

## District Councillor's report for Parishes, May 2020

In comparison with David, the month has been relatively quiet for me. I have continued to help with the Bungay COVID 19 response, not answering the calls of late, nor delivering, because our household is self-isolating, but as a back – up with advice , should the call handlers get stuck and a team of three of us meets three times a week to discuss issues and any emerging patterns of contact.

It all seems to be working well, and the dedicated volunteers are certainly becoming very experienced in what they do. One of the ladies brought my husband some biscuits with his medicine the other day, a rather sweet gesture.

Thus far, I have had no official Council or committee meetings, though some are starting to appear in my diary.

I have signed up for a 'befriending' scheme with East Suffolk and will shortly be given details of people to contact, who is feeling lonely or isolated in the current crisis.

Green bin collections re start after the next Bank Holiday.

Personally:

I have not been to work since 18 March, as I think I have said before. In April I was sent some computer equipment which took two days this week to set up, but all is well now and I started working properly on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. From my desk in Norwich, I can see the Cathedral in one direction and the Castle the other way. From my desk at home, I can look out of the window and see the bird table. Not sure which I prefer!

In my role as Bungay Town Reeve, a couple of Sundays ago, I went to Bungay Castle and with the Mayor filmed a tribute to Bungay to mark the VE 75 celebrations – a new experience for me, social distance was observed and the film was posted on YouTube and the Bungay Facebook page . It was unfortunate the fly past was cancelled on the 8<sup>th</sup> May; I think quite a few people were disappointed. It was, though, great to hear the street parties ongoing around us.

I planted about 400 tomato seeds before lock down, as I normally have a charity stall at the street fair, which was then cancelled, but I soldiered on and with the help of a friend who posted on Facebook, I have sold them all, as well as beans, corn, cucumbers and strawberries at the front of the house and have made over three hundred pounds for the Air Ambulance and Bungay Community Centre., so I am well pleased.

**Judy Cloke**

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