



ALVESTON VILLAGE DISPATCH

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026

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HAVE YOUR SAY

One of the key responsibilities of the Alveston Villagers' Association (as opposed to the Charity) is to maintain the character of the village - a key part of this is the Village Design Statement (VDS).

It is an important document which describes the important features of the village and what is essential to preserve in order to guard against loss of its character, and should be used by SDC Planning Officers when assessing planning applications in Alveston.

The original VDS was drawn up in 2001 and up-dated in 2010 and 2015 with input from villagers to ensure that it reflected how they see our beautiful village.

Given that the last update is now over 10 years old, the time has come to embark on a re-write of the VDS and the AVA would like all villagers to contribute.

A new draft will be on display in the Malt House from October 12th between certain hours for a couple of weeks - please take a few minutes to take a look and leave your comments so that we can ensure it represents your views.

ALVESTON FETE 2026 WOW !!!!!



What a superb day, the sun shone (as promised) and a great time was had by all. The Dog Show was a HOOT !!! the Olimpix exhilarating, and the International Tug O' War was won by Alveston.

I would like to thank all who attended to make such a great day. I would particularly like to thank the Sponsors and all the stall holders and volunteers who, without their hard work the fete would not take place. The primary objective of the team was to bring the village together for a community event and that was a proven success.

The secondary objective was making some money for local charities.

The final numbers are not yet available as the Dispatch goes to print, but over £3,500 will be available for those good causes. The most made since before Covid.

Many of you knew Di Hartley who sadly passed away in the lead up to the Fete. She previously ran the Bric a Brac and outside of that raised massive amounts for just causes and also did voluntary work for several charities. Besides contributing to the Women's Football Club and the Dogs Trust, we will, in memory of Di, be also making donations to a couple of her favourite local charities.

May I repeat my thanks to all involved, Organisers, Sponsors and all others who helped in one way or another to make such a spectacular day, not forgetting those who came out and spent the money enabling us to support to those charities.

Looking forward to next year (so you can book your holidays accordingly!!) please be warned of a slight change, it being a Saturday event, that being SATURDAY the 4th September.

The team look forward to seeing you all again and perhaps a few more
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Geoff Benney

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 20th November
Hosted by the quiztacular
Tony Scott
£15pp inc Fish & Chips
Book your table now at
info@alvestonvillage.co.uk



St. James' Christmas Craft
Fayre
November 21st
Stratford Youth Hostel 11am-4pm
Lots of stalls and Carols



Christmas Panto
Jack and the Beanstalk 20th December
The Malt House, Adults £12, Child £6



Swing from Paris:
an evening of Parisian-flavoured
music inspired by 30's, 40's and 50's.
The Malthouse 27th February 2027
7.30-9.30pm
Tickets available to villagers at £18
before 6th November then £20





The Ferry Inn is holding its annual
Macmillan coffee morning
25th Sept at 9.30am.

October, The Ferry will close all day on Monday's, keep a look out on the FB page (please follow) for new trading hours.

We are also starting a **pop-up café** on Saturday 10th October 8.30am onwards, for coffee, tea, breakfast, takeaways.

Live music & Karaoke will be back due to local demand.

Good reviews on Trip Advisor (have a look) regarding the new menu selection, come in and try it.

Village Event at the YHA

Monday 5th October 6.30pm - no charge

How does climate change and nature loss impact us as individuals and as a village community? 45 min film, giving the expert view and a chance to share your opinion.



Did you know that Villagers get a 20% discount when using our lovely village hall? There's lots of availability at the weekends and also during the week.

Also if you know anyone who would like to set up a class (in the past we used to have Art & Sewing Classes!!) please contact our Booking Secretary,

Jill Focardi: jill.focardi@gmail.com or
07467 947128

Thank You

Val, Marilyn and Meg would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who made use of the Phone Box book exchange this year.

We couldn't run it without your generosity and curiosity. We were also delighted to have so many donations of books for the fête.

We did a roaring trade and the remaining books have been safely delivered to charity shops around the area where they can go on to have another life and support good causes too!

Congratulations Jean and Don

Jean and Don Pearson who have lived in Lower End for 50 years, celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary recently and appeared in the Herald!!

They said that the key to being married for so long is not going to bed on an argument and not to worry about the small things.... life is too short.

I'm sure we'll all agree that's great advice!



2026 Alveston Greenfingers award goes too... Ali Strand



Your Christmas Tree and village needs YOU!

Thanks for all the thoughts on this year's Christmas Tree. Having looked into the suggestions, a new cut tree each year is the best option as the green is owned by the Council and is in the Conservation Area so there are restrictions, planting a native species does not appear practical as 2 (yew and juniper) are not the right shape, and the Scotts Pine is too large growing up to 20-30m.

A new large stand will be bought to support a 12-15ft tree along with lights and power source. If you want to get involved in helping with the Christmas Tree please let us know by sending an e-mail to: info@alvestonvillage.co.uk.

Memorial Field Clean Up



Thank you to all the folks who turned up to help clean up the field. Pete Gunnell hopes to organise a quarterly clean up and will advertise the dates in due course.

As a result of all the poo collected the bin was overflowing and the AVA was delighted when Stratford District Council arranged a replacement large bin within a week!!

Good News

Our local councillor, Kate Rolfe, has arranged via her Warwickshire County Council budget, for all the drains in the village to be jetted out which hopefully will help with winter rainfall.

Alveston St James Church Great Peg Nativity

Help decorate 400 wooden peg dolls to make our community peg nativity

If you or your child would like to help please contact erica@interbrands.ltd or pop in and collect a peg from the church.



Please help us with this community event which will be on display during December.

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