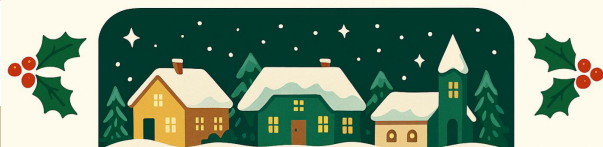


ALVESTON VILLAGE DISPATCH

December 2025 – January 2026



A Few Words from Martin

One of the great joys of living in Alveston is our strong sense of community, reflected both in our village events and in the care we take of our shared green spaces. Recent highlights include the fantastic Halloween Party at Hemingford House, brilliantly organised by Emma, Miki and Simon, and the ever-popular Quiz Night hosted by Tony Scott. Both were great fun and raised an impressive amount for charity.

On the practical side, Jane Dodge, Peter Gunnell and I recently met with Warwick County Council Highways to push for regular maintenance of our greens, kerbs and pathways. They agreed in principle—though, as ever, we'll believe it when we see it!

Our thanks also go to Renny Wodynska for her tireless work on improving safety along Wellesbourne Road. Renny recently met with Councillor Kate Rolfe and our MP, Manuela Perteghella, to continue pressing the case for action on speeding.

And finally, a small effort that makes a big difference: **adopt a drain**. With most of the leaves now down, a quick clear of the grate outside prevents flooding...and if you can put the leaves in your green bin even better! Thanks to Howard for the suggestion. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Feeling Festive?

Come along to a holly-jolly
Christmas extravaganza!

A magical 1-hour family show packed with festive songs, dazzling tricks, terrible cracker jokes (the best kind), and even a visit from Father Christmas!

Tickets:
info@alvestonvillage.co.uk



If so,
**welcome to
Alveston!**
To stay
connected,
we run two

WhatsApp groups, an email
circulation list and this bi-monthly
newsletter. To join any of them,
simply email
info@alvestonvillage.co.uk or
send a WhatsApp message to **07710
602036**.

You'll also find plenty of village
information, plus past newsletters:

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THE FERRY INN

What a year! Thanks to everyone who's supported
the pub and helped bring it back to life

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Day: 12-5pm

Boxing Day: 12-5pm

27th December: My birthday drinks & snacks

28th & 29th December: Closed

29th & 30th December: Normal hours

New Year's Eve: 12pm-lam - come see in 2026!

Closed for the first week of January.

4th Feb: Wellness and Tea by Anita.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas,

David

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Caring for Our Village

Memorial Field

We had a successful day on 28th October sowing the wild flower seeds in the Memorial Field. The plants have been delivered from the Woodland Trust and we propose to have a work party on the 2nd December planting the whips along side the fence running along the Youth Hostel.



Posts on Village Triangles

Jane, Martin and I met with Stratford District Council to discuss the repair of the wooden posts and are currently awaiting a response.



Swiffen Bank

The top path fencing repair and tree removal are ongoing. Now the leaves have fallen we will weave the new growth into the fence.

Bulb Planting

This was completed with thanks to volunteers



**Geoff Benney,
Olivia
from the Woodland
Trust and
Martin Andrews**



Dave Woolcock – Home Start Charity Run

In April 2026, I'll be running my very first **London Marathon** to raise money for **Home-Start South Warwickshire**, supporting families going through

tough times. Training is hard, but the cause keeps me going. Every donation, big or small, makes a real difference to local families. 🙌 Sponsor me here: www.justgiving.com/page/woolymarathon2026



Safari Dinner – Al-feast-on

In October, 26 villagers enjoyed a wonderful evening of progressive dining. After meeting at The Malthouse for welcome drinks, we headed to different homes for each course. Even those who began the evening apprehensive ended it smiling. A great opportunity to meet new neighbours, thank you to everyone who took part!

Alveston Fete 2025

Now that Bonfire Night has fizzled out and Christmas is nearly here, the summer Fete feels like a distant memory—but what a brilliant day it was!

Thanks to the generosity of villagers and visitors, we raised over £2,700. We were delighted to donate £2,500 to Home Start South Warwickshire, £150 to the Dogs Trust, with the remainder set aside for a rainy day. And fear not—the fun returns!

Next year's date 06.09.2026!

Christmas Sing Song AT THE FERRY

Jill Focardi and Lesley Reid are organising Carol Singing at the pub on Friday 19th at 6.30pm. More info to follow!

ST JAMES CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Advent Carol Service – 30.11.25 – 18:00
(No morning service at St James)

Carol Service – 21.12.25, 18:00
Readers welcome—children too!

Christingle – 24.12.25, 16:00

We'd love a baby from the village to represent Jesus. If you know a little one, please contact: julialucas@btinternet.com

Midnight Mass – 24.12.25, 23:30

Christmas Day Service
25.12.25, 10:30