

Newsletter

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COVID-19 UPDATE

CentrePeace closed during lockdown on March 17th 2020 shortly before most of the UK and staff managed to maintain contact with volunteers through a WhatsApp group and phoning round to check that vulnerable or shielding people were okay with essential shopping and food.

While staff worked safely from home Sarah, the Centre Manager, regularly checked up on the building and constantly checked with the management team how to support our volunteers and customers:

- sustained contact with local Social Subscribers to identify vulnerable residents
- maintained phone/text/email contact with vulnerable beneficiaries
- perishable foodstuffs from our closed cafe stock taken to the Community Food Larder
- meals made up for vulnerable customers and delivered to the doorstep as recommended by social distancing guidelines
- all phone calls to the centre diverted to Sarah's mobile for immediate responses
- a supportive CentrePeace WhatsApp group formed for daily updates
- donated books delivered to a local Care Home in Torquay
- collaborative working with Paignton Community Larder

Once lockdown was eased, the café was opened for a carefully managed take away service and the charity shop had an outside market stall sale each Tuesday and Thursday.



Thinking Corner:

This is a story about four people:
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and
Everybody was asked to do it.
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did.
Somebody got angry about that because it was
Everybody's job.

Everybody knew that Anybody could do it, but
Nobody realised that Somebody wouldn't do it.
And Everybody blamed Somebody because
Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

CURRENT COVID-19 2020 DATES:

Opening times:

Café:

Mon-Fri 11am-3pm
Sat 10am-2pm

for a limited take-away service only

Shop:

Tuesday and Thursday 11am-3pm:
outside market stall type tables

Counselling:

The counselling service has now resumed and if
you would like more information then please call
01803 550720.

Tapestry of life

When CentrePeace opened its doors to a restricted café take away service and the charity shop displayed goods outside to sell in an outdoor market-stall style, everything worked like clockwork with the gifted hours from five volunteers: Stuart and Matt in the café, and Evelyne and Kaz running the shop, with Chris recently sorting donations.

“Coming back has made me feel so much better”

“I was going stir-crazy during lockdown. I look forward to helping out 2 days a week”

“Just seeing familiar faces and saying hello has made my day”



Each contact with a human being is so rare, so precious, one should preserve it”

Anais Nin
(French-Cuban American)

“I'm aware that during the most troublesome times of my life there is only one set of footprints. I just don't understand why, when I need you most, you leave me.”

“My precious child, I love you and will never leave you, never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

Extract from Footprints in the Sand

Monthly riddle:

For every one you take,
You leave one behind

Laughter – the best medicine

Social distancing cat-style

