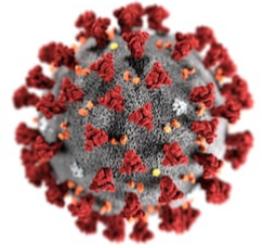


# Alveston Village Despatch

March 2020

**STAY AT HOME  
SAVE LIVES**



Dear Villagers,

We are now producing the newsletter on a more frequent basis so that we are all kept informed about developments and support available in the village during these rapidly changing times. Hopefully it's another mechanism to keep us all connected. A special thank you to the distributors.

We now have 42 volunteers who are available to help with shopping and collecting prescriptions so that villagers who are self-isolating or in a higher risk group can generally avoid going out. This is an amazing response from the village! As well as the village mailing list, there is a WhatsApp group for volunteers and the Keep'm Peeled WhatsApp group has evolved into a Coronavirus chat group.

If you need assistance please contact either:

Jane Dodge 01789 261033

Judith Benney 01789 414675

Roger Read 01789 298817

Unfortunately the summer show has had to be cancelled. Thank you to Geoff Benney and the rest of the team for all the preparation. Please stay safe, be careful and do not hesitate to contact the volunteers.

Best wishes, Mark Haselden, AVA Chair

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## Message from our District Ward Member and Mayor of Stratford



I never thought I would be congratulating people on staying at home and the positive efforts to either socially distance or self isolate yourselves - both phrases which have taken on a new shade of meaning that, until very recently, we would not have imagined.

During my time as mayor I have met many wonderful people who regularly volunteer for a whole range of activities which help keep the quality of life going for us all. No big surprise then that when that quality of life and, even more so, our normal daily routines are suddenly taken away from us, there are so many people who continue to put others first and have come forward with offers of help.

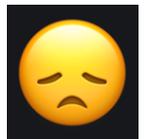
I have been very heartened by all the messages from people in our wonderful town offering help, especially help to our older and more vulnerable residents. Thank you so much. Meanwhile please stay safe and well and adhere to government advice and rest assured that, together, we will get through this challenge. To all those who have offered help and to all those who are already doing so, thank you for being so kind and thoughtful to others in our community. Take care everyone.

Kate Rolfe, County Councillor, Stratford South District and Town Councillor, Tiddington Ward 01789 550624

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## Summer Fete and Show

It is with huge regret, though probably no surprise, that the Fete and Raffle have been cancelled. The YHA, an integral part of the event, is planning on closure until the end of July at the earliest. Geoff Benney is in the process of contacting everyone involved so far.



On a more positive note, there is the possibility of a "Pop Up" Fete, back to basics, on The Green whenever this becomes feasible. Let's look forward to that!



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Tiddington P.O. & Stores are continuing with their delivery service



Please email [spar.tiddington@outlook.com](mailto:spar.tiddington@outlook.com) or phone 01789 292362 between 09:30 - 17:00 Monday to Thursday for deliveries the following day. No deliveries at the weekend.

Big thanks to Sheppy and Sonya for helping out with deliveries!

## Message from the Vicar

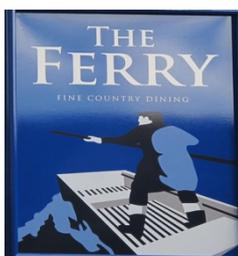
The Gospel story for this coming Sunday is the story of Jesus raising Lazarus. When Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send for Jesus to come quickly because their brother is sick, he stays where he is for another two days. In that time Lazarus dies. How cross they must have been that their good friend had not come to help them in their hour of need. As he made his way back to Bethany where they lived Martha comes out to meet him with the words 'Lord, if you had been here . . .'

How often have we regretted not being in the right place at the right time? "If only I'd been there?" we say, believing that our presence would have made things different. Many of us, these days, are having to get used to 'not being there' where and when we feel we ought to be. Social distancing, self-isolation are not the norms for human beings, and I suspect they will begin to take their toll on our mental health and resilience.

I have often incurred the wrath of parishioners who I have failed to visit in a time of need or sickness and my question to them is often, "did the Doctor come to see you?", "yes", they say, "how did she know you were ill?" "I telephoned", comes the reply. "Well, why didn't you telephone me?"

At the moment I cannot be there for anyone, but we can still pray for each other, keep in touch by phone or facebook, WhatsApp or whatever. And if anyone is in need, we have a team of 'safely recruited' volunteers at St. James', all with current DBS checks and up to date safeguarding training, who can assist with shopping, collection of medicines and other tasks which may need doing. But, I'm not a clairvoyant, you need to let me, us, know.

Keep well, keep safe, and soon we will see each other again and share a pint and a laugh in The Ferry. God bless,  
Richard 01789 292777 or 07803 426770



### Vegetable Stall

Rather than continue with telephone ordering for fruit and veg - Martin and Andy will have a table outside the pub which will be refreshed regularly with vegetables.

This will be available every day, including Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 - 17:00

This is subject to review as stocks with their suppliers may change. They will ensure that we comply with the social distancing rules! Payment will be possible by card £5 minimum spend or cash.

*A huge thanks to Martin and Andy for these services.  
Your editors can confirm the takeaways are delicious!  
Now we need to persuade them to add puddings to the menu!*

### The Ferry's Takeaway Service

Revised times: Tuesday - Saturday 17:30 - 19:30

Please call to order **01789 269883**

*Soup of the Day £4 gf*  
*Coq Au Vin, new potatoes, vegetables gf*  
*Fish and Chips, mushy peas*  
*Beef Lasagne, fries, side salad*  
*Pork Steaks in Dijon Sauce, mash, vegetables gf*  
*Tofu Katsu Curry and Rice gf v*  
*Carrot and Chickpea Tagine, cous cous gf\* v*  
*Scampi and Chips, garden peas*  
*Braised Lambs Liver in Onion Gravy, mash, vegetables gf*

All mains are only £9. Gf gluten free, gf\* can be gluten free, v vegetarian. Please speak to them about allergens. Menu subject to availability.

### AVA COMMITTEE

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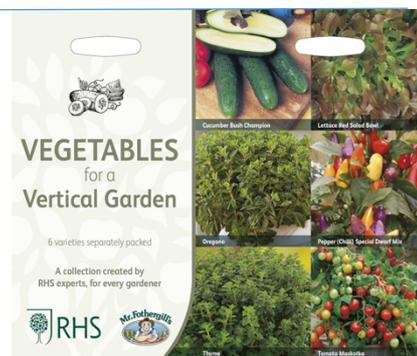
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### 50 multi packs of RHS seeds available!

Please contact Joy on tel: 295597 or email [joyhawker@btinternet.com](mailto:joyhawker@btinternet.com) and the seeds will be delivered. Priority to our 'senior' villagers who want to continue gardening. Hopefully there will be enough for everyone else who enjoys growing vegetables or wants to give it a go!

Many thanks to David Domoney for generously donating the seeds.



### Meat and Cheese

Barry the Butcher is setting up a home delivery service. Watch this space for more details. Rosemary Hyde has been in touch with local cheesemaker, David Jowett at Rollright Cheese. He is offering his wonderful whole cheeses for sale at £20 including delivery. David has assured Rosemary that the cheese can be frozen! If you are interested please contact David directly at [david.j.jowett@gmail.com](mailto:david.j.jowett@gmail.com)

*At this rate Alveston will be totally self sufficient very soon!*