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Daily Briefing

Saturday 4th April

Here are the key stories for the day, with thanks to our WhatsApp group who keep these coming in all day – there are now 126 members of the group, with every street represented. 66 people get this bulletin by Email.

Editorial:

For the last two weeks, many residents have been focussed on obtaining sufficient supplies of the daily essentials, milk, bread, eggs and yes toilet rolls. Our WhatsApp group has shared intelligence daily about all of the local outlets and delivery services. Yesterday felt as if we had turned a corner. ASDA reverted to its usually 10pm closing time in Rushden, and released new delivery slots for next week. Much coveted Waitrose delivery slots are now becoming available and there are fewer substitutions when the goods arrive. ASDA launched its excellent volunteer card scheme. Delivery vans from all of the main supermarkets were out in the Village yesterday. Apart from the strange experience of people shopping in masks, the weekly shop is no longer the ordeal it was at the beginning of this emergency. That's great news!

With good weather, many residents are now working on their allotments or in their garden. There is a national campaign to allow garden centres to re-open. Although there is obviously a risk, many garden centre owners argue that a lot of their stock is outside and that they can easily enforce social distancing measures. However, this is unlikely to happen this weekend, with fears that the good weather will encourage people out of their homes. However, plants, compost and other items for the garden are still available in the local supermarkets. They are stored outside and well away from any of the queues. Thrapston Farm and Garden will even deliver these items. Wickes and B&Q are also offering online shopping for garden and DIY items. Being outdoors and productive in your own garden is a sure fire way of boosting morale. I am no gardener but even I am itching to tackle some of the maintenance backlog. Busy as I am I ought to find the time. When all this is over, it would be nice to think that we'd done something useful with our forced downtime. However, if you do venture out for supplies for the garden, allotment – remember keep your distance and don't go as a family.

As regular readers will know, I am desperately trying to make contact with all households in the Village to ensure that they are safe. A few new contacts trickle in each day and I am now missing only 65 households. Over half of these are at Chelston Rise. Our emergency printer finally arrived last night and so I can do another letter drop over the weekend. I know some people wonder why the Council is going to these lengths to contact every one. Here's why. Yesterday there was an incident which underlined the importance of getting in touch. On my way to Raunds to collect a prescription for a self-isolating resident, I noticed a paramedic car parked outside Pretoria Cottages with hazard lights on. It was still there 35 minutes later and I was very concerned. I have contact details for only 2 of the Cottages, both medically vulnerable, long-term residents. There is also a household with suspected Covid-19 nearby for whom I have no contact details. I was able to use our network to establish that both of our isolating households were OK. Unfortunately, the paramedics had been called to one of the "missing" households. I have no idea whether this family is OK or needs help. Knocking on the door might come with its own problems if the resident is immobile or ill in bed. All I can do is push a letter through the door today and hope for a response. So please take another look at the missing households list and see if you can help fill the gaps.

Stay safe folks and try to maintain your own morale and that in your family.

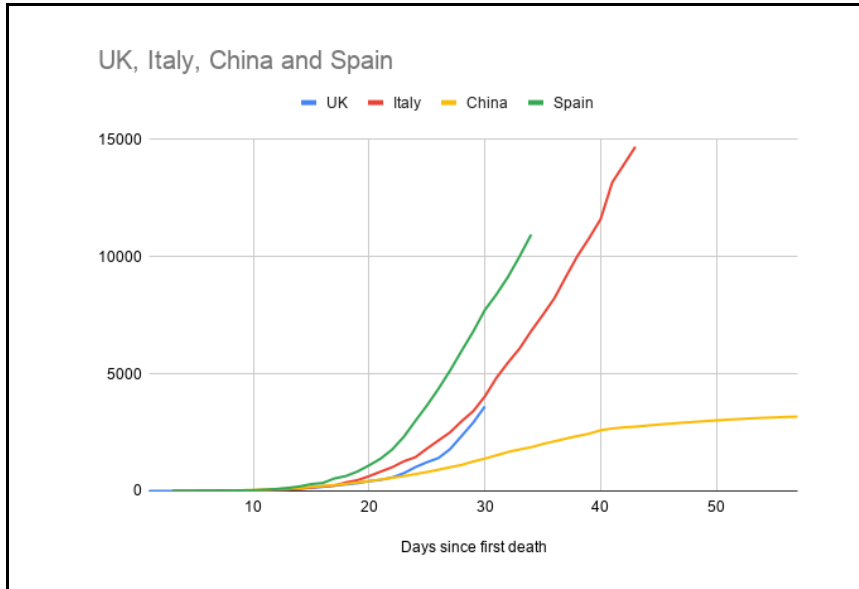
Nationally:

- Boris Johnson continues to show symptoms, more than a week after being diagnosed. He has to stay in isolation.
- UK deaths from Covid-19 grew by another 684 yesterday to 3,605. The UK has now had more deaths than China.
- The first Nightingale hospital came on stream in London yesterday, boosting the NHS capacity to deal with the expected surge of patients needing hospitalisation next week.



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Locally:

- Most of the local pharmacies are adopting sensible measures, asking you to wait outside until the shop has only one or two people in. They then ask you to wait outside if the items aren't yet ready.
- One of our medically isolating residents recommends Pharmacy2U, who deliver all medicines to you.
- Thrapston Farm and Garden is open and making deliveries of items for the garden. They also run Raunds Hardware, but that did appear closed when I went passed yesterday.

Daily Briefing	http://covid-19.chelveston.org.uk/daily-briefings/20200404
Pause for Thought	http://church.chelveston.org.uk/services/20200404

Daily Links (all verified)

Missing Households (65)	http://www.covid-19.chelveston.org.uk/notices/Missing-Households
Northamptonshire County Council Support Line	Call 0300 126 1000 and select Option 5 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)
Longhurst Housing Association Support Line	Call 0300 123 1745
Village support line	Call 07850 570007 in the first instance and I'll find you help
ASDA Volunteer Card	http://asda.com/volunteercard
Thrapston Farm and Garden	http://www.thrapstonfarmandgarden.co.uk/
Pharmacy2U	https://www.pharmacy2u.co.uk



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And finally

As the weather warms up this weekend – don't give the virus a break!! Stay at home!



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

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