

# Our Village

## End Feb 2021

At last light at the end of the Covid tunnel!



Details of the 'lockdown lift' taken from Gov.UK.....

## How will lockdown be lifted in England?

**Stage one is in two parts:**

### **8 March**

- All schools and colleges will reopen
- University students can return for practical courses. There will be a review by the end of the Easter holidays for all other students
- Face coverings are recommended in class for secondary school students and also for parents and staff in primary schools
- Wraparound childcare can also return for vulnerable pupils and where it is needed for parents or carers to go to work, support groups or to seek medical care
- Two people from different households can meet outside for recreation, which can include "a coffee on a bench"
- One nominated person can visit care homes, but will need PPE, a lateral flow test and to "keep physical contact to a minimum"
- Weddings attended by up to six people can take place in any circumstances

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### Lockdown rules for England from 8 March



Stay home - only leave for work, essential shopping, exercise or medical appointments



Exercise allowed outdoors once a day, in your local area. You can exercise with your household, support bubble, or one other person



All schools open, with outdoor after-school sports and activities allowed.



Two people can meet outdoors to socialise eg to sit down for a coffee, drink or picnic



Care home residents are allowed one regular visitor, with whom they can hold hands



No household mixing indoors or outdoors unless in your support or childcare bubble



Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues closed



Pubs and restaurants closed, but takeaway food permitted

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### from 29 March

- People will be allowed to meet outside, either with one other household or within the "rule of six", including in private gardens
- The stay at home rule will end but people should stay local as much as possible
- Outdoor sport facilities will reopen, including golf courses and tennis and basketball courts
- Formally organised outdoor sports can also restart
- Parents and children groups can return but are capped at 15 and must be outdoors. Indoor groups can take place for vulnerable children and where parents need the groups to go to work

### Stage two

#### No earlier than 12 April:

- All shops allowed to open
- Restaurants and pub gardens will be allowed to serve customers sitting outdoors, including alcohol
- Gyms and spas can reopen for individuals and households
- Hairdressers, beauty salons and other "close contact services" can reopen
- UK domestic holidays away from home permitted, with self-contained accommodation able to reopen for use by members of the same household
- Children allowed to attend indoor play activities, with up to 15 parents or guardians allowed to join them
- Zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas can reopen
- Libraries and community centres can reopen
- Weddings attended by up to 15 people can take place

### Stage three

#### No earlier than 17 May:

- People can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors
- Six people or two households can meet indoors

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- Pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can seat customers indoors
- Up to 30 people can meet to celebrate weddings or other life events, like christenings
- Remaining outdoor entertainment, such as outdoor theatres and cinemas can open
- Indoor entertainment such as museums, theatres, cinemas and children's play areas can open
- Performances and large events will be subject to limits though. For indoor events they can be at half capacity or 1,000 people, and outdoors they can be at half capacity or 4,000 people - whichever is lower. For large venues (at least 40,000 capacity) up to 10,000 will be allowed to attend
- Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can reopen
- International leisure travel will resume no earlier than 17 May
- Adult indoor group sports and exercise classes can start up again

## Stage four

### No earlier than 21 June:

- All legal limits on social contact will be removed
- No legal limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, funerals and other life events. From April, the government will run pilots for events such as large weddings, festivals and work conferences. This will help to determine how measures such as enhanced testing might allow large groups to attend without social distancing
- Nightclubs will be allowed to reopen

## What are the four tests for easing restrictions?

Each stage will be a minimum of five weeks apart. Four conditions must be met at each stage before proceeding to the next one:

- The coronavirus vaccine programme continues to go to plan
- Vaccines are sufficiently reducing the number of people dying with the virus or needing hospital treatment
- Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospital admissions
- New coronavirus variants do not fundamentally change the risk of lifting restrictions

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### Village News....

Breckland Council unanimously approved the Three Bridges Solar Farm Application on February 15th.

### St Mary's, Elsing Church News....

#### St Mary's Church – Survey Form

As the community and country recover from the isolation caused by COVID19, we are keen to help bring the community back together again and make long lasting changes to the church.

We are currently looking into applying for a *Heritage National Lottery Grant*. The aim is to make the church a place where everyone will benefit so it can be used as a social centre for the village. This would include coffee mornings, charity events, live concerts, flower festivals and possibly a drop-in-centre for advice/support or educational classes etc to list a few ideas.

To find out the help and support the community would like to see, could you please spend a few minutes completing the survey and return your completed forms to either:

Fran Neale – The Birches, Mill Street

Di Skipper – 17 Church Road, Elsing

Wendy Dann – Hayes Cottage, Peaseland Green

1. Please tick what improvements you would like to see at the Church;
  - a) Kitchen
  - b) Toilets
  - c) Disabled access
  - d) Comfortable seating area
  - e) Other facilities please state
  - f) No improvements
2. Availability to access the Church would you like it to be;
  - a) Everyday
  - b) 3 to 4 days per week
  - c) 2 days per week
3. What sort of activities would you be interested in attending at the Church? (ie: live concerts, weekly coffee mornings, help & advice hub, wellbeing & support services etc)

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4. Would you be interested in volunteering for activities?
5. What partnerships do you think we could work with ie: Charities or Schools etc
6. What are the barriers to access? (i.e. transport to/from, disabled access?)
7. What would make you feel welcome?
8. Any other comments?

Thank you for your help





### **Bluebells Sponsored Run**

Bluebell and her family noticed that three windows are boarded up at the church while they are being repaired. The windows have been in place for many years and the panes of glass were beginning to blow in. The strong winds and torrential rain over the winter haven't helped.

So Bluebell Zammit - Haber decided to help raise some money towards the repairs by jogging round the village.

On Sunday 21st February she ran round the fishing lakes triangle four times. Her route took her from Church Road, to Back Lane pass the allotments and then passed the church and back down Church Road again.

We would like to thank Bluebell and her Mum Catherine, who went round with her on her bike, and all the money she will raise for the church.

If you would like to donate for Bluebell, you can use the envelope that recently came through your door or just pop something in an envelope however big or small to Wendy Dann at Hayes Cottage, Peaseland Green, Judy Butler at The Guild House, Rectory Road or Fran at The Birches, Mill Street. Don't forget to make sure we know it's for Bluebells run'.

Thank you!

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### Su's Home cooked Takeaway Asian/Burmese Food.....in Elsing.

Thank you everyone for your interest, **we are open 7 days a week during March!**

Please **pre-order** the day before by calling us on 01362 637 177 or email [suhtweaung@gmail.com](mailto:suhtweaung@gmail.com) anytime from 7am to 8pm **for next day pick up**, Lunch (11am-1pm) or Dinner (5pm-7:30pm).

The food is available every day and orders can be collected from Bartles Lodge, NR20 3EA.

### MARCH 2021 MENU

|                                                 |       |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Meatball Curry                                  | £6    |
| Curry Veg. w/Lamb or Beef                       | £6.50 |
| Curry Veg. w/Chicken                            | £5.50 |
| Liver & Onion Stir Fry                          | £5    |
| Chicken Satay with Peanut Sauce                 | £6    |
| Daal with Beef                                  | £6    |
| Mee Goreng w/Seafood (Indonesian Fried Noodles) | £7    |
| Mee Goreng w/Chicken (Indonesian Fried Noodles) | £5    |
| Burmese Fried Rice w/Chicken                    | £5    |
| Thai Red or Green Seafood Curry                 | £7    |
| Thai Red, Green or Massaman Beef or Lamb Curry  | £7    |
| Thai Red, Green or Massaman Chicken Curry       | £5    |
| Coconut Noodle with Chicken & Egg               | £5    |
| Fish Curry in Coconut Gravy                     | £6    |
| Lamb or Beef Curry                              | £6    |
| Chicken Curry                                   | £5    |
| Veg Curry                                       | £4    |
| Plain Daal (Lentils)                            | £3    |
| Stir Fried Veg with Egg                         | £3    |
| Plain Rice or Naan                              | £1    |
| Butter or Coconut Rice                          | £2    |
| Large Spring Roll – Veg. or Potato              | £1    |
| Large Spring Roll – Chicken or Shrimp           | £1.50 |

Please feel free to ask me if there are any other Asian dishes that you would like to try but which are not on the menu.

Any feedback will be appreciated.