Face Mask or not? Update

I wrote a piece about face masks back on 6th April, remember it? If not it's here
At the time advice from The British Government was a **NO**, which now seems to have become **YES**, **but only if you want to!!** At the time I did comment about the lack of availability to buy and how to make them.

I recently had an email from New Zealand.. (Well **SOMEONE** reads the website!)

> *My name is Jen and I'm an Editor at Jen Reviews. I was doing research on DIY face masks and just finished reading your wonderful piece:*
> *In that article, I noticed that you cited a solid post that I've read in the past:*
> *We just published an updated, comprehensive guide on how to make five types of DIY face masks at home on our sister site, Happy DIY Home. It is completely free and you can find it here: https://happydiyhome.com/diy-face-mask/*
> *If you like the piece we'd be humbled if you cited us in your article. Of course, we will also share your article with our 100k newsletter subscribers and followers across our social platforms.*
> *Either way, keep up the great work!*
> *Warmly,*
> *Jen*

So, I'm happy to share the link to Jen's website in New Zealand, with this small caveat,

The current Government advice of **YES**, **but only if you want to!!** Like a lot of the advice from the Government seems to miss the point of wearing the face mask completely. The purpose of anyone wearing a non surgical N95 type mask is to protect others from you coughing when you are contagious.

Wearing a mask will not protect you if no-one else does….It’s an everyone or no-one case..

Maybe these people in the SAGE group should see the WHO website!…or even the BBC!

New Defibrillator

Did you know that there’s a new defibrillator in the village?

Parish Council Meeting

Council is still meeting remotely and the next meeting is on Wednesday 27th May at 7.30

Pyke Quarry

Pyke Quarry HRC (Horsley) is open for pre-booked visits only from Tuesday 26th May 2020.

Parish Council Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor

Wildlife Competition

Ready, set, snap!

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's annual wildlife photography competition is now open for entries, with new categories and bigger and better prizes.

GWT would love to see your images showcasing the stunning scenery and spectacular wildlife here in Gloucestershire. We appreciate that movement is currently restricted due to lockdown but we think the 'on your doorstep' category provides the perfect opportunity for capturing snaps of wildlife and wild places close to your home – either in your garden or whilst out enjoying your daily exercise.

In addition to the adult categories, there is also a juniors category for those aged 17 or under – a great excuse for a family photography session, and a fun activity for children to take part in.

"We're looking forward to seeing your entries, whether it's a photograph that's been taken on a smartphone, compact camera or SLR."

- To find out more about the categories and how to enter, head to www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/photocomp Entries close at midnight on 31 July 2020

- Coronavirus
- Great Migration of Stinchcombe

Proposal for the telephone box.

Sent in by a Stinchcombe resident.