



A BIT OF APRIL '21 BIZ NEWS BIZ OPENINGS. NEW GRANTS. NEW REGS.

Biz Buzz advice a year ago was to "keep calm and carry on" ... AND THEY DID!!!
In April 2020 : "BIZ BODS BATTLE TO STAY IN BUSINESS". Today they still are.
12th April 2021 is the next big step in the Government's "roadmap" to normality.
And , how lucky are we? The New Buck Biz scene is busy planning...

It's been an unimaginably tough year for the businesses in the village. They have worked like crazy behind the scenes to survive. Locals have given huge support...by shopping locally and by cheering them on via Facebook and Nextdoor.



KING'S STORES don't have to consider their re-opening on 12th April. They never closed! Sue Cattermole has managed to keep the supply chains flowing in great adversity and customers have continued calling from the door if necessary to check how many are in the shop so they don't break the rule of two. Lucky us to have a general store.



WE WANT ANGEL CAKES!!! Next door things were impossibly hard for our fab coffee and cake shop, forced to close by the Covid regs as "non essential"... That's clearly a matter of opinion! BUT **GOOD NEWS! THEY WILL BE BACK. STAND BY FOR THE DAY... IN MAY.** Stacey and Ryan



Never have had a lot to deal with, thanks in no small part to school age youngsters, but Ryan says, "Hopefully we can start seeing light at the end of the tunnel." The shop has no available outside area so it will be comfy seating *inside*

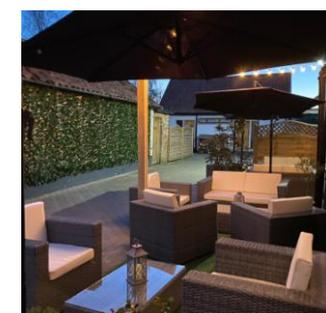
in May. "We can't wait to get rid of these restrictions. We will also be pushing our catering and putting together new packages, ready for when people start celebrating the end of covid restrictions with parties." Be assured, if villagers have been missing them, the feeling's mutual. Ryan and Stacey are really looking forward to seeing you back in the shop soon.



THE KINGS HEAD -- FULL STEAM AHEAD!! Danny and Jen say April's too soon to re-open. And they're not alone. At least two thirds of English pubs say it's impractical: outside only, table service only and English spring weather could easily mean the ice is not just in your drink - as we've already seen from the Bank Holiday snow!!! So save your pennies until **MAY**.



And what a sight awaits you! The pair have been transforming the courtyard for comfort. "As well as our walled beer garden and children's play area to the rear of the pub we've made the most of all of our outside space and spruced up what we like to call the courtyard. Accessible from both the newly refurbished restaurant and main bar." The Friday take-away **Burger in a Box operation is back** up and running, following the temporary hiatus due to secret building works! So get your orders in early **01953861247**



OX AND PLOUGH IN OLD BUCK HAS PLOUGHED ON and has announced it will re-open on 12th April....in no small part thanks to the large open area they have in front of the pub on the green....And NO! It won't involve the Two Wheel Tuesday component...yet. That's a bit of a way off. They'll reopen Monday 12th at 12 noon for alfresco offerings. There'll be lunchtime snacks, a full drinks menu plus free squash for children as usual.



They're also thinking of setting up a Stalls on Saturday concept. Limited to 2 market-type stalls for local creatives to sell stuff. The stalls won't cost anything at all. If you think this is a good plan or you've got a better idea, Dave Tranmer would like you to get in touch. **01953 860 970.**



BRAND NEW EDGE-OF-VILLAGE OFFICES TO LET - Forget building an office in the garden or spending all day in your bedroom with the computer! 8 offices will soon be available at Folly Farm on Ugate Street. Each approx 5 m square. Shared toilet/kitchen. If all goes well, because these are new builds, Open Reach will supply hyperfast broadband to the premises, rolled out from Attleborough in a month or so. Contact Gillian Adcock: 0755 2871992 or DJ Thompson & Sons. <djthompsonandsons@gmail.com>



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RELAXED REGS AND COVID CHANGES : Longer shopping hours: When they reopen from 12 April - 21st June (Step 4 of the roadmap) non-essential retail shops will have the flexibility to open until 10pm Monday to Saturday. HCLG has put out a plea to local auths **not to reprimand businesses for long/unusual opening hours.** Legislation is to follow.

Pub in a tent! To further support the hospitality sector as the economy reopens, the Government is to create a temporary permitted development right to allow pubs, restaurants and cafes to erect temporary moveable outdoor structures for the summer season. For the first time, this will also apply to listed buildings provided there is no harm to the heritage asset. Legislation will be laid at the earliest opportunity.

Longer delivery times HCLG are easing other rules to make openings easier: allowing food deliveries to supermarkets over more time periods.

Flexible building site working hours: The government is extending flexible hours on construction sites.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/975809/Chief_Planners_Newsletter_April_2021.pdf

NEW "SPRING BACK" GRANTS FROM BRECKLAND WORTH £2M.

Shop Front Improvement Scheme - anything from a lick of paint to a complete shop-front rebuild.

Covid Safe & Adaptations Grants worth up to £5k for equipment to enable safe trading e.g. screens, a marquee, outdoor seating for social distancing.

Digital Breckland project for new digi payment systems through to online advertising.

Streamlined pavement licence application process to help create outdoor seating areas.

Expanded enterprise & start-up scheme, provides funding/advice for new biz. They've already got 10 newbies off the ground this year. Council Covid Officers will be on hand six days-a-week for advice about safe shopping/social distancing.

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/16980/24-03-21-New-support-to-help-high-street-businesses-Spring-Back>

STAY SAFE... KEEP CALM... DON'T GIVE UP!

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