

ALVESTON VILLAGE DESPATCH

A few words from Tim...

Summer has finally arrived, of sorts, so I hope all are enjoying the sun when it does make the occasional appearance.

The new plantings in the Memorial Field are coming along nicely apart from the Coronation Oak and one of the Copper Beeches, both of which are in 'intensive care'. If the fence along the Wellesbourne Road is sufficiently dog proof, the Committee has decided to go ahead, in autumn, with the laying of the hedge there as per Alveston Lane.

Pete Gunnell continues to do a superlative job in arranging working parties for all the maintenance work around that village that keeps the place looking so good.

The Malt House total lighting and electrics facelift is starting w/c 5th August and will take one week. Jane has pulled a blinder by securing a 20% grant from ACRE (DEFRA) towards the total cost of this work... well done Jane.

WCC has agreed to do something about the blocked drains along Alveston Lane and Lower End... but not until May 2025!

Now that the Warwick Road has just reopened, Renny is arranging for WCC to undertake the speeding assessment in October when things will have hopefully settled down.

It's such a shame that Stonegate decided to close the doors on our pub on 15th July – let's hope it's only temporary.

Not long now until the Alveston Fête on Sunday 25th August and the signs are up. Thanks Geoff and the team for all the hard work that's involved in making the big day happen. ► **Tim Hayter**

Fête Expectations!

This is the last Despatch prior to the Fête on Sunday 25th August – be warned!

- 1.00pm Opening by Reverend Linda MacDermott
- 3.00pm Dog show
- 4.00pm Olympics
- **Finale: The famous Tug of War Alveston VS The Rest of the World!**

This year we are supporting the Warwickshire Air Ambulance and the AVA. Please remember the Fête will be **cash only**. There will be entertainment for the children during the day and all the archetypal Village Fête stalls will be up and running.

- ★ Probably the best BBQ in the village with meat supplied by BTB
- ★ Fantastic Raffle Prizes ★ Pop Up Bar ★ Hamper ★ Coconut Shy
- ★ Fire Engine ★ Guess The Cake Weight ★ Crafts ★ Book Stall ★
- Bottle Tombola ★ Tea Tent ★ Specialist Cakes ★ Ice Cream and lots more...

Our Fête is in your hands...

- ★ Home-made cake donations for the Tea Tent are very welcome
- ★ Books to Meg Sanders Avon House 07813 785 424
- ★ Bottles please to Judith Benney at Jasmine Cottage

Any queries to: Please email: geoff@thebenneys.co.uk or call 01789 414675



Macmillan's Coffee Morning

Friday 27th September at the Youth Hostel from 10am till 12.30pm. Cakes most welcome on the day or drop off at No.1 Dial Cottage, The Green on Thursday 26th. ►

QUIZ TIME

**SAVE THE DATE...
FRIDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER**

The Malt House

Next Quiz night is on Friday 29th November in the Malt House. To book please contact Jane Dodge:
jane@janedodge.co.uk
or call: 07710 602036

Wine Tasting Event

Please join us on Friday 4th October for a Wine Tasting event hosted by Vin Neuf in the Malthouse. An amazing opportunity to sample some new wines and learn from the best.

The price is £20 per person to include a welcome glass of fizz, the wines to be sampled and a cheese and charcuterie board on each table.

There are only 45 places available at this event, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please email kathryndeaner@me.com to reserve your place - first come, first served! ►



River Avon Water testing in Alveston

We continue to test the River Avon weekly at our two sites in Alveston. Since we started last October 2023, the results always show high or very high levels of phosphate and nitrate which has adverse consequences for the fragile river ecosystem.

We ran a stall about this SafeAvon Citizen Science project at the launch of national Great Big Green Week (<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>) in New Place Gardens in town on 8th June.

We were delighted with visitor responses, including messages about the state of the river that they wanted to convey to our local election candidates - which we then duly delivered.

We also ran a stall at The Other Place on 6 July as part of publicity around the RSC performance of "Kyoto", a dramatization of the UN negotiations leading up



to the landmark climate conference (COP3) held in 1997.

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/kyoto/kyoto-conference>

After recent engagement with the Severn Trent Water Stakeholder Engagement Officer, we are exploring how to add e-coli testing and will update villagers once we know more.

Find out more about the Safe Avon project here: [HTTPS://safeavon.org.uk/](https://safeavon.org.uk/) ►



Steve, Mary and Renny with other SafeAvon volunteers at the Water Testing Stand at launch of Big Green Week event on 8 June.

Visitors to the stall were quite unanimous in their regard for the state of our rivers.

Improvements to our Churchyards

Those of you who are very observant may have noticed some improvements to our two churchyards in Alveston.

At the Old Church we have two new benches – great places to sit, observe, contemplate or reflect on life; a huge thank you to Barbara and Ray Stocks and to Julia and Howard Lucas whose generous donations enabled the purchase of these benches. And, at the entrances to St James' Church from Church Lane and Kissing Tree Way, Pete and Caroline Gunnell have done a fantastic job of restoring the gates.

Do go and take a look at them - they look so much better! Again, a massive thank you to Caroline and Pete for their hard, and meticulous, work. ►

The Malt House

The Malt House will be closed for a week from 5th August to allow for the installation of new energy efficient lighting and consumer unit. We are delighted to have been awarded a grant from DEFRA's Platinum Jubilee Fund for 20% of the total cost.

There will here will be an Open Day to follow and we hope to have an article in *The Herald* so please look out for information about that.

Also check out the new Instagram page for The Malt House <https://www.instagram.com/themalthousealveston/> – it's early days but do take a look, like and share with anyone who might be interested in a regular booking - i.e., art teacher, language teacher, dance instructor, kids group or anyone else interested in finding a space. ►

Growth Spurt...



Jill is happy to report that the cygnet of the swan family at this end of the river is doing great... She added "thank goodness children don't grow at this rate or it would make for gigantic toddlers!" ►

Useful information...

Below is a table showing bin collections in the coming weeks for Alveston.

Village related information can be accessed via our website: <https://alvestonvillage.co.uk>. The website is a great source of information – it includes a comprehensive bus timetable and ongoing events in and around Alveston and neighbouring villages and stakeholders. ►

Your collection dates				
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	Food waste (food waste caddy)	Recycling (blue-lidded bin)	Refuse (grey bin)	Garden waste (green / green-lidded bin)
Thursday, 03/08/2023	✓	✓		✓
Thursday, 10/08/2023	✓		✓	
Thursday, 17/08/2023	✓	✓		✓
Thursday, 24/08/2023	✓			
Thursday, 31/08/2023	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thursday, 07/09/2023	✓			
Thursday, 14/09/2023	✓	✓		✓
Thursday, 21/09/2023	✓		✓	
Thursday, 28/09/2023	✓	✓		✓
Thursday, 05/10/2023	✓			
Thursday, 12/10/2023	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thursday, 19/10/2023	✓			
Thursday, 26/10/2023	✓	✓		✓
Thursday, 02/11/2023	✓		✓	
Thursday, 09/11/2023	✓	✓		✓
Thursday, 16/11/2023	✓			
Thursday, 23/11/2023	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thursday, 30/11/2023	✓			
Thursday, 07/12/2023	✓	✓		✓
Thursday, 14/12/2023	✓		✓	
Thursday, 21/12/2023	✓	✓		✓
Thursday, 29/12/2023	✓			

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