



**WBSG Volunteer Update 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**VE Day 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**We'll meet again!!**

Dear All!

With the lockdown still in place and our Coronavirus services running pretty smoothly I thought I'd do a newsletter with a difference but with the theme of **we'll meet again!**

We are awaiting news on Sunday of how this lockdown might begin to be lifted. When there is a clearer plan, the committee and others will get together to see how we can effect a plan or our own so we can truly say to our clients that we will meet again – we do know where, it will be Winslow! – it's just not the when! However we are also sure that it may look very different to before, and we need to prepare for this.

Today is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day. The local as well as the national British Legion have a range of ideas and the media a schedule to match. If you are regularly phoning a client, maybe this is the time to give them an extra call for a chat. Many of our clients and indeed volunteers are old enough to have memories of the end of the war and maybe even VE day itself and certainly the austerity that followed it into the 50s. For those of you regularly phoning a client, it might be a topic of conversation and some human stories that we could share. For example I have heard tales from Winslow people on one of our gentle walks of collecting blackberries and other hedgerow goodies. At the moment there are a number of recipe chains going round on email– maybe folk have some wartime recipes to pass on from when shortages were far more serious and substitute ingredients were more inventive. Perhaps we could gather some in.

Cathy Tracy, one of our Committee is kindly organising a small scale manufacture of fabric masks. They are available as a bespoke issue at present, whilst the Government does not give us a clear steer on their use. But if you have a need for one or know someone who does, as a volunteer or general member of the public, or a small group or people who need them, please let Cathy know direct on [cathytracy@btconnect.com](mailto:cathytracy@btconnect.com). Thanks Cathy for the great job you are doing.

Also, if you know anyone who has, or has a family member with a fever, dry cough or shortness of breath, please suggest to them that they go online and book a test at our MK testing centre. They and the Government need to know where the virus is, so that we can stem it. This not only helps them but the country also.

Diana Slevin who runs our WBSG Hard of Hearing Group has reminded me that it's **Deaf Awareness Week!** Look out on our Facebook and then our website for some useful information and links or contact Diana direct, (see below). If we are all told to mask up in public, this will cause those with

Hearing Loss great difficulty as we all lip read to a greater or lesser extent. It can be useful to wear a badge saying *Deaf not Daft!* Or similar.

Please keep safe, there are Scams going around locally linked to Coronavirus issues, so please warn people not to answer the door if they are not sure who it is, and watch your emails too.

Lastly, do say if you need a break or help yourself, and remember to keep sending in stories that are very positive or funny during the outbreak to keep spirits up.

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Our website [www.winslowbigsocietygroup.info](http://www.winslowbigsocietygroup.info) is updated with general information and contains feed to our Facebook page '**Winslow Big Society Group**' and Tweets. These provide more up to date alerts and details

**Medication Delivery from Lloyds Pharmacy** Winslow for the over 70's and urgent cases call 07519 754149 and leave your name, first line of your address and a mobile number if available, and we will aim to get your medication delivered to you as soon as possible. This ensures we have your consent to do so.

**St Laurence Church** have a **Food Cupboard** organised too, which is delivering food to needy people whatever their age. If you would like help, or know of anyone who would like help please contact either Jo Anderson (07803 942687) or Revd Andrew Lightbown (01296 712564).

If you are on **Facebook** remember the **Winslow Coronavirus Support Page**. This has been organised on a road by road basis across Winslow and users often post useful information on supplies and ideas. We are posting on there too.