

CHAIRMANS REPORT FULL COUNCIL 26.5.20

Obviously the World wide pandemic has affected Mundesley, particularly as a Village with a high percentage of its population being over 65 than many other parts of the country. Also, many local businesses rely on our summer tourism trade,

The response by Villagers, NNDC, and local businesses and charities has been, as anyone who knows Mundesley would expect, excellent. Help has been provided for anyone in need. A huge thankyou to all involved in “Mundesley Cares” which both District Councillor Wendy Fredericks and our Parish Clerk, Doreen Joy, have played prominent roles in. And, of course our immense gratitude goes to; all NHS and Care Workers as well as local businesses who have provided an invaluable home delivery service. Not forgetting; postal workers, delivery staff, indeed all the key workers who have done so much to help everyone.

I regret to say I cannot claim to have contributed much because I’m on the vulnerable list, so haven’t been outside the grounds of our house other than hospital and Drs Surgery for 9 weeks and counting.

I have however been able to sign up as a “befriender” in the Mundesley Cares scheme. It has been a privilege to listen more than talk, to my new “friend.”

Our plans for VE Day were changed, but not lost altogether because of Covid19 with VE Day going ahead on a Virtual basis with celebrations and commemorations over the VE weekend. – Our Events Chair, Bev Reynolds will cover later. I know there has been excellent feedback. A friend contacted me to say he had recognised the name of a relative on one of the giant poppies displayed on the seafront and shown on the VE Day video. He and his wife, together with descendants of the fallen serviceman, will join us at the real event, which I for one am very much looking forward too.

I recently attended a Norfolk Parish Council Chairman’s meeting, also using Zoom. Many of the issues facing our Village are also facing them. Opening loo and sports facilities. Loss of revenue. It was a useful exchange. The various Chairs, together with County Officer, Russell Reeve and his trainer Gabby were hugely complimentary of, and grateful to our Clerk, as NALC have used her document on COVID 19 updates, nationally.