

Alveston Village Despatch

April/May 2026

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Dear Villagers

Spring is here at last and the village is looking colourful with drifts of daffodils on the greens, the first leaves of the bluebells in the corner of the Memorial Field, and the swans nesting on the river. As we go to print you will likely be aware of the imminent road closure of the B4086 Wellesbourne Road which runs from March 30th for approximately 6 weeks - this is due to new water main installation running from Loxley under the road just before the Charlecote bends and across the field towards Hatton Bank. Diversions will be in place along Pimlico Lane and Knights Lane, although neither are really suitable for such a volume of traffic - let's hope it results in a more reliable water supply! The Notice of the AVA AGMs is attached to this newsletter, so if you want to find out what the AVA have been up to over the last year, please come along.

Best wishes, Martin Andrews, AVA Chair

What's on In the Malt House

SMALL MAT BOWLS

NB – this group has moved to a Wednesday morning 10.30 to 12.30!
Just call in and chat to Dan Callaghan who lives in the village and try out this sociable class

CHAIR YOGA

This is a brand new low impact class on Thursday mornings from 11.45 to 12.45. If you're looking for a gentle exercise to help with joint pain or stiffness this is for you!

A full list with contact details for all classes in the Malt House is now available on our website:

www.alvestonvillage.co.uk/malt-house/activities



Alveston Photo Competition 2026

As promised in our last newsletter here are the details of the village Photo Competition:

Categories: 1) Best Village View 2) It's an Alveston Dog's Life 3) Best 2026 Alveston Fete photo 4) What Alveston Means to me 5) Alveston Faces

Entry Classes: 1) Under 16's and 2) 16 and over

How to Enter: Email your entries to photocomp@alvestonvillage.co.uk stating the category and the entry class.

Closing Date for Entries: Midnight on Friday 11th September 2026

Entry Rules: Photographs must be taken in 2026. Digital images only accepted.

Judging: Will take place in September.

A Cracking Easter Egg Trail



Look out for this trail for children, grownups and four-legged friends too!
It starts from Trevor's Bench on the Green and will be in place from 1st to 12th April.

Follow the arrows on each clue and collect the letters as you go (bring a pencil and paper!).

Once you have all the letters you can unscramble a springtime word.

Have fun and there's an Easter surPRIZE for children and pooches when they reach the end of the trail!

Phonebox Chronicles

Spring has well and truly sprung and hopefully that turns the thoughts of our village readers to new books. The Phonebox Library will be opening once again at the start of May so have a root through all those old boxes in the attic, in the shed, under the bed and get them ready for this year's readfest. If you need to offload them before May you can bring them to Meg's, Val's or Mal's house. We would particularly appreciate children's books as we were woefully short last year. Please.....No Videos or CDs. Thank You, Meg, Val, Marilyn.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Guide Dogs Coffee Morning

Friday 10th April 2026
9am – 12noon
In The Ferry

AVA AGMs

Monday 13th April 2026
At 7.30pm
In The Malt House



Friday 15th May
Hosted by the quiztacular
Tony Scott
£15ph inc Fish & Chip
Supper. Contact
jane@janedodge.co.uk or
07710 602036 to book
your team of 4



Warm up those dulcet
tones again! 🎵

Alveston Karaoke is
coming back to The Ferry
on Saturday 30th May
from 3–7pm.

80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday 7th June

Look out for your
Invitation which will be
delivered shortly





Memorial Field

The additional fence between the Memorial Field and the Youth Hostel will be erected in the next few weeks. Due to badger damage the fence along the Wellesbourne Road has required repair. I have made good the fence but please let me know if you notice any additional damage so we can maintain a dog proof fenced field.

The bluebells will soon be in flower along the Youth Hostel fence together with the hazel copse at the pedestrian entrance to the field. I will be mowing the plots where the wildflowers were sown in October in the near future. This is to reduce the competition from the grass and aid establishment of the young plants

Wooden Posts on the Village Triangles

We are still awaiting a response from Stratford District Council.



Watch your donation double!

Aviva is match-funding donations to help us ensure we can be there for people in Stratford when they need us most.



Our vision is to create a warm, inclusive community hub where people can connect, build confidence, and access personalised support that helps them move forward with dignity.

But be quick! Aviva will only match-fund until 24th April. Scan the QR code or visit www.tinyurl.com/suafb



Ending hunger together

We're a Charitable Lot in Alveston....



On Saturday 21st March Colin Hartwell completed his Great Tommy Sleep out on The Green and raised, at the time of going to press, £831! There's still time to donate – let's try and get the donations up to £1,000:

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/1955070701778382/>

And we have 2 London Marathon Runners!!

Two weeks ago Jan Lees from Church Close was offered a last minute place and has grabbed the opportunity with both hands. Her charity is Guide Dogs. www.justgiving.com/page/jan-lees-1

We've heard about Dave Woolcock's endeavour in a previous newsletter. He's running to support Home-Start South Warwickshire - an amazing charity helping families who need it most. Dave's longest run so far is 21 miles. Dave says "My legs are asking me why I would do this to them! If you'd like to fuel my legs (and my ego), please sponsor me. Every pound makes a difference!" www.justgiving.com/page/woolymarathon2026

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Don't forget there's another fundraiser for Guide Dogs at The Ferry from 9-12noon on Friday 10th April. Trish and Caroline would love any donations of raffle prizes and homemade cakes – call 295575 or 204280 to let them know. Last year they raised over £720 and are hoping to do better this time.

Trevor's Bench



Trevor's family joined villagers and their dogs on 25th February to see the new bench in situ and needless to say they were delighted. Anne, Claire and Craig very kindly donated a very special dog treat station which all the pooches there very much approved of!

BUPA Donation



The AVA were very pleased to receive a cheque for £2,500 from BUPA Foundation and some Trustees and residents enjoyed a very enjoyable trip to the Nursing Home on Monday 23rd February to receive it. The AVA plan to spend the funds on much needed safety improvements on Swiffen Bank and the footpath.

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