

## Village Echoes

### Covid 19 – The Pandemic of 2020 in Goudhurst

During the last year the Goudhurst & Kiln down Local History Society has been compiling a file to show how our Villages were affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. We have gathered notices announcing the cancellation of Church Services, arrangements for visiting the surgery, signs on shop doors etc. We have also taken photos of people queuing outside shops, wearing face masks etc.



I kept a personal journal entitled 'The Coronavirus Crisis of 2020' which began on 18th March with the words - 'Dare I go to the dentist tomorrow? These are the sort of questions we are now asking ourselves after the very scary broadcast on Monday evening by Prime Minister Boris Johnson. In the morning I had been to my usual keep-fit class where it was decided that it would be the last one for the foreseeable future while we waited to see the lie of the land.' I didn't write it every day, just occasionally when something significant happened.

Some of you might also have been recording your own journal with significant events that have happened to you during this time. If you have been keeping any sort of record, would you be willing to send us a copy for future generations to see?

Please get in touch via the Contact Us page on our website - [www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org](http://www.goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org) - or write to Jane Davidson, Archivist, 12 Priors Heath, TN I7 2RE. Do you remember how you felt at the beginning and how your thoughts have changed? If you would now like to jot down a few lines to we would be delighted to add this to our records. Perhaps you have lost your job and changed direction to another line of work? We would also be delighted to receive photos that illustrate what life was like for you — home schooling, daily exercise etc.



*Flu vaccinations at the surgery*

Nothing would be published or shown to anybody else without your permission but will remain confidential. It is intended to store these memories with our other archives, some of which date back hundreds of years.

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