



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

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Daily Briefing

Wednesday 1st April 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 121 members of the group, with every street represented. 5 people left yesterday and have joined this mailing list instead.

Editorial:

There was a very different mood on the WhatApps group yesterday, with the strains of lock down clearly beginning to show. Nearly 1/3 of the Village are retired or normally work at home and you'd think that their days would be able to continue much as before. But obviously that isn't the case. Some are self-isolating, unable to leave their properties. Others are free to move around the Village but have now lost access to their regular clubs, activities and friends. For some, there was a weekly lunch at the pub or quiz night. All are now gone and the TV schedules are filling up with repeats!

I'm actually one of the lucky ones, I rarely leave the Village anyway and as Parish Lengthsman I can still get out to pick litter, cut grass and "walk the lengths" of our paths each day. However, for those now laid off, this is a very different world altogether. Many hours to fill, newly defined relationships and huge worries about finances, supplies and health. It's no wonder that tensions can run high. Staying positive is hard, supporting each other is hard, but we are all going to need the practical and mental support of our community as the months drag on. So stick with it folks!

Nationally there are big concerns about the vulnerable in general, and how they are faring now that their usual support mechanisms have disappeared. For children, schools were sometimes a safe haven and a safety valve from tensions at home. For the elderly, visits from families connected them with the outside world and ensured that they were safe. As a community we need to replace these mechanisms to ensure that everyone is safe. This is why I am so keen to connect with every household in some way and to stay in touch. It provides people with a mechanism for sharing concerns and asking for help. This isn't always on a public forum. My phone doesn't stop pinging all day with private calls and messages, in addition to the public WhatsApp group. I work very closely with Brenda Eildred who is the trained safeguarding officer for the Church. We speak or message every day, sharing any concerns we have and running through the list of vulnerable people in the Village. But obviously, we can't do this alone. You the residents, and especially those who are volunteering, are our eyes and ears. If you see anything that concerns you at all, you can speak to either of us privately and we can take it from there. Don't think of this as being nosey or interfering, think of it as doing your bit to support fellow residents who may be in need. There is an excellent 3 minute video linked below on the role of the volunteer in safeguarding.

On a lighter note, the subject of Dad's Army keeps popping up on the group. It's not surprising really, given that we are "at war" with the virus, and are obsessed by daily rations! I've even been compared to Captain Mainwaring – balding, glasses and always wearing a cap. It's a fair comparison, but hopefully I'm not quite as incompetent! Time will tell.

Stay safe folks

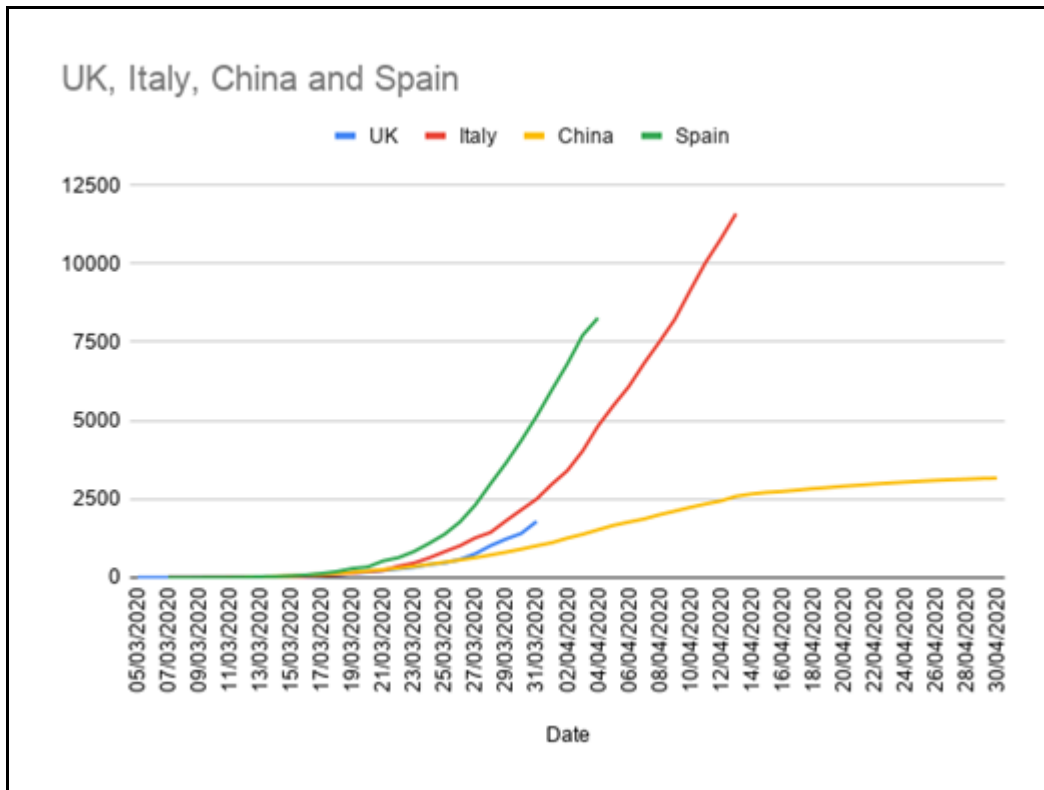
Nationally:

- UK deaths from Covid-19 grew by 381 yesterday to 1,789. That is a huge increase and it isn't yet clear whether these figures are complete. There has been talk that they don't include deaths outside hospital. Corrections to previous figures may also be coming. You can see that this again puts us on an uncomfortable trajectory, even more reason to stay home and stay safe.



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Locally:

- If any of our vulnerable households need prescriptions collecting, please let us know. However, please make sure we know exactly which pharmacy they are at (there are two Lloyds Pharmacies in Raunds!) and please ensure that they really are ready for collection. The Cottons Lloyds Pharmacy has a habit of not completing the prescription until you arrive. We had a volunteer yesterday having to wait outside for 10 minutes whilst they made up the remainder of the prescription. This obviously puts the volunteers at unnecessary risk.

Daily Briefing	http://covid-19.chelveston.org.uk/daily-briefings/20200401
Pause for Thought	http://church.chelveston.org.uk/pause-for-thought/20200401

Daily Links (all verified)

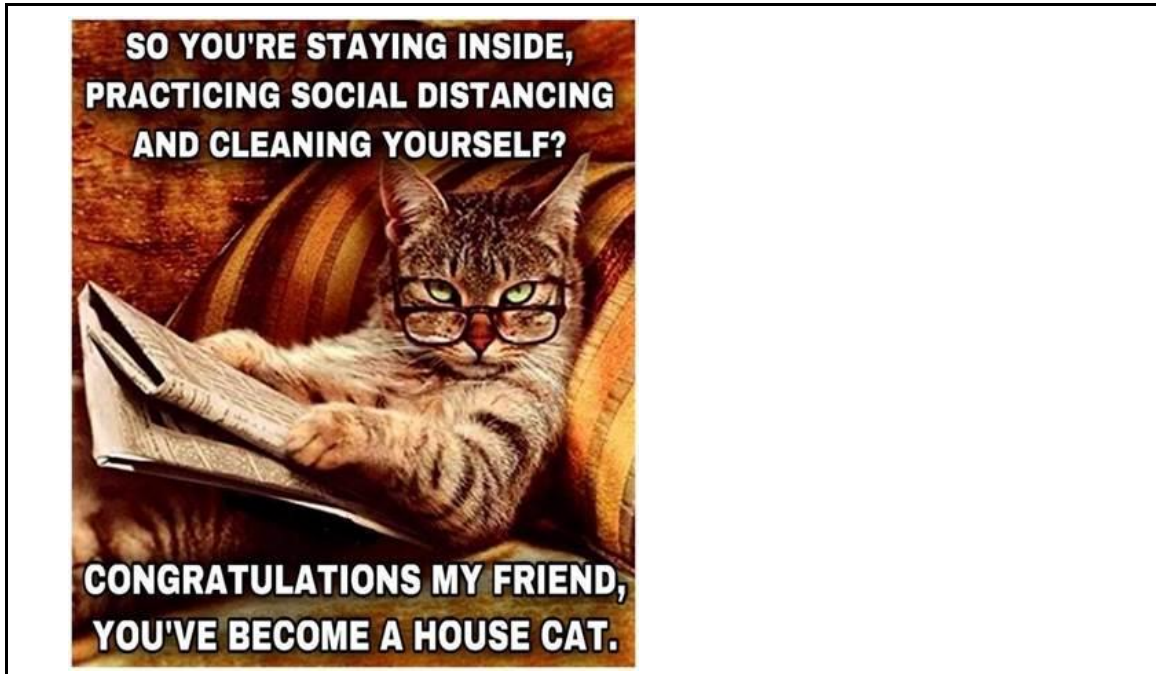
Missing Households (70)	http://www.covid-19.chelveston.org.uk/notices/Missing-Households
Safeguarding Video (3 minutes)	https://youtu.be/HHQG8CJROhU



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And finally ...



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

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