

# The Apple Tree

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## The news we've all been waiting for

According to Boris's latest announcement, 12th April is a red letter day – the day we expect to open our park again.

We will continue to operate as though anyone and everyone is contagious, with the following still in place:

- Track and trace – please comply
- Hand sanitiser available for everyone
- Safe spacing – please keep two metres apart
- Remote contact, either by phone or email or outside if unavoidable
- PPE equipment available for all staff

For our hire caravans staff will continue with the processes we adopted in 2020.

If you or any of your family/household become ill whilst visiting the park please go home immediately and notify us of the situa-

tion when you are home.

Also remember that the rules for caravans (self catering holidays and "second" homes) state that use must remain for single households only. Please do not invite friends, neighbours or relations who do not live in your household to visit you at your caravan until the rules permit this.

If all goes well we can expect to revert to something like our old "normal" behaviours at the end of June. In the meantime we will be watching the news, the statistics and the scientific announcements like hawks. It will be in all our interests to ensure the planned gradual unlocking measures proceed without hiccups.

## Our new sewage system

If you've been following us on Facebook, much of this will be old news but here's a summary of what we did at St Michaels during the winter and the lockdown.

We installed a new sewage system. Here's how:



1. Dig a big hole in the front lawn



2. Take delivery of the tanks



3. Lower the tanks into the hole



4. Fill in the hole



5. And finally, get rid of all that soil!

The total installation cost more than £25,000.

It's designed for up to 70 people, which is equivalent to having two people in every caravan on the park.

The strong advice from the supplier is to following the **3 Ps** rule (see page 2). **Please comply with this advice!**

## A year at St Michaels

23rd March 2020 was the first day of the first lockdown – and it was also the day that Frank and Pat Tann moved into a caravan at St Michaels. Their house was flooded on 16th February and they moved first of all to the Rose & Crown in Tenbury before coming here.

And they are still here.

Last year they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and were also here for Christmas. In between the first and second lockdowns they were visited by their children from London and Scotland, but mostly they've been on their own. In February Frank celebrated his 70th birthday and we thought they might need a second caravan to accommodate the number of gifts and cards arriving! They are obviously well loved, and also very patient as they wait for the builders and insurers to finish work on their house. They say they couldn't think of a nicer place to be locked down if they can't be in their own home.

We love having them here, but for their sakes we hope they'll be able to go home soon.

## New garage door



We've put a new door on the garage next to Brian's office. This is to improve security, to look smarter and to keep the swallows out!

## Where have the mowers gone?

Unlike the rest of us, our lucky robot mowers have all been away for a winter holiday service and will be back at work in early March. Meanwhile Brian has been erecting mini barriers to protect the daffodils from the mowers!

# THE 3P's

Caring for your sewage treatment plant, septic tank or pump station



Sewage treatment plants, septic tanks and pump stations are designed only to deal with the 3P's - pee, poo and toilet paper.

Inappropriate materials flushed into the drainage system can cause unnecessary blockages, severe damage to the components within your system and environmental pollution, resulting in costly repairs and clean up operations.

## DO NOT FLUSH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

### SOLIDS

- x Bandages
- x Baby wipes
- x Cigarette butts
- x Contact lenses
- x Contraception
- x Cotton buds
- x Cotton wool
- x Dental floss
- x Dish cloths
- x Food
- x Incontinence pads
- x Jay cloths
- x Kitchen roll
- x Razors
- x Sanitary items
- x Tights
- x Wet wipes

### LIQUIDS

- x Engine oils
- x Chemicals (household or garden)
- x Grease
- x Kitchen fats
- x Paints

### TOILET TIPS

- o Bin everything other than the 3P's: Pee, Paper and Poo
- o Place a bin near all the toilets in your home
- o Keep odour and leak-proof bags nearby, eg, nappy sacks or sanitary disposal bags
- o Share this information and encourage your toilet users to follow this guide



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