

# Alveston Village Despatch

## February - March 2020



Dear Villagers,

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and have had a good start to 2020.

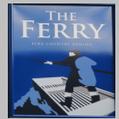
We can look forward to several village events this year including the Fete and Show, details below. Amongst the day's events there will be a display of classic cars, motor cycles and old tractors. If you or your friends and family have any vehicles over 25 years old which you would be willing to exhibit, please contact Pete Gunnell [petergunnell@outlook.com](mailto:petergunnell@outlook.com).

The fence between the Memorial Field and Wellesbourne Road has recently been repaired and rebuilding of the damaged stone wall will start shortly. This damage was caused by a car crashing through. Thankfully the cost will be covered by our insurance. The work should be completed in February.

Volunteers have also done a considerable amount of maintenance work in the field including clearing brambles and tidying the hedge along the main road. Thank you to all who took part.

I am impressed by how willingly many of you volunteer to support our village. There's always more to be done! Even if you can only spare an hour or two from time to time your help would be appreciated

Regards Mark Haselden, AVA Chair



The Ferry

Quiz Nights Tuesdays  
4th February and  
3rd March.

Please note the pub  
will be closed the  
evening of  
13th February.



### ALVESTON FETE AND SHOW THE MEMORIAL FIELD SUNDAY 12th JULY

We will welcome the return of the Alveston Olympiks featuring all the fun, games and tug of war that Alveston is famous for!

If you want to run a stall (retail or fun) at the show, please contact Geoff Benney 01789 414675, [geoff@thebenneys.co.uk](mailto:geoff@thebenneys.co.uk)

**MAKE A DATE FOR FUN ON THE FIELD!**



**This spectacular show will include**

Classic Cars, Motor Bikes  
and Tractors  
A Fire Engine  
Punch and Judy  
Morris Dancers  
Birds of Prey  
Dog Show  
Beekeeping

**Plus our usual favourites**

Pimms Tent & Bar  
BBQ  
Tea Tent  
Tombola  
Raffle  
and much, much more!

### ALVESTON VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13th March

The Malt House

19:00 for a 19:30 prompt start

Hosted by the one-and-only ace Quiz Master

Tony Scott

Teams: 4 people maximum

£12 per head to include fish & chips

Drinks: Bar available

Be afraid! Be very afraid!!

### AVA AGM 2020

Wednesday 1st April at 19:30

Save the date. More details in the next newsletter.



### Hand Tied Bouquet Workshop

Friday 20th March

The Malt House at 19:00

Would you like to learn how to hand tie a beautiful bouquet? This workshop is just in time for Mothers' Day on Sunday 22nd! The cost is £40 to include all flowers and materials and refreshments.

Please note we are trialling having NO booking forms. Less paper: save forests! If you'd like to enter a team for Quiz Night or come along to the Bouquet Workshop please send an email to [info@alvestonvillage.co.uk](mailto:info@alvestonvillage.co.uk) and you'll receive all the details you require.



## Keep'm Peeled!

50 villagers have signed up for the WhatsApp group facilitating rapid reporting around Alveston. It's intended to report and alert others to anything suspicious you might witness. If you would like to sign up and haven't yet done so please send a text to Jane Dodge on 07710 602036 with a message to include your name and "AVA WhatsApp Group"

## Safari Supper

On 9th November 24 villagers defied the torrential rain in order to dine around the village with friends, old and new. A jolly time was had by all. Thanks to Judith Benney for organising the event and keeping everyone on track with timings and where everyone had to go. I'm pleased to report no one got lost!

## Our Fundraising in 2019

The Quiz Night in March raised £684

The Barn Dance £404 all of which was given to Air Ambulance

The Quiz Night October £783 of which £250 went to The Mayor's Annual Charities

The Safari Supper in November £80

The funds raised that were allocated to the AVA have been used mainly for maintenance of our village assets.

The Malt House has been painted internally over Christmas and the chairs are due to be cleaned shortly.

Maintenance work is always ongoing on The Memorial Field and Swiffen Bank.



## VE Day 75th Anniversary

### Call for photos and memorabilia!

Have you or your families any mementoes of VE Day or the subsequent anniversaries? Can we borrow them please? If we can gather enough material we would like to make a display in The Malt House. This would be part of the nation's tribute to those who gave their

lives and those who kept the country running during the challenging times between 1939 & 1945. If you can help please get in touch with Joy.

Telephone 295597 or email [joyhawker@btinternet.com](mailto:joyhawker@btinternet.com)

## 2020 Village Heroes!

Where are you? We love to report the amazing activities and fund raising villagers get up to!

## Welcome to newcomers in Alveston!

We've noted some new residents in the village. A warm welcome to you all. If you'd like to introduce yourself through the newsletter do get in touch.

Send your stories to [joyhawker@btinternet.com](mailto:joyhawker@btinternet.com)

## Can you JOIN IN?

Would you like to be more involved in the village without actually joining the AVA Committee? If so there are several roles requiring new volunteers which are flexible and require a minimum amount of time each month.

Please contact Jane Dodge, the AVA Secretary, on 07710 602036 or email [jane@janedodge.co.uk](mailto:jane@janedodge.co.uk) for more information.

Here's another recent river photo from Kevin Martin. Rather better than the one in the last edition of the newsletter!



### AVA COMMITTEE

Mark Haselden - 415300  
(Chair)

Jane Dodge  
(Secretary) - 261033

Judith Benney  
(Treasurer) - 414675

Steve Currie - 266266  
Jill Focardi - 204131  
Chris Fox - 204646  
Tim Hayter - 266916  
Richard Hyde - 298897  
Kevin Martin - 296118  
Roger Read - 298817  
Tony Scott - 292121  
David Tucker - 207960