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Hello everyone. Welcome to those of you who are getting this information for the first time. We continue to be informed of new Email addresses. Of course if you do not want to be included just let me know. This Email attempts to bring you up to date with news about support in Old Dalby and Queensway during this pandemic. We are working in that respect with the Parish Council and all individuals. Firstly however, I must apologise. In an effort to get out an urgent message from a third party about the bin collection on Friday I forgot to send it blind. Hopefully this will serve as a warning to me in the future and I'll try to make sure it does not happen again.

- Residents in Old Dalby and Queensway are generally coping well at the moment with the help of family and friends but we have noticed many of these live outside the village and may not be able to indefinitely keep up this support, particularly with the new stringent guidelines for the most vulnerable. In the meantime our list of volunteers, willing to assist in various ways, is growing. No one should be worried about asking for help. Those who have asked to date are generally being paired with someone who can help. Unfortunately we cannot publicise a full list of volunteers but if you need help, or know of anyone needing help, please contact one of the coordinators listed below.
- With thanks to a number of our volunteers we now have a prescription collection service in place. This service is for anyone who would normally collect their own medicine or anyone freshly isolating. Please note you have to be at home to receive a delivery as we cannot leave it on the doorstep. For the time being the pharmacy is still maintaining its delivery service to its regular customers. If you want a prescription collecting please contact Katie Jackson. Email: kjacksonneewoodrow@gmail.com Tel. 07393 869952
- Please note Long Clawson pharmacy will no longer allow repeat prescriptions to be ordered over the phone. Anyone needing a repeat prescription can either order it online, if they already have such an account set up, or fill in the side slip on their current prescription and call Katie to coordinate delivery back to the pharmacy. The pharmacy is no longer setting up any new online accounts. The pharmacy want to reassure everyone that they will get their medication by their due date but it may take longer than normal.
- Do you have bored children at home ? Jen Adriana from Queensway offered the assistance of her three in drawing pictures which could then be delivered to near neighbours or individuals self-isolating during exercise. What a great idea. With this week's children's Creative Challenge being to draw, paint, or collage an animal of their choice I hope others will join in. Perhaps older children could write a letter ? I know such gestures would be greatly appreciated and if you do not know of anyone to deliver to give one of us a ring.
- Ruth at the Bison Farm cafe has set up a Pop up Shop, on Tuesdays and Saturdays. She can take orders for a wide range of fresh grocery items and loo rolls! See attached information. Tel: 07976 409923.
- Willoughby House a local charity has offered help with picking up shopping, posting mail, urgent supplies and phone calls. They can be contacted on 07492908185 or Email: debbie@teenchallenge.org.uk
- The government has talked about making available care packages. This is taking some time to organise but we are in touch with Melton Borough Council and expect some action next week. In the mean time if you or someone you know needs fresh food in particular do get in touch.
- Clocks go forward an hour on Saturday evening.
- Given government advice the church has had to close. Our worship of God and our care for each other continue but cannot be done in the church building. Service sheets with prayers and a reflection are available on a weekly basis, please contact John Harper, 35

Main Road, Email: harper636@btinternet.com if you would like to receive these. If you know of anyone who is not on Email and would like a copy let us know and we can arrange deliver. Jamie our vicar cannot continue with regular home visits but is willing to talk with anyone on the phone. Tel. 01664 823475

- Kerbside bin collection will continue for the time being. However, municipal recycling and waste collection sites have been closed.
- The scout hut in Queensway has had to close its doors to visitors on government advice. A sincere thank you to Ian and Jenny Wellby for the help they have provided and for keeping it open thus far.

Coronavirus support is being coordinated in Old Dalby and Queensway by the following. If you need help of any kind, or know of anyone who needs help, please contact one of them:

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