We also have to thank Nathan who was happy to have something to keep himself occupied fixing the church gates which were being left open by visitors, allowing the sheep to wander around the churchyard. Before, during and after photos. Great job Nathan.







Also, Sue and Clive planted the geraniums in the trough by the bus stop!! Someone has been watering them!!

Finally, some gorgeous photos taken by Eunice. Enjoy and keep safe everyone.









The Broughton Social Group Newsletter

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We know some people in Broughton like to keep copies of our newsletter and do look back at them sometimes. We thought that now lockdown has been eased, it would be a good idea to make this copy a record of Broughton's wonderful community spirit during this historic time of the Covid-19 pandemic. Lockdown started on March 23rd and we are now just slowly emerging into a new way of life where we will still have to practise social distancing and wearing face masks in certain circumstances for a while yet.

At the start of lockdown villagers who were never seen walking from their homes were out in force. A WhatsApp group had already been set up where people shared information. There were offers of books, jigsaws and games for those unable to get out, offers of free plants and people offering phone numbers to those self-isolating if they needed help. We also had some picture quizzes.

We had an Easter Egg Adventure Competition (see the May newsletter) and clapped and hooted for the NHS on Thursdays at 8.00 p.m. Sam and Ava made tabards and rode around the village on their bikes.









Socially distanced bingo was organised in Danvers Close and of course the VE Day Celebrations where Nathan drove his Green Goddess Fire Engine around the village. All photos shown in last month's newsletter.



Paul, Gale, Callum and their team at the Saye & Sele have been brilliant setting up a shop for essentials and doing take-aways. The ice-cream seems to have been very popular with locals and visitors to the village alike.

Many thanks from us all.

Some very happy customers!

Thanks also to Sam and Saxby who organised deliveries of compost and plants to the village, going out of their way when Wyatts in Bloxham couldn't supply what was wanted.

Several people in the village have been litter picking which has been worse with so many people visiting during lockdown and even more so since McDonalds opened. At the other end of the scale, prosecco bottles! Many thanks to all those who have been picking up the rubbish and helping to keep our village and surrounding areas a pleasant place to be.

Sue and Clive strimmed the car park area and Sam and Saxby helped cut back the bushes to encourage people to use it. It does look so much better, if only people could see the signpost!! I have spoken to people who said they would prefer not to park on the road and would rather park in a car park but didn't know where it was or even that we had one.





Please encourage more people to use it

We have to thank Steve Cocks for cutting back the trees along the pathway along Broughton Road and for Eunice and Tim for helping to sweep up. Also, to Sue and Clive for strimming along the other side of the road. All looking very tidy for a little while.





Thank you to Tim and Jenny who have been tidying up Jubilee Gardens which is looking lovely. A fabulous photo taken at sunrise by Eunice.

