

Deddington through Facebook – July

A fourth batch of posts from the Community Noticeboard, showcasing what concerned residents as more lockdown restrictions were released. Not included here is the lively conversation over whether the pubs and cafés should be allowed to extend their trading into the Market Place. Lines were drawn between the parkers and the socialisers, with the socialisers the firm favourites.

New arrangements at the pubs top the list. First, from Anton Hayter on his decision not to open the Pie Pub:



Puddingface the pie place

2 hrs · 🌐

Hello to all our wonderful pie people!
Hope this finds you all safe and well.
Honestly, blunt truths and full disclosure we hope will see us all through these times...
After huge amounts of thought and numerous risk assessments of health and safety, Covid-19 risk assessments and our financial risk assessments we have concluded that this weekend 4th July is NOT the right time for the pie pub to be opening.
"Over cautious" we have been told by those who collect money from us... but we do not believe so, confirmed by our latest in-depth risk assessment done only yesterday, and just take a look at the poor businesses in Leicester right now, and 36 other hot spots the government is currently looking at...36!
Of course twisting and bodging a risk assessment could make some premise's like ours appear safe but this is simply not the right thing for us to do.
We will open again when safe to do so, for us, for our staff, for our suppliers and of course for our amazing customers.
Financial risk assessment.
As with much of the hospitality sector we are on our knees, dwindling cash reserves and a very uncertain future, fantastic staff waiting for the safe go ahead...
We have one chance only to do this and to get it right, and can only afford this one chance to fly again, we have just about enough in reserve to remain closed just a little bit longer and have enough for ONE attempt at reopening hopefully very soon, BUT and it's a big BUT, if we open up, bring back staff, spend thousands on stock etc and then go back into lock down that would be the end and all the consequences that go with a business closure.
Our staff livelihoods and our customers well-being is paramount to us, we have always and will always put these two things first and with a possible second wave looming we are treading on the side of caution and staying closed for a bit longer, this should not be a case of simply "when restrictions are lifted", for rules to be changed and bent, this has to be down to when it is "honestly safe" for customers to be confined in a small busy pub without putting themselves and their loved ones at risk.
We would like to say a huge thank you to our landlords, Hook Norton Brewery who have been amazing throughout this and done everything they can to help all their pubs in these difficult times that we mustn't forget have been difficult for them too
We will be back....
If we do this properly, and carefully,
Stay safe,
Kathy, Anton, Louis and all our amazing staff x

And from the Unicorn:



The Unicorn Inn Deddington

17 hrs · 🌐

This is going to be a mouthful, so take your time to read it.

Excited is an understatement, we have missed you all and are now ready to open on the 4th July.

It will be great to see you all again.

As you are aware there is going to be the "new Normal" to how we can operate safely and stick with in the government guidelines, rules and regulations.

This will be put in place for the safety of our customers and staff.

This is as new to us as it is to you so PLEASE bear with us whilst we get used to it

OPENING HOURS :

WED- THURSDAY 4PM - 10PM

FRIDAY 4PM- CLOSE

SATURDAY 12- CLOSE

SUNDAY 12-8PM

KITCHEN :

Our takeaway STONE BAKED wood fired pizza

THURSDAY – SATURDAY 5PM - 10PM CALL TO ORDER

Social distancing:

We are asking all customers to maintain a social distance at all times.

Upon arriving @ the Unicorn please wait outside to be allocated a table upon arrival you will be required to provide your name address and contact information, this is a requirement from the governments track and trace service under our guideline we have to follow.

You will be shown to your table following our one way system, your order will be taken from the table and served to you.

YOU MUST REMAIN SEATED AT YOUR TABLE AT ALL TIMES, You will adhere to our one way system to use the toilets and we will be operating and one in and one out policy where possible, children must be accompanied with an adult.

The government have also stipulated that indoor gatherings should be in groups of up to two households. Outdoor gatherings of up to 6 people or less can be from any household. If your outdoor gathering is for 7 or more people, then all guests should be from no more than two households. It is against the law to gather in a group of more than 30 people in any setting and therefore we will not be able to take any function bookings for the time-being.

We will not, for the time being, be taking any bookings for tables, inside or outside, to allow us time to find our feet with the new measures and restrictions. Once we have reached full number capacity it will be one in one out. Tables will be available in the pub and garden, during this time the function room will be out of bounds

Unfortunately dogs will not be allowed in the Unicorn for the for the time. Being due the government guidance.

Cleaning:

We want to reassure you that there will be regular cleaning and our staff will all be washing their hands every 20 minutes. We will be sanitising all "touch points" every half an hour, as per the government guidance. We also have new hand sanitising stations being installed and we would encourage every customer to use them on entry, after using the toilets and on exiting.

Service at the table:

For seating inside the pub, we will be providing full table service. Once you are allocated to your table you will not be able to stand or walk around the pub, other than to use the toilet. (This includes children too). We will do our best to keep a safe distance whilst serving you at the table.

There will be a what's app group set up for you to place orders full details will be provided when you arrive.

Spacing:

We want to re-assure you that a considerable amount of care has gone in to spacing all tables and chairs throughout the pub, the courtyard, the barn, and the garden. Absolutely NO furniture is to be moved – this is to ensure the safety of everyone and to ensure that we are meeting the minimum requirements set by the government.

All areas of the pub indoors will remain, at the advice of the government, well ventilated with all windows and doors always open. There will be no bar stools available as sitting at the bar is also not allowed.

Menus/Food service:

We will only be operating our wood fired pizza menu at the moment as a sit in or takeaway option (ring to order takeaway and a time will be given for you to collect)

Entertainment:

For the time being live entertainment, such as live music and quizzes are prohibited. Sporting events will be unavailable due to the strict seating arrangements we have had to put in place.

Payments:

Card and cash payments will be accepted.

Lastly, please be patient with us this is new to us all. No rudeness to staff regarding the restrictions will be accepted and those who are not abiding to the new restrictions will be asked to leave – we are trying our best to offer the village pub as you are all used to – just safely!

We want to thank you for all your messages of support and whilst we have been closed – we cannot wait to see you all again.

Kristian & team

And from the Red Lion

**Gary Ward**
Visual storyteller · 1 hr · 🌐

The Red Lion will be open this Saturday for drinks and food. Our takeaway service will continue as usual this Friday and Saturday between 6pm and 8.30pm and thereafter every Friday and Saturday. The hatch in the garden will remain operational so no need to enter the pub to get your takeaway.

We have taken measures to help keep people safe when visiting the pub and here are some of the rules issued by the government.

No drinking standing up inside, you must find a table and be seated. Standing up drinking is permitted in the garden but only in small groups.

You can order your drinks and food at the bar, respecting social distancing, but you cannot sit or stay at the bar once you have ordered.

You must give a name and contact details if you come to the pub, so expect to be asked by a member of staff when you first arrive. For tracing purposes your details will be kept for 21 days and given to the government if a person who later tests positive for Covid19 was known to have been at the pub.

You will be asked to use sanitizer when entering the pub and follow general social distancing rules. This minimum distance has been reduced to 1M but it's encouraged to be as far apart as possible.

All staff will be briefed and trained in following government advice on how to keep customers and themselves safe whilst doing their job.

You can book tables for food either Friday and Saturday nights or Sunday lunch.

Our opening hours are: -

Tuesday to Thursday 4pm to 10.30pm

Friday 4pm to 11pm

Saturday 12 noon to 11pm

Sunday 12 noon to 5.30pm

Full menu Friday and Saturday evenings (6pm to 8.30pm) and plant based roasts on Sundays (reservations only Sundays 12 noon to 3pm) from the 12th

A tapas menu for all other times will soon be available.

We look forward to seeing you.

Gary

The Red Lion Inn

p.s love the earlier chat going on about using space in the market place. From my time living in France I know the outdoor café culture can really transform a place and bring people together for the good.

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Matthew Johnson

3 July at 20:27 · 🌐



Good Evening All, as we see our local pubs, restaurants, shops and cafes reopen can I please ask us all to be a little kinder and patient with them. It's been an incredibly difficult time for us all and their industry has been severely hindered and we need to get behind them as much as we can. When you visit these establishments over the coming weeks and If you see something is not quite right or needs a second look perhaps have a discreet word with the owner/manager rather than coming onto social media and spreading negativity. The government guidelines on Covid health and safety are not overly clear so let's give them our patience and support.

Deddington Church Update, 10th July 2020

We are open for Worship!



The first Sunday service open to worshippers since lockdown will take place at **10.30am on Sunday 12th July**. This will be a Eucharist with communion in **one kind** only. All are welcome, but we understand that some people may not yet be ready to come to public worship.

Our services will **continue to be streamed online** with this in mind.

Those attending this service are asked to **follow social distancing and hygiene guidelines** and to give their names and contact details for 'track and trace' purposes.

Sidespeople will be on hand to help and guide you.

We ask that you **do not touch** anything unnecessarily.



The chairs have been set out at measured distances (with groups of two/three for people from the same household).

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE CHAIRS!

The church was thoroughly cleaned and set out for worship on Thursday by a team of ten people - Huge thanks you to all.

Deddington Church

10 July at 11:14 · 🌐

Good news folks! We are still not allowed to sing, but our Director of Music, James Kennard, will be playing the organ at this service.

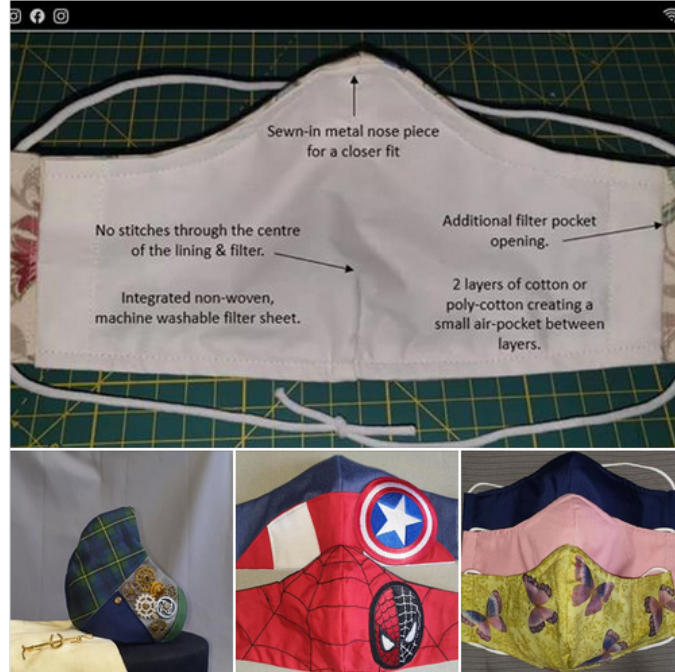


Cindy Johnston

★ Rising star · 13 July at 21:50 · 🌐

I have been supplying face masks to some of your members.
I wanted to say a very big Thank You to you.

<https://www.facebook.com/103808378034663/posts/128891348859699/>



Colin Clark

A start, but worried that "shops" is too ambiguous. Are Banks, Post Offices, Estate and Travel Agents shops? Are market stalls located under railway arches, (very common in cities) shops? Bus shelters (is that using public transport?) and other common waiting areas appear to be excluded. Much better that the regulations should have referred to confined public spaces. Then there's the issue of enforcement...



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Drew Kamphuis shared a post.

15 July at 23:22 · 🌐

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Like it or not, face coverings will be mandatory in shops for adults & children aged 11+ from Fri 24th July - We liked this pic about wearing face coverings:

www.firstforsafetyoxfordshire.co.uk



First For Safety Oxfordshire Ltd - Family First Aid

15 July at 21:17 · 🌐

Like it or not, face coverings will be mandatory in shops for adults & children aged 11+ from Fri 24th July - At First For Safety HQ we were chuckling over this info pic about wearing them:

www.firstforsafetyoxfordshire.co.uk



Gilly Taylor-Allen

22 July at 16:32 · 🌐

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A note to joggers - it is really not pleasant when taking a masked socially distanced walk with someone for you to run BETWEEN those 2 people!

In point of fact it is rude and ignorant behaviour.



Jill Cheeseman

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After a few false-starts at national level, recreational cricket got going again on 18 July resulting in a truncated season for club cricket. Outdoor nets sessions in groups of six had been going for a few weeks at the Windmill with a good turnout from current and a few new players, giving the newly refurbished nets a good work-out and justifying the investment.

The Oxfordshire Cricket Association quickly organised a shortened competition for the remaining weeks of the season. These started on 25 July and will run until early September.

To get everyone in the mood (and to test the new Covid-compliant regulations) Deddington held an intra-club 25-over game on 18 July. Plenty of local talent was on display and a close game resulted in a win for the Distanced by 20 runs over the Socials.

As well as games every Saturday, we hope to have a couple of friendly games as well to make sure all players get some match time. The Women's team also have fixtures through August.

Nets are being held at 6.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Windmill and any new players are welcome to come along or contact Joe Roberts on 07720 089804 for more details.

If there is anyone interested in becoming an umpire for the Club for 2021, we would like to hear from them. Training is provided and, if you like your cricket but perhaps don't want to play, umpiring at some of the loveliest village grounds in the country on summer afternoons and being paid £40 a time for doing so, might just appeal. Please contact Joe Roberts or Simon Oldfield (07771 997358) if this sounds appealing.



Bryn Williams

📷 Visual storyteller · 2 d · 🌐



Keep up the great photographic work you're doing the good people of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. We've received over 150 entries already to our Deddington Library Calendar competition and we've still got another month to go before the deadline on August 24th, please keep on shooting as we've had some stunning shots in already. Entries as usual to me at (abw@brynwilliams.com) 5Mb files, 300dpi, landscape format and taken within our parish and surrounding countryside.

Thank you.



Colin Clark shared a link.

20 h · 🌐



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Olivia Fenion

I am really looking forward to being able to help our favourite pubs and restaurants get back on their feet and am really glad so many are taking part (they would be silly not to, really!). For anyone confused about the discount on offer, I made a video on it last week.

<https://youtu.be/Pvk--vLsdG4>



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