



Summer 2020

Yews Re-opening

Shirley and Carly have returned to work and we re-opened The Yews on July 6. Government restrictions however will allow few of our groups to restart. The rules currently only allow individuals from two family groups to meet in the same room or up to six people in the garden.

We have made several changes in the building to keep our users safe and these will stay in place for some time to come. A one-way system will operate on the ground floor - enter by the Boltro Road door and leave by the rear entrance, at all times keeping social distance with face covering advised in communal areas. Hand sanitiser dispensers have been placed at the entrance and exit which should be used by all users on arrival and leaving. If anyone needs to contact the Yews office they should knock on the door and retire behind the distance marker on the floor. The kitchen will be closed initially – groups are being asked to bring their own refreshments if required and consume in their meeting room. The leader of any group seeking to restart bookings will be given further instructions regarding social distancing, hygiene and recording attendance.

Other Yews News

We were grateful for Government support whilst we were closed.

Sadly Little Angels decided that they could no longer continue but we have been fortunate that Stepping Stones counselling have increased their presence and have taken over the vacated rooms.

“Caroline at Home”, who has a shop in the Orchards, has hired the Elizabeth Peel Room (the large nursery room) as an office.

Andi Frost has hired some storage in the upstairs kitchen to store goods. Check out her Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/fillgoodstoresussex/> for a variety of items such as flour, dried fruit, sugar, pasta, condiments, teas and coffees and also environmentally friendly cleaning products and toiletries.

The AGM this year will be held on August 20 but we will be sending out the papers in advance and asking you to vote by email rather than attend a meeting.

Yews History

Before the lockdown you may have read some of the history that was displayed in the foyer. Further research has tracked down three individuals with intimate knowledge of the building as a family residence and who have been able to provide photographs and a fascinating glimpse into family life in The Yews. Mrs Pamela Fairbarns (nee Trethewey) grew up in The Yews from 1927 to 1948 and two grandchildren of Mrs Kathleen Barrett, the last resident before the building was taken over by the council, remember staying many times with their grandmother.



The Yews in the 1930's