

Shopping information from Jungle Drums

This is a collation of all the information that has recently been issued on the Drinkstone Jungle Drums communication network following information passed on by local residents. It was correct at the time the item was added or updated but please check the website or phone ahead before leaving home. The compilers of Jungle Drums do not endorse any particular shop or outlet - this is simply a collection of information items supplied to them.

Supermarkets:

The bigger supermarkets are adapting and changing their procedures and practices quickly so the information here may quickly become out of date. Listen out for news items and check before making a special journey.

Sainsburys: From Monday 23rd March, they are consolidating opening hours and all supermarkets will be open from 08.00 to 20.00 Monday – Saturday., Sunday opening hours will stay the same. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, supermarkets will dedicate 08.00 to 09.00 to serving elderly customers, disabled customers and carers. They are providing priority access to online shopping to **existing customers** in the vulnerable/over 70's group from Monday 23rd onwards. Rationing is in place - three of any product, two of their most popular items. Cafe and deli counters are shut to free up staff.

Asda: Operating priority shopping at larger stores for the vulnerable/over 70's groups from 7.30am to 9am. Rationing is in place - three of any barcode but only one for the most sought after items. Cafe and delis are shut.

Tesco: Priority shopping hour for the vulnerable /over 70's groups and self isolating groups Mon, Wed, Fri from 9 to 10am. This not monitored and they are asking other shoppers to respect this and stay away. Rationing is three of any item. Deli counters are shut

Iceland: Temporary cap in store on number of soap products, wipes etc

Waitrose: The protected hour at Waitrose supermarkets is the first opening hour of every day. NB. We can't verify this, it was found on a news item so if someone goes please let us know.

Lidl and Aldi no news on website but Lidl was well stocked yesterday

Local shopping

These can be less subject to panic buying. Do try the local Co-op stores. After Woolpit, there are stores in Elmswell, Thurston, Haughley, Onehouse. Don't forget your local shops like Palmers Bakery who do other things besides bread! Though they don't deliver.

Another local supplier who will deliver is the butcher in Elmswell website

www.rolfesbutchers.co.uk. Take a look at their range of products, not just meat, including fresh fruit/vegetables/bread and other essential household products. Walsham 01359 259225 Elmswell 01359 241181. Currently doing free deliveries locally during this crisis. They say if you are concerned about visiting their shops or showing any symptoms they would like to assist you so please message or contact them by using any of the following: Email: paul@rolfesbutchers.co.uk Web Orders/Contact: www.rolfesbutchers.co.uk

Farm Shops

Freedom Foods farm shop on the way to Thurston. It is signposted on the right. Tel. 07513 350702. This store was operating local deliveries but has suspended them for the moment!

<https://www.fieldofdreamsfarm.co.uk/>

Rougham Hall nurseries do a veg box and small farm shop 01359 270 577.

<https://www.rhn.me.uk/>

Especially helpful for those who can't go out, they are doing regular Saturday deliveries. Call them 01359 270577 to check what is available in the fresh fruit and veg line. If you are quick, you might be able to get a delivery tomorrow, but can't promise.

Please telephone to give your order; you will need to pay by card over the phone and then it will be delivered Saturday. A resident also mentioned that you can order bread on Thursday ready for Saturday. They have a good Facebook

entry <https://www.facebook.com/RoughamHallNurseries/>

Update Monday 23 March - Saturday just gone, we heard there was plenty of Veg, Fruit, free range eggs and bread etc. They very nice artisan bread but they were also doing Hovis sliced bread. They also do a large range of jams and marmalades and Maynard's apple juice, porridge and flour etc. They were extremely busy but no shortages. They are continuing a free delivery service to Drinkstone on Saturdays, but it would help them if people ordered well in advance for a delivery next Saturday.

Heath Farm Hessel - A new one on us. <http://heathfarmsuffolk.co.uk/> Check for opening times. With thanks to Jamie King, Heath farm in Hessel (only 4 minutes drive from our church) has every meat you can think of (joints, bacon, sausages, mince, lamb, pork, beef) they also have a large selection of frozen meals such as pies, lasagnes, chilli and a selection of frozen meats as well as fresh eggs and bread all of which are produced on their farm. They are also providing a delivery service which is free delivery on orders over £20 and within 3 miles (Drinkstone is within this range). Telephone Mike on 07474 146006

Eggs are available from a self service dispenser in Stowmarket. Follow the road to Stow past the Golf Club. At the Shepherd and Dog turn right then first left after the bridge. Follow the road and the place is on the left after a mile or so. There is a small car park. This is especially suited to those who shouldn't have any contact with others, because the egg boxes are stored in a vending machine. You will need cash - £1.30 for 6. If you are in a vulnerable category and can't leave your home, contact Liz Schmitt 01449 737264 (liz.schmitt2019@gmail.com) as she and Tony are happy to go and get them for you - they will do 'egg-runs' a couple of times a week as needed.

The Bear at Beyton 01359 270249 have started a weekly food store. See website for what's available and how to order. <https://www.thebearinnbeyton.co.uk/>

Orders have to be emailed by 12 noon on Tuesdays for collection from the pub on

Thursdays. Tasha and Chris, Gedding Road residents, have offered to collect any orders for self isolating Drinkstone residents. tasha_phillips1@hotmail.com. Takeaway drinks available but not food, according to the website.

Tostock Arms - see under Take Away and delivery food

Felsham & Gedding Community Store & Post Office is, from Tuesday 24/3, opening mornings only. "We are taking orders and these will be delivered to the shop in the

afternoons, for collection or free delivery. ONLY FOR THOSE SELF-ISOLATING

A range of products including: Lavenham bread, Maypole pork, Appletree cottage mutton and lamb, Lavenham butchers pies, sausage rolls, chicken, bacon, ham etc. Suffolk cheeses and more. Tel:01449 736042.

Not food, but something for all the gardeners. Woolpit Nurseries will offer a click and collect system for buying plants etc. Details on their website - Woolpitnurseries.co.uk

Take away and delivery food

The Brewers in Rattlesden, are offering a takeaway service, and offer home deliveries.. Check what they will charge for home delivery. Check the website

<https://thebrewersrattlesden.co.uk/>

The White Horse in Beyton is also doing takeaway meals but you would have to call to find out the details. Pretty sure pizza is included (01359 270324)

The Swan in Woolpit are offering a take away menu Thursday, Friday & Saturday 5.30pm to 7pm. Please call for more information (01359 240482)

Tostock Arms – (01359 270460) takeaway, plus they have turned one of the rooms into a sort of community shop for produce and essential things.

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