

Old Dalby and Queensway

Coronavirus Outbreak 2021 – Some local information 11

Hi everyone. As we embark on our third National lock-down we hope you are keeping well. As we reported before, Old Dalby and Queensway residents have got into ways of coping and the need for a community communication had dissipated. Indeed, the community Facebook page has reverted naturally into a forum for community discussion rather than being coronavirus specific.



As a group of individuals, we came together at the start of the pandemic seeking, in particular to help the vulnerable in our community. We know for many this third lock-down is especially difficult and for those in our community who have either limited or no access to the internet, we feel a communication would be appreciated.

We continue to maintain the large list of wonderful residents, who offered help at the start of this extraordinary time. Thank you all. If you no longer wish to be included just let us know and we will remove your contact information from the list.

It is good that it has only been necessary to directly call on a few, but simply by keeping an eye on neighbours or sharing a cheerful hello whilst on a walk you have helped. Please do not stop. As always do not hesitate to contact one of us if you or someone you know needs practical support or a friendly phone call.

- **John Harper**

It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of John Harper. John was the coordinator and instigator of this Covid support group and a champion of so many wonderful things to benefit our community. His death was not Covid related, nor unexpected, and John had made it clear that he was at peace with the outcome.

That does not, though, negate the sorrow and grief felt by all that knew him. The village, and the world, has lost a wonderful man whose generosity of spirit and consideration for others knew little boundary. He was an example of all that is good in a human being and will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Yvonne and his family at this awful time made even more desolate by the coronavirus restrictions.

- **Prescription Update**

We have contacted Long Clawson Medical Practice to see if any assistance is required. As it stands, Long Clawson have additional drivers to ensure medication can be delivered to people who are vulnerable, shielding, at risk and self-isolating (with no one to collect a prescription).

If you need any help accessing the Medical practices delivery service, please call the surgery (01664 822214).

Repeat prescriptions can be completed either online or posted through the letter box at the front of the surgery.

- **Old Dalby Village Hall and the heritage project**

The last 2 ½ years have seen the transformation of the Village Hall thanks to the £80,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The windows and doors have all been replaced and the hall was completely redecorated over the summer. The floors have been re-varnished, the toilets replaced with the addition of grab rails, a baby changing unit and new flooring. We now have a marquee to extend the capacity of the hall, new chairs and a brand-new screen, projector, and sound system so we can show films and use it for entertainment or talks.

The heritage group has worked with Lincoln University to produce a permanent frieze showing the history of Old Dalby and Queensway and this has now been installed below the tapestry. The group also produced a small, illustrated booklet telling the story of Old Dalby and Queensway – every child in the school has received a copy and more are available for anyone who is interested. We have even had a request from Australia!

The digital archive team has scanned and uploaded hundreds of photos, documents etc and we welcome anything people may want to share which might be of interest.

The Village Hall looks so much better, but we know that few people are able to see it. There is now a short video which you can find via the ODVH website www.odvh.co.uk so you can see what it looks like. We look forward to later in the year when we can celebrate the re-opening of the Hall!

Subscribe to the ODVH YouTube site for more Old Dalby videos including a “Now and Then” series of photographs and recordings of the Old Dalby Singers’ concerts and amazing Music Hall shows put on at the hall in previous, safer, years by Old Dalby residents.

The Christmas draw winners for 2020 are:

December	Pat Watts	£10	No. 62
Christmas	Maz Vanham	£100	No. 6
	Caroline Macleod-Smith	£50	No. 159
	Bridget Yates	£40	No. 91
	Mary Finch	£30	No. 119
	Julie Owens	£20	No. 145
	Carole Leech	£12.50	No. 167

- **Post Office**

The post office continues to open each Friday morning (8:30am – 11:30am) at Old Dalby Village Hall.

- **Local Suppliers**

Through The Gate; a variety of food produce available for click and collect. Contact Ruth on 07976 409923, Facebook at @TheBisonFarmNB or email on info@bisons.org.

Nice Pie; as it says on the label; <https://www.nice-pie.com> for details or Facebook @NicePieUK. Alternatively phone 07531 641893. Up and running after the 11th Feb.

The Crown; hibernating at the moment but keep checking their Facebook page @crowninolddalby.

Belvoir Brewery; click and collect on <https://www.belvoirbrewery.co.uk/shop/> or Tel: 01664 823455. Email info@belvoirbrewery.co.uk

Lyndsey Portas; Pop up stall at Tap and Run, Upper Broughton Saturdays 8:30am-3:00pm. A range of fresh fruit and vegetable produce, plus free range eggs and local honey. Contactless payment available.

Newspaper delivery is suspended at the village hall. For local news go to meltontimes.co.uk,

Facebook @TheMeltonTimes or, for delivery; Mercury News, @mercurynewsmelton, Tel; 01664 562830

If you are unable to collect from these local suppliers we may be able to arrange local delivery.

Please contact one of the coordinators.

- **Church News**

Once again, we find ourselves in a period of strict lockdown. Even with positive news of the roll out of the vaccine, there is no escaping the fact that the Coronavirus is still causing much hurt, pain, and suffering.

In these difficult times, your Church is here for you. Our thoughts and prayers are for light and hope in the darkness. We remember and pray for all those working throughout the Pandemic, those who have passed away, are unwell or in a bad place, or feel isolated and lonely. We pray that God will sustain us and keep us all safe and well.

In response, your Church, St John the Baptist, hope that the following will enable us to stay connected with worship, prayer and support while still being responsible.

- There will be no actual services (public worship) at St John Baptist until further notice. The government guidance is to 'stay at home', therefore the PCC and Jamie have decided this is the most appropriate course of action.
- Regular zoom services are being held:
 - Sunday Morning Prayer (10:30am)
 - Monday – Friday short morning prayer (8am)
 - Wednesday Compline (8pm)

If you would like to be included on the email list providing information for these services, please let Kate Purcell know (purcellkate@hotmail.com).

- The Church will continue to be open each Saturday and Sunday (9am – 4pm) for private prayer or quiet reflection. Please use the hand sanitiser provided and wear a face mask.
- We continue to collect food items on behalf of the Melton food bank (Storehouse). Items can be left in the wicker basket in the church porch (access available).
- Please do not hesitate to contact by email or telephone if you would like to chat or want to raise anything. rejamiemackay@btinternet.com (01664 823475).

- **Broughton and Old Dalby Parish Council**

The Parish Council is unable to hold meetings in the respective Village Halls. However, they continue to hold virtual monthly Meetings via the Zoom facility.

The Clerk displays the Agenda Notices on the village notice boards. The Agenda is also available online on the Parish Council website (see below for web address). Agendas will

provide all the information on how the public can join the meeting on Zoom. The draft Minutes are also available on the Parish Council web site.

Keep up to date with new planning applications and PC meetings through the Parish Council website www.broughtonandolddalbypc.org.uk. Sue Evans (Clerk to the Parish Council) can be contacted by email: broughtondalbypc@outlook.com or by telephoning 07923 224773

- **Christmas Meal 2020**

On behalf of all the people who received a Christmas dinner delivered to their door on 21st December, I would like to say a very big thank you to the team from Queensway and Old Dalby, who organised and provided it, for their time and effort. It was a lovely idea, very nicely carried out.

The meal was excellently presented and tasted delicious. It was accompanied by a present and a bag of Christmas goodies and we would like to thank for their generosity all those who contributed food and gifts.

This treat was typical of the wonderful spirit that exists in our village, where people look after each other and I cannot help thinking, yet again, how lucky we are to live in such a caring community.

With many thanks
Joan Revill

- **Highway Closures**

The A606 between Nether Broughton and Ab Kettleby will be closed from Jan 25th - 29th and Feb 1st - 5th for repairs at Broughton Hill.

- **Who to contact**

If you need help, or know of anyone needing help, please contact one of the coordinators listed below.

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