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## USEFUL NUMBERS

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Colchester Hospital	01206 744491
Doctor's Car Service	07845 596092
Freshwell Health Centre	01371 810328
Great Yeldham Surgery	01787 237212
Halstead Hospital	01787 273110
Kaaren Berry, Parish Clerk	077889 55038
Little chestnuts Pre School	079018 80914
Little Hedgehogs Toddlers	01440 785778
PumpHouse Brewery	07801 042545
Rev. Liz Paxton	01787 277270
Sally Croft, Pastoral Assistant	07850 361101
Sible Hedingham Surgery	01787 460612
St Margaret's School	01787 237354
The Green Man	01787 237418
Toppesfield Community Shop	01787 236003
Toppesfield Village Hall Booking Secretary - Daphne Jude	01440 788270
Vets – Great Yeldham	01787 238255

**Toppesfield Community Shop**  
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## Toppesfield Parish Council

*Councillors* - Alan Collard, Andrew Bull, Amanda Smith, Andrea Chinery,  
Boyd Page, Chris Neale and Robert Stafford-Baker.

Parish Clerk - Kaaren Berry

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of every month in the Village Hall. You are welcome to attend the Open Session that starts at 7.30pm.

A Parish Councillor will also be available to listen to your views and answer your queries at the Village Markets.

## Toppesfield & Gainsford End Parish Newsletter

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Toppesfield & Gainsford End Community  
Toppesfield Village Hall  
Toppesfield Village Stores  
The Green Man, Toppesfield  
Pumphouse Community Brewery

Twitter & Instagram - Toppesfield & Gainsford End Community :  
Website: [www.essexinfo.net/toppesfield-parish-council/](http://www.essexinfo.net/toppesfield-parish-council/)



## From the Parish Council



Our last edition was published in the first week of March. It included notices about a range of forthcoming events: VE Day celebrations; a public meeting about the Neighbourhood Plan and associated Housing Needs Survey; various Easter church services; the Little Chestnuts Easter Egg Hunt and so on.

How much can change in less than two months!

You will see that, as a result of the lockdown, the composition of this edition is quite different from what we have been used to. As we go to print, we still do not know how long the lockdown will last nor how it will end, but let's hope that by our next edition, at the beginning of July, the situation will be clearer.

We are all, quite rightly, celebrating the amazing work of front-line workers in the health and other emergency services, care workers and all those involved in providing our essential services. We have several who live in our community and they should know that they all have our utmost respect and thanks.

We also need to acknowledge the work being done by all the volunteers from Toppesfield and Gainsford End (and from Stambourne and Great Yeldham). They have worked so hard to ensure that prescriptions continue to be delivered, that the shop is able to provide and deliver a wide range of groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, household goods and garden supplies and that help is on hand 24 hours a day for anyone with worries or concerns arising from the situation we are all in.

What has also become clear is the value to the village of our community owned shop, which for many people has become a vital source of support. Looking around our immediate area, the majority of small villages have nothing to compare with this. If there is one lesson we should take out of these events, it is that we need to maintain our facilities and ensure our viability and sustainability as a community. The shop is integral to doing this; let's all continue to use it regularly when the lockdown is relaxed and when eventually we return a more normal environment.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has contributed to this issue; we always welcome articles, photos, stories. Despite the lack of activities over recent weeks we still have a pretty full edition this month.

We hope you enjoy it!

Alan Collard

## St Margaret's Parish Church

*Although the church doors are closed  
our hearts are still open*



# TOPPESFIELD Community Shop

opened in October 2002 so is almost eighteen years old.

What an achievement. But why did we open a community shop?

The Toppesfield Community Shop story really began with the sudden closure in Spring 2001 of the post office and shop.



I came to live in Gainsford End in 1966 and at that time there were three pubs and three shops in the parish. The Wheatsheaf pub in Gainsford End was open and had a very small shop on the side. The Green Man was open as was The Chestnut and Alf's shop and Mrs Claxton's shop and post office. There were even sundry vans calling every day. Gibson the butcher from Wethersfield delivered twice a week and even a fish and chip van stopped at The Wheatsheaf in Gainsford End at midday on a Monday. Also, buses every day to Haverhill or Braintree or Halstead. In addition to this public transport the train station at Gt. Yeldham had only just closed.

Over the years the shops had always been part of someone's house so when they moved or retired there was always the problem of the continuation of the shop and post office. When, in 2001 this situation arose, an action group, initiated by the Parish Council, set about building the shop. Amazingly in just sixteen months the planning permission had been approved, money raised, shop built and open. During this time a portakabin had been placed in front of The Chestnut and provided shopping facilities. This was run by Ivy Ogborn who of course is still a very valued volunteer at the shop.



Work starts on new post office



As the years rolled on we expanded the range of goods we kept and wherever possible tried to source our stock locally. This is still the mantra of the shop. At this time the Post Office was open full time weekdays. Unfortunately in 2008 the post office went through a rather unstable time and in June 2009 we were delighted to welcome Trevor Cooper as our new postmaster assisted by Keely Clark. Even Postman Pat was at the celebration!

In 2012 we celebrated our 10th anniversary with a party in the village hall attended by customers, volunteers, shareholders and suppliers. It was a great evening. The wonderful cake was cut by Dave Dyson and Lynn Collard. We like parties and every year, in the Winter, we have a supper party for all the volunteers and in the Summer a BBQ.



The shop has always been a vital hub in the centre of the village. Not just to get your shopping or use the post office but even more important a communication point for people to meet, have a chat, support each other and offer help where required.

Particularly so at this ghastly time. The problem was that most of the volunteers are over 70 and so not able to help in the shop. A fantastic cohort of new volunteers have stepped in, been trained, so that the shop is still open and doing an amazing job. The shop has made it possible to socially isolate but still get everything you need. I say I am living in my Toppesfield Bubble and do not plan to move out of it!

While looking for photos and press cuttings relating to the shop since it first started I became aware that Dave Dyson was in most of them. The shop is a fitting tribute to Dave Dyson who sadly died a few weeks ago. Do stay safe and well and when all this is over remember your community shop and keep using it.

*Ann Read*

## **An optimistic view of the future .....from 1900.**

'What is its (Toppesfield's) future to be? There is I think but little doubt. London is but fifty miles off, though thanks to the bad railway accommodation it takes two hours to get there. The Londoner is more and more developing a love for a country residence, and when the favourite counties of Kent, Surrey and Sussex get filled up, as they are doing already, those who like quiet will go further afield. Automobilmism, or electric railways, will make travelling easy, and then this corner of Essex with its healthy climate, its quiet beauty, its fertile soil, its fine oaks and other trees will attract the class of persons who want a nice house and a few acres of land. Then land will again fetch in this district ten times what it fetches now; then there will be plenty of employment in stables, gardens and pleasure farms for the men who now flock into the towns.

But this will not be in my day. But even now Toppesfield is a pleasant happy place with inhabitants who are not very fond of strangers, but who are essentially good-hearted'

Rev. Henry. B. Barnes, Rector of St Margaret's 1898-1904

## **While we're spending more time in our gardens here's a little rain check.....**

For the last 19 years I've been recording the rainfall at Berwick Hall for the Meteorological Office. Here's a little quiz to see how in tune you are with our weather.

1. What's been the average annual rainfall in Toppesfield over the last 19 years?

A: 500ml B: 600ml C: 700ml D: 800ml

2. Is the weather

A: getting drier B: getting wetter C: staying about the same?

3. In which season does most rain fall?

A: Spring B: Summer C: Autumn D: Winter

4. Which is the driest month of the year?

A: March B: April C: June D: September

5. Which is the wettest month of the year?

A: January B: May C: August D: December

Answers are on page 8

## Toppesfield and Gainsford End Allotments

The feeling of a great community spirit seems evermore so at this time at the allotment, we have all been very busy in this lockdown period tending our allotment plots, I think by now that seedlings have grown, veg planted and exchanges of extra produce given out.

The allotment community have been keeping on top of the bonfire and the area is looking very tidy, from regular grass cutting to everyone maintaining a tidy plot. So the committee would like to say thank you to all. A mention must go to Darren who does help out from time to time with the grass cutting, when Rob is away or busy. So thank you for this contribution Darren. We also wanted to say thank you to Val Moody again as the daffodils were a great show again this year. The bulbs donated all those years ago are still going strong.



Some of us have decorated our allotments on a Dig for Victory theme for the VE Day celebrations that sadly won't happen now, so please do take a look.

We held an Easter Raffle which raised £100 towards the Allotment Fund which can be used towards maintaining the space.

Please do keep a 2 meter distance from each other while tending your plots, saving lives and helping our front line workers of the NHS.

### **Tommo's Tips for this month of May are.....**

May is a seductive Month apparently (ooeerrr) Sow outdoors if mild enough.... Harden off seedlings and plant out when soil is warm enough... Plant the last of your seed potatoes... Protect tender plants & weed regularly...

Happy Plotting everyone...

Paul Thompson  
Chair



**"SPOT THE DIFFERENCE"**

## **Mystery solved..... by a mouse!**

As you may know the Village Hall was erected nearly 60 years ago by the generous funding and kind support of two prominent local families, Lord Alan and Babette Sainsbury and Sir Leslie and Lady Beatrice Plummer.

For some years there has been a portrait of Lady Plummer hanging in the hall. It was painted by a local artist, Marian Anderson Attenborough otherwise known as Mary Potter, the signature on our painting. Mary Potter was a prominent local painter and has exhibits in many galleries including five pictures in The Tate. It is thought that the portrait was actually painted whilst the artist and Lady Plummer were staying at Berwick Hall on The Causeway in Toppesfield. It is in that fine house that the portrait has been 'on holiday' whilst we have had lots of work and painting done at the Hall.

Her vacation has caused questions, not only about when she will return, but 'where are the other photographs?' Apparently there was a photograph of Lord Sainsbury and one of Sir Leslie on the walls some years ago. No one knew where they had gone.

Back to the mouse.

In the late summer we discovered evidence of mice in a cupboard which was used to store past papers from the Parish Council and Village Hall. Suitably clad and with rubber gloves and mouse trap in hand, I embarked on a voyage of discovery. It was a village equivalent of Tutankhamun's tomb! Many interesting original papers and documents came to light, all around them and everywhere was lots of flakey paper which turned out to be aged bubble wrap from which had been made an effective mouse nest. At the bottom of all of this- well you have no doubt guessed, the photos and very handsome they are too.

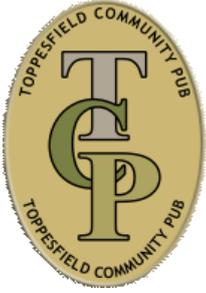
We have had them reframed and are planning a celebration, both of the re-opening of the Hall and also to commemorate the hall being 60 years old in 2021. The pictures and the painting will be rehung in the hall.

What became of the mouse? It and the family have gone to find a new home!

Sheila Braithwaite.

### **Answers to rainfall quiz.**

1. B To be precise 603ml.
2. A Probably. Average rainfall for the last 5 years has been 10% less than for the whole 19 years average.
3. B Unfortunately – with 28% of annual rainfall
4. B Only 33.5ml
5. C Nearly twice as much as April with 64.2ml



## TCP update

TCP have met with David and Paul and agreed a number of measures to provide as much financial and practical support as we can to help them through this challenging time. Whilst the pub is closed to customers David and Paul are taking this time to re-decorate and there is also a group of local people who are getting involved by sanding down tables, painting and reupholstering chairs and making new curtains so by the time we come out of lock down the interior of the pub will be totally transformed. I can't wait to see the finished result and raise a glass to all those involved!

As many of you know despite the pub being shut for normal business David and Paul are now providing a takeaway and delivery service. It is so good to hear that many of you are supporting this and hear the positive feedback about the food on offer, thank you!

If you haven't tried a takeaway yet please check out the Green Man Toppesfield Facebook page, the blackboards outside the pub or just give David or Paul a ring on 01787 237418 to see what's on offer. The food is excellent and really good value.

### **Kitty's Childminding Service**

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07541636137 or [katrinaobrien89@gmail.com](mailto:katrinaobrien89@gmail.com)

## Toppesfield Parish Paths Group



Hi Everyone. I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I had planned a Bluebell Walk on Sunday 3rd May but as we will still be in lock down this won't be happening. However, we are so lucky living where we do that, we can still enjoy our gardens and footpaths. I go for a walk every day, as I am sure many of you do and of course the amazing weather and dry conditions has made this a real pleasure.

A few days ago, I just set off down Stambourne Rd to then go down to Gunces and back up to Church lane. It was just a guide to the countryside. Five deer crossed the road in front of me and then on the stretch down to Gunces I heard Chiff Chaff, blackbirds, Great Tit, blue tit, wren, dunnock. Then to top the chorus I heard and saw a skylark, just magic. I am not particularly good on bird song but these are the ones I could identify! Sadly, on this walk I came across a dead badger.

The verges are now a carpet of colour with dandelions, daisies, white dead nettle, Red dead nettle, cowslips, ground ivy, groundsel, buttercups, stitchwort and the hedge parsley coming into bloom. Also, Berwick Hall Wood is a carpet of bluebells and perfume is quite overpowering. Let's not forget the trees at this time as leaves unfurl and flowers develop.

Of course, with the flowers and leaves will come the insects, the bees, flies and butterflies. Again along that stretch I saw peacock, orange tip, small white, holly blue, small tortoiseshell and brimstone butterflies. Again, just a wonderful sight.

When I am out on my walks I forget about the awful situation we are in. Luckily nature isn't aware of the lock down! So do enjoy your walks and make the most of the things going on around you and the beautiful place we live.

Why not keep a log of what you see and hear when you are out on your walks or in the garden? You could always add some drawings or paintings and perhaps some information about the things you have seen and heard. If they are insects what are they eating? If butterflies what flowers do they like to feed on. If Summer visiting birds like swallows, house martins, swifts and cuckoos where have they flown from. Perhaps include a map of the world showing these migratory routes. You could add a symbol for the weather on that day or write a poem, create a story or write about how the lockdown is making you feel. The ideas are endless. You never know we might have this as a class in the Village Show or as an exhibition in the celebrations I am sure we will have when this coronavirus is all over.

Ann Read



New Year Walk 2015

Bluebells Berwick Hall wood 20 April 2020



## **Toppesfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan**

As we all know, the current virus situation meant we had to postpone our planned "Neighbourhood Plan Launch Event". Obviously we have no idea when the situation will improve sufficiently to allow us to reschedule it but in the meantime there is still plenty we can all do behind the scenes to provide the "evidence" required to support the production of the Plan.

As we noted in the last Newsletter, the unique natural beauty of our area will be described in the Landscape Character Assessment, which will then be used to inform other planning policies. Now that more of us are staying at home, perhaps we are going for more walks as exercise? If so, this provides a wonderful opportunity for more of us to get involved by taking photographs of your favourite landscape features that you would wish to see retained for the future enjoyment of us all. Forward them to us via email at [ToppesfieldNP@gmail.com](mailto:ToppesfieldNP@gmail.com), or via our FaceBook page, which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/tgenp>.

We have also have an Instagram page showing the views some people have already submitted. Here is a link to explain how to create an account:

<https://help.instagram.com/155940534568753>

Once you have an account if you search for "toppesfieldviews", you should then be able to click "follow" and then be able to see the page.

The Housing Needs Survey questionnaire was also supposed to be concluded on 17th April. The Launch Event was intended to explain the Housing Needs Survey in more detail and to provide support for filling in the survey. With the postponement of the "Event", we have decided to extend the closing date for submission of completed surveys until 15th May. So if you haven't done so already, (and 61 households out of 216 in our Parish already have), why not use some of this unplanned spare time to fill yours in? If you have mislaid your paper copy don't worry. You may submit your survey via the internet by using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Toppesfield>

This is a completely confidential survey and is being organised by Rural Community Council of Essex.

You will be helping to shape the future of our Parish over the next quarter of a century. We'll bet that opportunity was something you hadn't expected when the temporary Covid-19 restrictions were introduced!

If you have any queries, thoughts or opinions, do please feel to contact us at: [ToppesfieldNP@gmail.com](mailto:ToppesfieldNP@gmail.com).

In the meantime, please stay safe, and look out for neighbours who may be feeling isolated or have needs that you feel you can help with – obviously with social distancing in mind!

## **Ukulele Heaven, Gainsford End, and The Red Hot Ukes**

It's that bloke again, writing about **UKULELES**. Here's a song I wrote for beginner ukulele players about five years ago – first verse and chorus – it's called "**Sunshine in your Heart**". If you look at the words and the sentiments, I now feel that its time has come!!!

### **Verse 1**

*Making music will stop you feeling blue  
All you need is a Uke and a Kazoo  
From your hat down to your dancin' shoes  
Let it flow – sing any song you choose*

### **Chorus:**

*Strum your ukulele, hum along on your kazoo  
You'll show a smiling face right from the start  
For simple happiness - your needs are really few  
To bring out the **Sunshine in your Heart**.*

The Red Hot Ukes Ukulele Club is alive and well, but of course, on a much-restricted basis. We started off last September in The Green Man with three players and a couple of singers. We soon outgrew the space available to us and moved to The White Hart in Great Yeldham in January 2020. There were more than 20 people at our last outing in March 2020. Regrettably, we have had only one member ever from Toppesfield itself, but with nine from Gainsford End, half a dozen from Halstead, a trio from Castle Hedingham, one from Ridgewell, and with locals from The White Hart, we make up a Happy Band!

We've already taken on five absolute beginners and guided them to be able players. We have 250 songs in five separate songbooks to choose from. Song Book 5 consists of 50 "Challenge Songs", some of which we have already played during a special feature in our Club Nights. Details of our repertoire can be found on our website at [www.redhotukes.co.uk](http://www.redhotukes.co.uk).

The "Gainsford End Nine" continue to play and sing on-line, each Thursday, using electronic social distancing techniques. However, we are desperately looking forward to when we can get together again. We'd love to come back to The Green Man but we do need "the space". Check out our website [www.redhotukes.co.uk](http://www.redhotukes.co.uk) to see how to join with us to PLAY THE UKULELE.

**Malcolm Braithwaite**  
**Gainsford End**



TOPPESFIELD  
*Vineyard*

What a difference a year makes! Last year Frinton Classic Car Club visited the Green Man in April for a fantastic English breakfast at the Green Man followed by a tour of Toppesfield Vineyard and a cheese and wine tasting in the newly opened Wine Centre. Many people will remember the beautiful cars lining the area around the pub before they drove down to Harrow Hill.



This year our main event has been a bit more solitary.....just Pete and I doing a live broadcast to the 'Overs Quarantine Club' – thanks to Jan Koslover from Gainsford End for proposing Pete and I to do this. IF you have some time on your hands...you might want to type the following link into Google and listen to the 30 minute overview we gave about why we planted the vineyard, how we went about it, the lessons we have learned, and the successes we have had over the last few years - <https://www.facebook.com/thetoppesfieldvineyard/videos/1194145304249778/>.



We are fortunate at the moment to have a mixed portfolio of clients. Of course, the pubs, restaurants and hotels we normally supply are currently closed. However, through our retail channels such as East of England Coop, Majestic, various community and farm shops we had sold out of our 2018 vintage by mid April. Fortunately, we only had a few days when the cupboard was totally bare as we managed to collect our 2019 Bacchus and Pinot Rosé on the 23rd and 24th of April. We are very happy to deliver wine locally on a free of charge basis for anyone who is self isolating – just call us on 07768 817573 or drop us an email to [info@toppesfieldvineyard.co.uk](mailto:info@toppesfieldvineyard.co.uk). Alternatively, you can collect from the Wine Centre if we pre-arrange a collection time and we maintain the Government’s social distancing guidelines.

Harrow Hill is a great place to be isolated. Lockdown has created a fantastic community spirit. Thanks to Jac, David and Daisy at Harrow Hill Community for the nightly ‘Dance Off’ – they now have followers all across the world. We have a community clap and whistle for the NHS on a Thursday evening, fantastic egg supplies (until the fox made a couple of unwelcome visits this week); plant swapping, neighbourhood quizzes and bee alerts, excellent communal shopping and beautiful scenery. Some of these views are on the ‘Toppesfield Views’ Instagram page.



As ever, we are really grateful to everyone in Toppesfield and Gainsford End for helping us harvest the grapes every September. Let’s hope we can somehow do that again this year, fingers crossed that our bursting buds aren’t damaged by any late frosts over the coming weeks.

Peter and Jane Moore



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**Draught beers: just £3.00 for 2 pints  
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The Prince's Countryside Fund is covering the Covid-19 responses of its beneficiaries. Here is its article about Pumphouse.

### 'Pumphouse Brewery Coronavirus Response

Richard, a member of the Management Committee said: "When Covid-19 measures were introduced, the impact on Pumphouse was immediate, substantial and potentially catastrophic. Overnight our core markets of pubs, venues and events simply disappeared. All that remained were the few retailers allowed to remain open and our neighbours in the local community.

"Our response has been to reduce production and furlough one person, but crucially to keep on brewing. We are producing small quantities for home deliveries of draft beer in two and four pint containers and larger volumes are being bottled. Bottled beer has a longer shelf life and we are building stocks of a wide range of ales for sale during the emergency and for the future.

"The Prince's Countryside Fund have very kindly given us permission to repurpose some grant money to buy new bottling equipment, shelving and, importantly, an EPOS system so we can make all transactions cashless.

"We are introducing special friendly pricing for the duration of the emergency, so our neighbours and regular customers can buy our locally produced beers for supermarket prices. We won't make a profit, but Pumphouse can keep on working and keep on supporting our community."



### **Which village is this rhyme about?**

The Windmill's sails went round and round,  
The Half Moon shone on the ground.  
The Blackhorse kicked the Lamb,  
Which made the Bell to ring.  
The Swan went swimming down "the street",  
The Bird in Hand did sing.  
The Sugar Loaves they were so sweet,  
It made The Lion roar.  
Which frightened The White Horse  
Into The Carpenter's Arms,  
And did not shut the door!

*Answer on page 18*

**PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT MEDICAL ADVICE**

**For those over 60, Or 50, Or 40, Or anyone actually**

**Do you**

- have feelings of inadequacy?
- suffer from shyness?
- sometimes wish you were more assertive?
- Sometimes feel stressed?

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions, you should straight away ask your doctor or pharmacist about Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Cabernet Sauvignon** is the easy, natural way to feel better and more confident. It can help ease you out of your shyness and let you tell the world that you're ready and willing to do just about anything.

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Women who are pregnant or nursing should not use it; but women who wouldn't mind nursing or becoming pregnant are encouraged to try it.

**Side effects:**

People may experience all or some of the following side effects:

Dizziness, nausea, vomiting, incarceration, loss of motor control, loss of clothing, loss of money, delusions of grandeur, table dancing, headache, dehydration, dry mouth, and a desire to sing Karaoke and play all-night Strip Poker, Truth Or Dare, and Naked Twister.

**Warnings:**

The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may make you think you are whispering when you are not.

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The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may cause you to think you can sing.

The consumption of Cabernet Sauvignon may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.

**Please feel free to share this important information.**

**AND DON'T FORGET.....**

.....**LIFE IS A CABERNET, OLD CHUM.**

Answer to Which village is this rhyme about is Sible Hedingham

## Pictures from around the parish



St Margaret's at Easter



View on an Easter Sunday walk



Prayer table ready for use



Some of your prayers



All ready up at the allotments



Lucy enjoying the sunshine

Little Chestnuts Pre-school brings  
*Happy's Circus*  
to Toppesfield



8th May 2021

*Designed and created by*



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*Early bird tickets  
available from July 2020*

*More information to  
come*