lovely that the children, Kinna (Forest Schools teacher) and Sarah (Headteacher) were so grateful and happy with our efforts. We also had some helpers who were very interested in what we were doing, and asked lots of questions about soil and worms!

Posted on 09 Mar, 2020 by PlanningInspectorate.gov.uk

If you wish to make oral representations at any of these hearings, please contact the Case Team [who] need to receive notice of your attendance no later than Tuesday 10 March 2020. [This was to campaign against the construction of a large substation at Friston to process electricity from the East Anglia One North and Two offshore windfarms.]

Posted on 12 Mar, 2020 by Caroline Beach

Can you remember life without the monthly Coffee Mornings? What a great gathering once again! — a very sociable and friendly morning, made even more spectacular by a very generous donation of £400 from the Bowls Club, which has sadly folded! Nevile Smith kindly handed over a cheque on behalf of past members, as well as placing a plaque on the wall of the Club's past cup-winners. In addition to this, the takings for February were a very respectable £191.

Thanks again to all our supporters. I say this often, but there is a great community spirit in Snape. Long may it last!!

[AND THEN ...]

Posted on 20 March, 2020 by Sarah Gallagher (headteacher)

This is a letter to our children to mark this unusual day.

Dear Snape superstars,

This is just a little letter for you to keep reading, and reminding yourself that you are always part of a fantastic village school family, near or far. We know you are probably feeling a little bit confused and a little worried – it all feels a bit strange for us all, doesn't it? It's normal to feel a bit worried when there's changes and unusual things happening.

Try to remember that we all think you are quite simply fabulous children. We are super proud of all of you, and all the things you bring to us every day that make us smile and always cheer us up. Whether you are in school or out, it is your curiosity and enthusiasm that will keep you being a good learner. You know you learn all the time anywhere and everywhere, don't you? We are learning too – it's a fantastic thing that we humans can do if we really put our mind to it. ...

We are really going to miss you, and we will feel a bit sad tomorrow when we shut school for most of you – BUT the sun will keep shining and we will look at all the signs of spring and summer, and before you know it we will be together again and we will sing and laugh and celebrate and catch up with all your news.

Sending you lots of smiles and sunshine,  
Love from the whole of TEAM SNAPE

Posted on Monday, 23rd March by Sarah Gallagher

Hi everyone,

We've had some very sensible decision-making from our parents and all are keeping their children away — especially the nurses' children. So at the moment we have no children in, and therefore school is closed. However, we would like to make phone calls, as we have vulnerable children and we want to support the wellbeing of families. Therefore, we're hoping to have one of us at a social distance outside the front door to man our "Village Larder" from 11 until 12 weekdays initially, but we'll see.

Thanks to some lovely donations from some very kind villagers we have tins, eggs, cereal, bread, pasta, etc for people to get. The idea is give/take or just give or just take, but it is also to help with the sourcing of some things like toilet rolls that people actually might have the money for but they can't get!

We thought if we messaged and put word out we might be able to pass those to people who need things. Also, I can message if we have a glut of anything — for example, I have three bags of little pears tomorrow! I've used some of the donation to make up a couple of food boxes.

The idea for the Village Larder came, first, from being in school, but it is for the village — it's just I happen to know that lots of our families are self-employed and are now having to apply for Universal Credit.

I hope that fully explains what we're doing from the school end. The Village Larder is safe outside, at a social distance and there are no children in school. I'll pop leftovers inside school at twelve. Best wishes and keep well, Sarah

[On 23rd March, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson effectively closed down the country, with draconian restrictions to contain the coronavirus. Apart from a cautious relaxation for a couple of months during the Summer, they stayed in place throughout the rest of the year.]

Posted on 23 Mar, 2020 by Alex and Oliver Burnside (our pub landlords)

It is with a heavy heart that we, at The Plough and Sail and The Golden Key, will be suspending all takeaway services until further notice. We would like to thank all of our staff for their hard work and our loyal customers who have given us such support over the last few weeks. Hopefully see you all soon and stay safe. (The Crown have also closed as they were having problems obtaining supplies. — Webmaster)

Posted on 27 Mar, 2020 by © EADT Oliver Sullivan

How long does the coronavirus live on different surfaces?

Research from "The New England Journal of Medicine" says the virus can live up to 72 hours on plastic and stainless steel, while it survives on cardboard for 24 hours – although the spread of infection lowers over time as the amount of the virus on the surface depletes.

Health experts have therefore pushed for households to remember to regularly clean and disinfect surfaces, although have argued that people shouldn't need to disinfect every thing they get into contact with.

Experts have said there is little risk of contracting the new virus from deliveries.

Posted on 30 Mar, 2020 by Snape Maltings [Roger Wright, Chief Executive]

It is with enormous sadness that we have to cancel the 2020 Aldeburgh Festival. Given the current circumstances, this will not be a surprise. ... We are delaying the announcement of our August Snape Proms series to enable us to continue monitoring Government advice.

Posted on 08 Apr, 2020 by Tim Beach (Snape Parish Council Chair)

In the early part of this week there was a theft from outbuildings and from a vehicle in the Gromford/Wadd Lane area, so residents would be well advised to keep sheds and vehicles secured if possible.

Posted on SATURDAY, 11th APRIL AT 09:15

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The Reverend Rachel has been posting Sunday services on YouTube since just before the lockdown started in earnest — and yesterday she added a Good Friday reflection.

Posted on 05 May, 2020 by Royal Albert Hall/YouTube

For the first time in its 150-year history, the Hall will play host to a very special concert behind closed doors as we join the nation in marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins OBE will perform in an empty Royal Albert Hall in a special half-hour concert that will be streamed to audiences for free via YouTube.

Posted on 07 May, 2020 by Snape Parish Council

A "virtual meeting" of the Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 12th May at 12.00 noon. Should members of the public, who are cordially invited, wish to attend (via Zoom), please contact Russ Rainger [Vice Chair] for details.

Posted on 31 May, 2020 by Rev. Rachel Cornish

## A PRAYER FOR OUR TIME

Loving God,  
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times,  
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.  
Help us to show creative solidarity  
as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.  
Make us courageous in embracing  
the changes required to seek the common good.  
Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding  
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.  
May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs  
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen

Posted on 15 Jun, 2020 by Rev. Rachel Cornish

Today, three of our churches in the Benefice are starting to be open for private prayer — Snape, Benhall and Great Glemham. All books have been removed, and signs are displayed to encourage safe distancing and hand cleansing. We are not permitted to allow any kind of act of worship in the churches yet. The guidance for opening for private prayer is very strict about what can be left out and what must be put away, to avoid things being touched and risk spreading the virus. It is also possible to conduct funerals in church from today, but only if I deem it safe to do so.

Posted on 13 Jul, 2020 by Suffolk Trading Standards

Suffolk Trading Standards urge people to beware after numerous reports in East Suffolk. “We have received reports of individuals calling at doors in ... East Suffolk offering doorstep Covid-19 testing. They may still be in the area, or could have moved on elsewhere in the county. These fraudsters are taking advantage of the pandemic, to extort money, or to gain access to your home.”

Posted on 01 Aug, 2020 by Lesley Walduck

Sixteen GreenSnape members spent a wonderful, sunny July afternoon at the picturesque Bedfield Hall in deepest High Suffolk in the company of its owner, Timothy Easton. Artist, sculptor and architectural historian, Timothy was a welcoming and engaging host who revealed to us the history of the 11th-Century Church next door, and the moated 15th-Century Hall with its fascinating symbols on walls and ceilings.

Posted on 04 Aug, 2020 by David Mincher, RBL

On Saturday 15th August, there will be a short ceremony of Remembrance starting at 10:45 at the Snape War Memorial, outside the Church, where wreaths will be laid. All are invited to join this Commemoration. — David Mincher (Chair, Royal British Legion, Snape & Farnham)

Posted on 18 Sep, 2020 by GreenSnape Committee

Together with the Parish Council, and partly because the Councils are cutting back on mowing for financial reasons, we are pleased to launch a campaign to make our road verges more wildlife friendly. We'll start the wilding process with a mass planting of oxeye daisies in March. Besides making a great show of colour for a long period, oxeyes are one of our most valuable wildflowers for insects.

Posted on 29 Sep, 2020 by John Dunthorne, architect

A proposal has been drawn up by village residents with the Parish Council for discussion and consultation. The intention of creating a more interesting, beautiful area around Crown Crossroads for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. The scheme uses as many indigenous plants as possible.

Posted on 23 Oct, 2020 by Georgina Lock, Councillor

Adnams has thanked all those who picked litter on 17th October with 12 cans of Kobold. Twelve cans works out at one per team, or one per single picker. Available while stocks last! Thanks a lot! — Georgina

Posted on 04 Nov, 2020 by Chair, Snape&Farnham RBL

There is no planned Remembrance ceremony next Wednesday, as it is prohibited under the current regulations (which were voted through by Parliament this afternoon). Instead we would like to encourage people to observe two minutes' silence in Remembrance on their doorsteps at 11:00 on Remembrance Sunday, and also on Armistice Day on Wednesday. That's my understanding. Kind regards, David Mincher

Posted on 25 Nov, 2020 by Snape Parish Council

In answer to a local resident's letter, the issue of cycling on Snape's footpaths was discussed at last night's Parish Council meeting. Councillors were reminded that many of our footpaths cross private land — even though the paths themselves are public rights of way.

Property owners have the right to define usage of such paths, including disallowing the riding of horses or cycles, both of which can of course cause damage to the path surface. Consequently, "No cycling" signs were raised some months ago.

Posted on 28 Nov, 2020 by a wandering webmaster

A seasonal initiative of "virtual" trees appeared on the noticeboard at the foot of Snape Hill ...

[On 8th December, a UK grandmother became the first person in the world to be given the Pfizer Covid-19 jab as part of a mass vaccination programme.]

Posted on 21 Dec, 2020 by Tim Beach

The more observant of you who have been past the Village Green may have noticed a Christmas tree, which Santa's elves appear to have put in place for the village. The elves go under the names of Jackie, Miranda, Melitta, Jonathan, Diane and John with help from others. Thanks also to Curles, Ian Rix and Snape Garage for donating lights and baubles. Feel free to add a bauble or two! We will keep them for next year, when hopefully we can repeat in better circumstances — and maybe have a carol or two around the tree together! Merry Christmas — Tim and Caroline

*[The entries above have been copied, largely verbatim, from blogs posted at <https://snapevillage.info/news-blog>, from where any fuller text can be read, hopefully indefinitely. Most retain the date indicated, but a few (being ongoing "threads" on a particular subject) have been redated to accommodate later updates: these can be relocated by using the "Search within blogs" facility for any unusual word within the text.]*

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