



**Chelveston-cum-Caldecott
Parish Council
Northamptonshire**

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Daily Briefing

Saturday 28th March 2020

Here are the key stories for the day, with thanks to our WhatsApp group who keep these coming in all day – there are now 125 members of the group, with every street represented.

Editorial:

Over 150 messages flowed through the group yesterday, a mixture of key local information, comments, lighted hearted material and “thoughts” from a Village learning how to socialise in a completely different way. New links are being forged right across the Village. People are linking up with residents they might never have met before. There were even calls for a huge Village wide party at the end of the emergency. It’s obviously far too early to be planning that, but we need hope to get us through the challenges ahead!

It can be difficult sifting through the WhatsApp group messages during a busy day, which is why we also have this digest email bulletin each day. Some households subscribe to both channels, others just one. All I care is that every household can be reached to ensure that we can keep in touch. If one of our “out of touch” households suddenly finds themselves with Covid-19 – striking overnight as it seems to do – they won’t have a channel into the group to help them. I am working hard with the Church to avoid this, but sometimes it is an uphill battle. There are households that have said that they just aren’t interested and that they are completely self-sufficient. We will respect that of course, and have to be satisfied to know that we have done our best. You can lead a horse to water . . .

Nationally:

- UK deaths from Covid-19 leapt to 181 yesterday. The UK is now back on a curve approaching that over Italy a couple of weeks ago. The next week will be the most telling. Will the social distancing measures have turned our infection rates downwards so that we can move onto a China curve?
- Boris Johnson, Matt Hancock and Chris Whitty, who have worked very closely together, all exhibited symptoms or tested positive on the same day. If they can get it – anyone can!
- The new Covid-19 laws were being enforced by Police in parts of the Country but not, so far, here in our corner of Northamptonshire.
- New field hospitals are being planned in Birmingham and Manchester.

Locally:

- Queues at Waitrose were snaking around the car park yesterday. Some residents simply gave up.
- Most supermarkets have implemented measures for wiping down of trolley handles and the escalator/stair rails.
- Social distancing rules don’t seem to be being enforced in all supermarkets – so please take care. If in doubt – leave.
- More great offers of help for people in isolation around the Village. Several prescription runs done yesterday, thanks to Rachael Maywood, Ben Adams and others.
- Northamptonshire County Council are relaxing parking restriction enforcement around the county.
- Households are now ringing me to “check-in” as they have heard about our communications channels – thanks to all for your help. However, I am still missing 80 properties.
- I am delighted to report that we now have every street in the Village represented.
- The Church and Parish Council continue to work together daily during the emergency. Brenda Eildred, Reader and Safeguarding Officer at the Church has access to our database and is helping me fill in any gaps and ensure that we have a plan to support the vulnerable and self isolating.
- The Church has published the fifth of its daily podcasts and we include a link here each day so that you can start your day with both news and a period of reflection.



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Pause for Thought	http://church.chelveston.org.uk/pause-for-thought/20200328

Daily Links (all verified)

Ordnance Survey Map Subscription	https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop/os-maps-online/subscriptions/os-maps-subscription-12-months.html
Viewranger Mapping Application	https://www.viewranger.com/en-gb
Online Museum & Art Gallery Resources	https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2020/mar/25/the-best-online-art-galleries-adrian-searle

And finally ...

On our WhatsApp forum were treated to so many beautiful pictures of the Village yesterday, taken by residents who are appreciating their good fortune of our rural setting. And then there were the jokes, videos and cartoons which lifted our spirits. We are going to need humour as the situation becomes more difficult





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Thanks for reading and listening – stay safe and keep your distance!

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