

Alveston Village Despatch

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Dear Villagers,

The lockdown is affecting us all. Many people are being particularly careful because they are in higher risk groups and several villagers will have received letters from their GPs asking them not to leave their homes for any reason because they are more likely than others to be admitted to hospital if they catch coronavirus.

There have already been cases of coronavirus in the village and they have self-isolated. At least one person is still ill and I wish him a speedy recovery.

We are fortunate to live in a supportive community where most of us have access to gardens and many of us are connected through technology (Zoom is becoming a household name). We are especially fortunate that we have a wonderful group of volunteers who are making regular supermarket trips, delivering supplies and collecting prescriptions. Please don't hesitate to contact them if you would like anything. They can also help with plants or technology!

Our three focal points are:

Jane Dodge 01789 261033

Judith Benney 01789 414675

Roger Read 01789 298817

Stay safe and best wishes, Mark Haselden, AVA Chair



Lucy's Scrub Bags - can you help?

Lucy Hyde is sewing scrub kit bags for the NHS. She needs more cotton/poly-cotton fabric - at least 50% so the bags can be washed at high temperature - drawstring ribbon and white thread. If you have old bedsheets, pillows, or fabric you can donate she'll be pleased to receive it. Please contact Lucy on 01789 298897 hyde.lucy@icloud.com You can drop off supplies at Fern Bank or she will collect. Well done Lucy!

Quintessential Virtual Quiz!

Monday 20th April

19:45 for a 20:00 prompt start

Our awesome Quizmaster, Tony Scott, will be quizzing us with 5 categories each with 5 questions. Please email info@alvestonvillage.co.uk for joining instructions/passcode.

You will also be issued with top tips on how to use Zoom!

Maximum of 12 devices so be quick to apply to join.

More Quiz Nights coming: this is a practise run!



Hemmingford House

YHA (England & Wales) Ltd is closed for business until at least 31st July. I currently have 11 staff who are living on site. If anyone sees a group of people playing football etc then it is highly likely that it will be my team. They all live together in a community so no rules are being broken and there is no need to report it to the police.

I am currently caretaking the site. If you do have a concern or notice anything odd I would appreciate a call or WhatsApp message. You may also see external works being carried out, which is all within the current government guidance.

I am more than happy for dog walkers etc to continue using the Hostel grounds as previously and hope to see you all in Hemmingford's Restaurant & Bar for a coffee or beer when all this madness is over. Stephen Dodgson

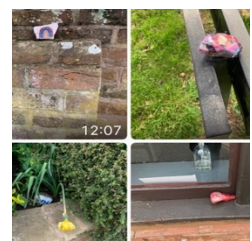


Dispensary Wellesbourne

We have been contacted by

Wellesbourne Parish Council to see if we can help with collecting prescriptions for Alveston residents - which of course we can! There is now a specific process for repeat prescriptions held at Hastings House Pharmacy. When you call to reorder they will advise an Alveston volunteer when to collect it for you. NB there is a 7 working day lead time at present due to workload.

Thanks to Darcey and Frankie Yarnold for treating us to the painted stones treasure hunt. Some villagers did better than us - we only found one!



ALVESTON SPRING QUIZ

Test your seasonal knowledge!



Easter Trivia

1. How many marzipan balls are there on top of a traditional Easter simnel cake and what do they represent?
2. Easter Island belongs to which South American country?
3. In the film "Rise of the Guardians" who plays the role of the Easter bunny?
4. What was the main objective of the Easter Act 1928?
5. How many eggs will an average hen lay in a year?
a) 100 b) 200 c) 300

All Things Spring

6. Who wrote Watership Down (a book about bunnies)?
7. Who played a Broadway chorus girl in the film "April in Paris"?
8. Palm Springs is in which US state?
9. Which British comedian and conservationist originally presented BBC2's "Springwatch"?
10. If flock is to sheep as drift is to pigs what boy's name is to rabbits?
11. Which song did Bruce Springsteen win a Best Song Oscar for in 1994 and in which film did it feature?
12. Which Italian renaissance artist painted Primavera, or The Allegory of Spring?
13. What is the first day of spring called?
a) Spring Break b) Vernal Equinox c) Easter Solstice
14. Which Disney film features the song "Little April Shower"?
15. Which poet wrote "Oh, to be in England now that April's there"?
16. Which fictional family lives in Springfield?
17. What is the name of the department store which shares its name with the French word for spring?
18. According to the US weather-predicting tradition on Groundhog Day if the groundhog does not see his shadow what does that mean for spring (and he seems to have been right for 2020)?
19. Spring is officially which season – the first, second, third or fourth?
20. A handspring, a kip and a salto are terms used in which sport?



Q: Why did the spring chicken join a rock band?



A: Because she already had the drumsticks!



Spring flowers

Rearrange the following anagrams to give the names of five floral spring treats

21. UPLIT _____
22. SLATMICE _____
23. THEYLLOVELYFAIL _____
24. GAMALION _____
25. TOTEMENFROG _____



*Answers will be printed in the next edition of the newsletter (and there's always Google if you can't wait).
Happy quizzing!*