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SERVICES

Sunday Morning Services: 11am with crèche for under 3s & Sunday Clubs for ages 3-15s. Also an 8am service on 1st Sunday of month.

Sunday Evening Services: as advertised

Mid-Week: Morning Prayer every day Monday - Friday except Thursday which is Communion: 9am in the Sanctuary.

REGULAR GROUPS

<http://tenpennyvillages.uk/calendar.html>

Children, Young People & Families

Powerpack for ages 3-8: Sunday mornings during main Sunday service (not 1st Sunday - All-age Worship instead).

Bumps 'n' Babies: Tuesdays in term-time 10.30am to 12 noon in the Hub.

Scramblers for under 5s and their carers: Mondays in term-time 1.45 to 3pm in the Hub.

Razmatazz for primary aged children: Mondays in term-time 3.30 to 4.30pm in the Hub.

Distinctive for ages 9-15s: Sunday mornings during main Sunday service (not 1st Sunday - All-age Worship instead)

Hangout@theHub: Youth Group for years 6 upwards - Thursday evenings in term-time 6.30-8pm in the Hub.

Messy Church:- for the whole family - 3rd Friday of the month 4.30pm in the Church & Hub (no session in August, next session 20th September)

Adults

Home Groups: Tuesday evenings, Wednesday afternoons & evenings.

Internet & Book Cafe: fortnightly on a Wednesday 10am to 12 noon in the Church: (7th & 21st August, 4th & 18th September)

Memories Cafe: 1st Thursday in the month at 2-4pm in the Hub (no group in August, resume 5th September) for those suffering with some memory loss and their carers'. For more information, please

contact Sue Giles on 01206 826607

Friendship Circle: 2nd Monday in the month 10.30am - 12 noon (12th August, 9th September) in the Hub.

Relax & Renew: Relaxation group 2nd Friday in the month 1.30 to 3pm (no group in August, 13th September)

Knit 'n' Natter: Alternate Tuesdays in the Hub at 2pm (13th & 27th August, 10th & 24th September)

CONTACTS:

Please contact the Associate Priest Rev. Pauline Hart (01206 826318 or assocpriest@tenpennyvillages.uk) for information about services, groups or any church activities - also baptisms, weddings & funerals

Other Contacts:

Youth and Schools Worker: Charlotte Day (Charlie) youthworker@tenpennyvillages.uk

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ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

THE VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE

<http://www.alresfordvillagehall.co.uk>

THE VILLAGE HALL FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/Alresfordvillagehall/>

The Village Hall Facebook page can be used to advertise local groups and any fund raisers. Likewise, the Village Hall website can also be used to advertise your groups/events. Please contact Russell Milburn for further details.

NEWS

A digital projector has been purchased and will be permanently mounted in the hall available to hirers. Thank you to all individuals and local groups that made donations towards this project and this will add to a hall that is already a very attractive hire venue. The floor refurbishment is scheduled for August 14th until 21st August and this will include a total sanding and repair of the hall floor followed by polish and sealing. Two full days of non-use will be needed to allow sealant to dry.

The Trustees have also decided to replace the 'cowlings' on the hall roof. These are very dated and in need of repair and it is suspected they leak rainwater when the wind is in a specific direction.

The old air vents on the car park side of the hall have been removed and replaced with matching brickwork. Also, the water heater in the Gender Free toilet has been renewed and is now operational again.

Friday afternoon and Friday evening every other week are the only sessions that are not booked for regular hire during the school term time.

The Munson room can be hired separately and has room for a small group of 10-15 people with toilet and tea making facilities.

The hall offers excellent facilities at very reasonable rates and I encourage those who do not know the hall to arrange a visit and acquaint yourselves with the building.

Please see current hire charges on page 4 and also on the AVH website.

These are the regular hire groups currently using the hall facilities:

Village Hall

- **Yoga & Wellbeing Class:** Monday Morning
- **Alresford Indoor Carpet Bowls Club:** Monday afternoon and evening
- **Alresford Horticultural Club:** First Monday of the month (March to November)
- **Alresford Lunch Club:** Tuesday lunchtime
- **1st Alresford Scout Group (Beavers):** Tuesday Teatime
- **Dog Training Classes:** Tuesday evening
- **Tai Chi(Private Group):** Every Wednesday morning
- **Alresford Art Club:** Every other Wednesday afternoon

Alresford Women's Guild: Wednesday evening

- **Exercise Classes (Extend):** Thursday morning
- **Alresford Camera Club:** First and third Thursday evening of the month
- **Alresford Women's Institute:** Second Thursday evening of the month
- **Dog Training Classes:** Fourth Thursday evening of the month
- **Alresford Calligraphy Group:** Friday morning
- **Simply Singing(A social meet singing along to well-known songs):** Every other Friday afternoon
- **Alresford Indoor Carpet Bowls Club:** Every other Friday evening
- **Craft and Farmers Market:** First Saturday of each month (February to December)

Pavilion

- **Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club:** Under 8s, Under 14s, ladies and mens
- **Dog Training Classes:** First, second and third Thursday evening of the month

If more information is needed for any of these groups, please visit Village Hall website or contact Russell Milburn 01206 825739.

CONTACTS

Chair: Russell Milburn 01206 825739

HALL/PAVILION HIRE

The Pavilion/Bar can be hired either individually or as well as the hall. All enquiries should be via the Village Hall booking clerk, Mrs Pat Burmby:

Telephone: 01206 823983

Email: enquiries@alresfordvillagehall.co.uk

Russell Milburn (Chair)

****GET INVOLVED****

Are you interested in getting involved with becoming a Trustee on the Alresford Village Hall Management Committee??

We are looking for a Secretary from March 2020 as our current occupant, Lorraine Bebbby is stepping down after many years of service to our Hall.

Basically, the duties are minute taking at monthly meeting, looking after the management files such as key holders list etc and dealing with the Charity Commission Annual Return.

As with all Trustees, the amount of time you wish to put in is really down to you as an individual, however, it is a position that involves you with all aspects of the village and is vital to the well being and future of our Village Hall.

If you would like to know more without any prior commitment then please give Russell Milburn, Chair of the Trustees a call on 01206 825739.

VILLAGE HALL AND MUNSON ROOM CHARGES

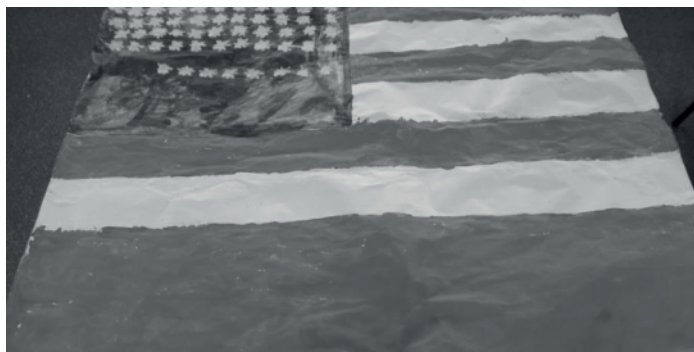
	MAIN HALL		MUNSON ROOM	
<i>MONDAY TO FRIDAY</i>	<i>Standard Rate</i>	<i>Regular Hire</i>	<i>Standard Rate</i>	<i>Regular Hire</i>
All Day	£100.00	£52.00	£60.00	£45.00
Morning (08.30-12.30)	£35.00	£17.00	£20.00	£15.00
Afternoon (13.00-17.00)	£35.00	£17.00	£20.00	£15.00
Evening (18.00-22.00) (22.00-23.45)	£40.00 £15.00 extra hire	£22.50 £15.00 extra hire	£25.00 £15.00 extra hire	£20.00 £15.00 extra hire
<i>Note: A Dance or Party hire on a Friday evening for the Main Hall will be chargeable at the Saturday evening rate</i>				
<i>SATURDAY</i>				
All Day	£180.00	£120.00	£90.00	£80.00
Morning (08.30-12.30)	£50.00	£30.00	£30.00	£20.00
Afternoon (13.00-17.00)	£50.00	£30.00	£30.00	£20.00
Evening (18.00-23.45)	£100.00	£70.00	£40.00**	£40.00**
			**Can only be booked with the Main Hall on Saturday evening	
<i>SUNDAY</i>				
All Day	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Morning (08.30-12.30)	£50.00	£30.00	£30.00	£20.00
Afternoon (13.00-17.00)	£50.00	£30.00	£30.00	£20.00
Evening (18.00-22.00)	£55.00	£30.00	£30.00	£25.00

Pavilion/Bar

For further information on Pavilion/Bar hire please contact the Village Hall booking clerk,
Mrs P Burmby on 01206 823983

ALRESFORD PRE-SCHOOL

This term the children have been celebrating United States of America Independence day by making a flag.



Limited spaces available for September 2019 in an excellent setting.

Register immediately to ensure a space and avoid disappointment. We are set in a pretty leafy location situated in the grounds of Alresford Primary School.

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For more information please contact Susan Richards on 07724124223 during our opening hours below.

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Wednesday 8.45 to 3.15, Thursday 8.45 to 3.15

The Preschool summer holidays are from 24th July to 4th September 2019

ALRESFORD COLNE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB (ACRFC)

For Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club, another season starts on Saturday 10th August 2019.

Both men's teams are in very strong divisions, with no easy games at all. The management teams have been working very hard to get new players in, as is the norm, some players have moved to pastures new. We warmly welcome all new players to our club and hope they enjoy a successful stay with us.

The youth teams are training hard as their season starts in September. I believe both teams will be sporting new kits - many thanks to the sponsors with this very generous help.

The ladies start date is 1st September, sadly there have been some departures to University and moving for work so new players will have to come in; they will be warmly welcomed. What a privilege to sit in a room at the Suffolk FA and hear Alresford Ladies name read out as winners of the Fair Play Shield for Suffolk. The season before they won the Essex Fair Play league and were overall runners up in all Essex, something the club are proud of as Alresford's name is mentioned in very high places.

The club look forward to welcoming members old and new to the club; come and check our facilities and try our hospitality. Hot and cold drinks are available as well as a licensed bar. Membership is £5, due to paid in August. Let's see the joyful smiling faces again at the club.



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Classes held in: Broomgrove School, Wivenhoe and Colne Community School, Brightlingsea

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Jenny Overton on 01206 823178

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Teacher and therapist Louise Fortunato is British Wheel of Yoga trained and is also qualified (and insured) as a Yoga therapist and mindfulness teacher. She has taught therapeutic yoga for over a decade for those with chronic health conditions as well as mental health issues.

For more information or to book a space for September, contact Louise on 01206 272453 or email info@luciaslight.org.
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Bowling sessions are as follows:

Monday afternoons - 2pm to 4pm

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ALRESFORD WI

Alresford WI held another very successful Fashion Show with Edinburgh Woollen Mill at the end of May, and our ten elegant ladies were joined by three suave and impeccably turned out male models as well! They helped the evening go with a swing and earned enthusiastic applause from our audience. We are assured that they will be joining us again - so if you missed out, come along to our Winter Season Show on Friday 29th November and enjoy a sociable evening out with tea and biscuits and some shopping thrown in!

Members of Alresford WI and their partners enjoyed a visit to Beth Chatto's garden at the beginning of June, guided by gardener Dave Ward. There was, as ever, so much to see, even on an evening which started cloudy and progressed to rain as we finished our tour in the propagating tunnels.



Sue Chotipong proved to be a very entertaining speaker, telling us about her life working in Harrods - a store with a fascinating history which she remembered very fondly, and illustrated with archive photographs and books.

Two of our members also went to the Essex WI Centre at Hatfield Peverel, to spend a day learning the art of Tunisian Crochet.

Our speaker in July was Michael Becket, telling us about the work

of Colchester Food Bank. This is also the month when we support St. Helena's Hospice with donations of cakes. Members also enjoyed an afternoon spent seeing a collection of Bygones housed in the garden of a couple in Little Tey.

In August, we will be visiting Polesden Lacey House in Surrey. At our meeting on Thursday 8th August we shall be learning how to create 'Shabby Chic' style in our own homes, with Eddie Jordan, and look forward to being joined by members of the other local WI's and friends.

In September, we shall be seeing the Joy of kiln fused Glass, with Jade, and on the evening of 18th September we have arranged a visit to the Hotter Shoe Store in Colchester.

Alresford WI meets on the second Thursday of each month, at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. We also organise trips and occasional meals out. We are always pleased to welcome visitors, or for further information contact Jan Stewart on 01206 825184.

ALRESFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

June was a busy month for us with our annual plant sale and visits to the Little Bentley Show and RHS Gardens at Wisley.

It rained all the way to Wisley and most of the way back but it was dry and bright all the time we were there. The building work at the entrance had been completed and new work started at the opposite end of the site. There was a marquee housing their Specialist Plant Show where there was a spectacular array of plants including delphiniums, sweet peas, succulents, pitcher plants and bonsai. In addition there were demonstrations and short talks with question and answer sessions, covering the upkeep of these plants. In the trial fields the peonies were particularly beautiful, many of them scented with huge double heads, not at all like the lesser specimens I have at home. I also enjoyed their wild flower meadow trials, one of which was the Olympics 2012 mix.

Our second day trip of the year has been scheduled for **22nd September to the National Trust Blickling Estate in Norfolk. This trip is open to everybody** at a maximum cost of £30 per person (there is a £13 deduction for National Trust members and a £2 deduction for our society members). This is a magnificent Jacobean Mansion, once the home of the Boleyn Family, set in 4500 acres. The gardens include a moat, ancient yew hedges, parterre with double borders, garden ornaments, topiary, and a walled kitchen garden. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Martin Wood on 822877.

The Society meet at Alresford Village Hall on the first Monday in March, April, June, July, September and October at 7:30pm. In June members enjoyed the talk "Soil sweat and tears" by Brian Carline and in July we had Deb Hart demonstrating and talking about "Willow Weaving". Our next meeting will be on 2nd September when we will have Peter Miller from Kings Seeds talking to us about sweet peas.

You are sure to find a warm welcome and something of interest at our meetings so please do come along.

Cathy Patel

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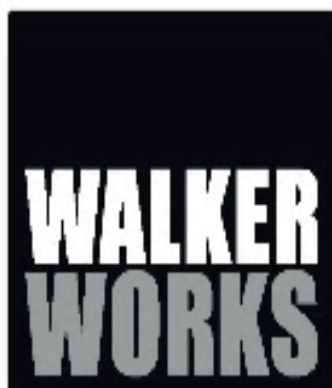
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COCKAYNES WOOD AND NATURE RESERVE

The reserve is looking really colourful at the moment as the Summer flowers are coming into bloom. The Cuckoo has been visiting every day but will soon be leaving to fly back to Africa on its annual migration. We have also been very privileged to have Turtle Doves and for the first time in many years a Nuthatch has been seen. There are lots of butterflies and dragonflies about at the moment too.

The annual Activity Day on 30th June was very successful and lots of children enjoyed the usual pond dipping. This year we introduced a new pebble painting activity which was hugely popular too with the children going to find their own stones.



Pond Dipping

This year we also had an open Moths, Bats and Glow Worms night on 5th July.

We have been monitoring the wild flowers and grasses over the past few years and have now reached at least 170 different species some of which are quite rare. As the reserve develops the numbers of insect varieties rises too.

Val Robson

If you would like to know more about what is going on in Cockaynes Nature Reserve and see more photographs of the wildlife and events taking place, please have a look at:



Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/Cockaynes

Website:
www.cockaynes.org.uk



MINI SMILE

Why did Mother Nature invite a large group of conifers from Norway to stay in the overgrown forest?

She wanted to spruce it up!

GLYN'S WILDLIFE UPDATE

As we enter the summer and spring passage of birds abates, there is a short period where insects attract greater interest and where we establish which summer visitors have stayed to breed.

As lucky as we are to have such a breadth and diversity of wildlife, we also have a few rarities in the area.

Turtle Doves are at a critical low but fortunately, we have at least 3 pairs holding territory in the area. Once a common sight and sound, the purring call of the Turtle Dove brings a sense of excitement and relief.

The male pictured was singing and displaying close to the gravel works at the bottom of Ford Lane.



Although its population trajectory is moving healthily



in the right direction, Marsh Harriers are still a rare breeding bird, now spreading across most southern parts of the UK. We have several birds in the area and two established breeding sites. Not so long ago, when I was a

boy, there was only one pair in the entire country at the Minsmere RSPB reserve in Suffolk.

In the last few days a Corn Bunting has also been heard singing. They are established in small numbers at locations along the Colne and Crouch estuaries where good habitat remains. Although brown and streaky in appearance, their song is a beautiful composition of ringing notes, recalling a jangling of keys...



Autumn, to all intents and purposes, is under way, with the first few flocks of wading birds returning from their breeding grounds to our important estuarine stop-offs. Many will now be in moult and at times will find it difficult to fly, having flown many miles to be here and with flight feathers compromised by the autumn moult. It is important not to disturb them if possible, as taking flight unnecessarily at such times burns energy reserves to dangerous lows.

Please bear this in mind when enjoying the estuary.

ALRESFORD BIKERS BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

ALRESFORD BIKERS IN THE PICTURE

We've had a busy time lately! At long last we have had our group photo taken. After some planning so that we got as many of us in one place as we could, many of the Alresford Bikers turned up outside the Pointer Inn to have our picture taken on 23 June 2019. We also went off somewhere quiet and had our action shots done, but it is the group photo that is significant. This is no ordinary picture.



Those avid readers who have seen the original hanging in the pub will be familiar with the Sepia toned photo of the street scene outside of the pub, which we believe dates from 1906. (If you're not, go have a look. That's not actually me standing outside, as has been suggested far too many times.) Our intention was to replicate that, but with us and our bikes in it, as a modern version of the same photo. So on the day I expected our usual hard-core turnout, plus a few extra. Say, ten, at most. Imagine my surprise when I turned up, half an hour earlier than I had told everyone, and there were already seven or eight bikes and riders there! And gleaming, shiny bikes and equally shiny riders kept on coming until, when we actually took the photo, there were over 20 bikes, sidecars, trikes and one Morgan three wheeler (which is more bike than car). I can't express my delight to see so many, but I was a bit taken aback as it was then slightly more difficult to get everyone in. As our photographer, Brian Stronge, of Stronge Images Photography fame, set about getting the angles, focal length, and perspective as close to the original as possible without being in someone's garden, I herded all the bikers into some sort of line on the pavement. We turned a few heads I can tell you. But as you see from the photo that I hope accompanies this, we did it, even though we seem to be disappearing into the distance. But that's not all. For a long time we've wanted an edited copy of the eventual photo to go up on the wall somewhere in the pub. I'm sure there is a local historian who might appreciate a copy too. So we needed another copy, with as much of the unwanted scenery taken out, and toned Sepia, like the inspiration photo. And dear Brian spent ages on it. The resulting photo is nothing short of miraculous. It's only been in discussions for 13 years. No sense rushing is there? If you want to see the real one, it's in the pub.

But now is our busiest time of year. There are events taking place all around, and virtually every weekend some of us are at one or other of them, often AB

members are attending several different events at the same time. Yesterday we represented AB at the Great Yarmouth Motorcycle Takeover, which has fast become a big local event we like. Unfortunately the weather was not as kind as we'd hoped, but there were still thousands and thousands of bikes and bikers there for what is a truly excellent event, that raises money for charity, as usual. And we still have many local events to do this year, including of course the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Bike Run, which is a must. You can go to Harwich for the ending part, which is actually the Harwich Family Fun Day, an event that has blossomed as the Bike Run has grown. It's well worth the trip, you can see thousands of bikes, and maybe meet the crew of the Helicopter too. We have Copdock Bike Show coming too, and the Museum of Power do too. Not to mention our very own private tour of the Air Ambulance facilities at North Weald, and hopefully we'll take a few of us to a Classic race meeting at Snetterton for vintage bike racing. We'll have many more Sunday Rides too, and our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month in the Pointer Inn, where our landlords Sam and Neil always make us welcome. So if you want to join in, just turn up!

Al Gillard



Will Hennelly RIP (RIDE FOR WILL)

Will took his life on 7th January 2019 at his home in Alresford. As biking was one of his hobbies, some of his friends from Alresford and Wivenhoe decided to do a 'Ride for Will' in his memory.

There were 13 mates who assembled at the Post Office in Alresford on 1st June 2019. They left the Post Office at 10.30am and cycled to Wabness Green Burial Site, where Will and his mother are buried.

The guys happily stopped and spoke about Will at the graveside, then my wife and I had a selection of food and drink for the guys. (Water, Beers, Cheese topped Rolls, biscuits, crisps, plus...) They then cycled to Dedham and other places. On route one rider got lost, as he had a slow bike, and



there were a few punctures...A total of 35 miles. They finished at the Rose and Crown in Wivenhoe, exhausted, but happy to have done it for Will. I was able to supply them with Ride for Will tee shirts. On the way we received donations of £60, though we didn't ask for any. Thank you all. We have two Just Giving sites for Will Hennelly. Please support if you can.

Thank you

Patrick Hennelly

PS There will be another RIDE on Saturday 3rd August 2019. Start time 10.00 at the Alresford Post Office.

ALRESFORD FAMILY FUN DAY 2019

On Saturday 6th July the Village Fete Organising Group held its Family Fun Day on the playing field and in the Village Hall, when it is estimated some 750 adults and children attended.

Due to ongoing building work at the village primary school, the PTA decided earlier this year to cancel their traditional school fete and to instead to join in with what for many years has been the village fete. As such and to reflect the type of event that had been planned it was decided to call it a Family Fun day this year.

Judging by comments received, both direct and via social media, that is exactly what it turned out to be, and it was fantastic to see so many adults and children on the playing field enjoying the variety of stalls and activities which totalled over fifty in number. So whether you were into Wellie Wanging, Splatting the Rat, Pony Trap rides or just musing amongst the many varied things on offer there was something there for everyone.

A couple of rain showers tried to dampen things, but these soon passed, and the afternoon's timetable of events passed without a hitch. The ever popular Dog Show was very well subscribed and the dogs participating showed an excellent tolerance to each other as the judging proceeded. So whilst those who didn't come away with a rosette for the waggiest tail, cutest look etc. they should all have perhaps received something for their excellent behaviour.

With the total support of Sarah Dukelow, the Primary School's head, it was decided to involve the children in a photographic exercise in which they had to go out and take a photograph of how they viewed their village of Alresford. Alec Corton and John Merison from Alresford Camera Club visited the school a few weeks prior to the Family Fun day to give the children some tips and ideas on what to possibly photograph and how to get the best results, leaving the rest to the children's initiative and imagination. Only a handful of children produced photographs which were generously printed up for free by Osborns Printers of Brightlingsea. These photographs were displayed in the village hall and were of an excellent standard - so congratulations to all those children who got involved. Hopefully this type of thing can be repeated in the future **and we hope more parents can be encouraged to get involved with their children in this.**

Other highlights to name but a few were the 'Birds of Prey' static display from Eden Falconry, the old-fashioned Carousels, a wonderful 'Sleeping Beauty' Castle, ACE Wellbeing Bus and many stalls from Tombola's to Creative Wood Carving.

Whether your taste for food was hot dogs, burgers, ice creams, candy floss or cakes of every description, then the event shouldn't have left you going hungry. Nor did people go thirsty with the pavilion bar in full swing and the village hall awash with teas and coffees. Many people whilst enjoying their cuppas and cakes in the hall took the opportunity of viewing the Art exhibition staged by the Alresford Art Group

and the photographic images from members of the Alresford Camera Club.

The generosity of local businesses and groups provided for a brilliant raffle, the first prize of which was a 20 minute flight from Clacton Air Field. The lucky winner of this was Lyn Watson, so congratulations Lyn on your prize and please be assured the trip included both take-off and landing and no parachutes would be involved.

In addition to the raffle there was a lucky number draw, whereby everyone attending was invited to place a named slip into a box for the chance of winning £25. The lucky winner drawn from the box was Sheila Hester. Other prizes were awarded for the target Golf game, Weight of the Cake, Sweets in the Jar, Dart a Card high score and Wellie Wanging where it is obvious some the contestants judging by the distances thrown had had their Weetabix that morning.

The afternoon rounded off with live music by a three piece band called Silence the Sirens. Three local lads who on guitar, keyboard and drums played a great selection of music that prompted many to get up and have a dance - playing through to approx. 8pm this provided a perfect ending to what was a very successful day.

The AFOG tried to 'spice' up the day with emphasis on attractions to appeal to all ages and to change to set up of the stalls and attractions to create a more inclusive atmosphere. We believe this was successful and although the prime aim is not to raise money it must be reported that on the day the AFOG and all the various local groups and charity organisations raised over £3000. We would like to thank all those who attended and supported this event in whatever way they did. We hope we can repeat and build on this success again next year and we look forward to your continued support.

Lastly, If you would like to get involved with the organising group, please contact the Chair on 825739. We would love to see new people and new ideas.

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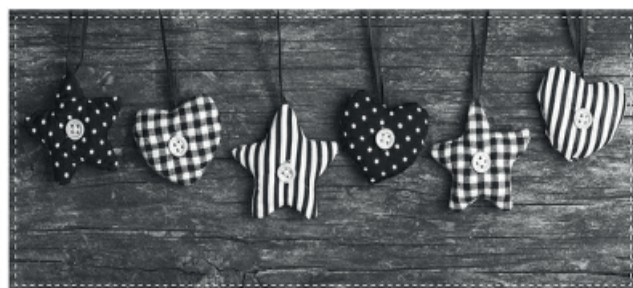
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MAY REPORT

INCIDENTS:

02/05 - Disturbance
07/05 - Suspicious circumstances
07/05 - Concern.
11/05 - Ford lane- Nuisance
14/05- Assault.
16/05- Abandoned 999.
20/05- Abandoned 999.
21/05- Domestic.
22/05- Drone.
22/05- High Risk missing person..
23/05- Concern for welfare.
25/05- Harassment

CRIME REPORTS:

01/05- Malicious communications.
02/05- Common assault and criminal damage.
11/05- Public order offence.
14/05- Common assault.
15/05- Malicious communications.
15/05- Harassment - without violence.
18/05- Residential burglary.

JUNE REPORT

INCIDENTS:

11/06- B1027 - Dog Loose on road.
11/06- Suspicious persons.
13/06- Sudden death.
15/06- Abandoned 999.
16/06- Concern for safety.
16/06- Station Road/station - Concern.
16/06- Station Road- Concern for welfare.
17/06- Wivenhoe Road- Concern for welfare.
18/06- Civil dispute.
19/06- Missing person.
19/06- Drink driver.
20/06- Nuisance/threats.
20/06- Threats.
20/06- Prevent breach of the peace..
26/06- Suspicious premises.

CRIME REPORTS:

07/06- Malicious communications.
06/06- Criminal damage to vehicle.
09/06- Theft from communal garden.
11/06- Theft of tools from motor vehicle.
17/06- Domestic assault.
17/06- Other criminal damage to a dwelling.
19/06- Assault without injury.
20/06- Other criminal damage to a dwelling.
21/06- Theft and malicious communications.

TRUCAM - Monthly result

MAY 2019

Trucam monthly result for Alresford 54

A top speed of 48mph was captured on Wivenhoe Road which is 30mph

JUNE 2019

Trucam monthly result for Alresford 14

A top speed 51mph was captured on Wivenhoe Road which is 30mph. The vehicle was actually travelling a lot faster, but had to slam the brakes on when the vehicle in front stopped for a parked car. There was almost a collision through not paying attention and sticking to the safe limit.

The speed signs shown clearly on the roads are the maximum speed for the safety of the road. Speed signs are and have always been lawful.

"In a split second you could Ruin your future, injure or kill others, And tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you/them."

The speed gun will be active in the village on a regular basis. So please watch your speed and keep the village safe.

Community Garden- Items have been stolen from the community garden near the station, defecating in the flower beds (human), beer cans and litter left behind and other unpleasant behaviour which should not be seen in public .

This garden has been maintained voluntarily by residents for the community including children to enjoy.

The area will be patrolled regularly and anyone caught breaking the law will be dealt with.

Alresford Playing Field.

A fire was started deliberately by the play equipment as well as graffiti, causing a lot of criminal damage.

This is being investigated. If anyone has any information relating to this, please let me know.

If residents have any concern on suspicious vehicles or activity in the village, please feel free to contact me, with as much detail as possible, including contact details so I can investigate.

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Book Club/Coffee Morning

I will be attending the St Andrews Church

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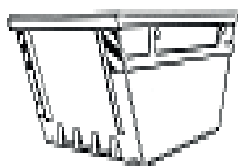
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ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT from Cllr Frank Belgrove

The object of this report is to keep residents up to date on the current key projects, plans and decisions of Alresford Parish Council and to offer general information on the work of the Council. For full Council meeting minutes please see the Parish Council website, view them on social media or visit the Parish Council office (by prior appointment with the Clerk). Meeting agendas are published on the website, social media and on the two village notice boards.

Grant income:

Each year Alresford Parish Council budgets to fund a range of important projects and to finance everyday expenditure. To supplement money raised from local taxation (The Precept) we try our best to obtain grants. For example, we obtained a grant to finance the Neighbourhood Plan and to help pay for our newly appointed village handy-person. The latest grant we have successfully been awarded is for just under £500 and is for a poly-tunnel for the village allotments. The award is from the Community Initiative Fund Micro Grant arrangement operated by the Essex Association of Local Councils. Last year we received significant income from grants, pavilion rental and re-cycling - this amounted to £38,000.

The Neighbourhood Plan:

Residents will be pleased to know that the long-awaited draft of the Alresford Neighbourhood Plan is to be put before the Parish Council for approval. There is still a little way to go before the referendum and final adoption of the Plan but the excellent work of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group has come to fruition and our policy writer has finalised policies to guide future development in Alresford. An advance copy of the draft plan will soon go to Tendring District Council (TDC) so they can undertake screening for a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment (statutory procedures for all Neighbourhood Plans).

Highways issues:

Essex County Council is the Highways Authority with responsibility for roads, pavements and some (but not all) streetlights. Alresford Parish Council will take forward complaints and suggestions on highways matters to Essex County Council but powers of a Parish Council to carry out highways works are restricted. Alresford Parish Council is now engaged in a pilot scheme to take over certain highways tasks from Essex County Council and it will be interesting to see how this arrangement will impact on our village as regards attending to the tasks that seem to

be neglected by the County Council. To be fair to the County Council their central government grants have been cut by millions of pounds.

Tendring District Council (TDC) currently has responsibility for weed control on our streets, however visits to Alresford and many other villages by their operatives is not taking place quickly enough to deal with rapid weed growth. Unattended growth is now excessive and the Parish Council has taken action and has instructed our own contractors to deal with the problem on initially a one off basis. Not every area has been covered and it is hoped the eventual weed spraying by TDC will deal with some of the outlying areas. Likewise, stray branches sticking out from non privately owned hedging on the B1027 will be attended to by our local contractor.

Parish Council roles and responsibilities:

Parish Councils are the first tier of local government and have a range of powers but their role is not to act as a Planning Authority (Tendring District Council) or as a Highways Authority (Essex County Council). It is so important that residents are aware of the responsibilities of the different Councils. Alresford Parish Council owns and operates the village playing field area and the associated infrastructure such as play equipment, hard court, skate park and car park. The Pavilion is owned under lease by the Parish Council. The Parish Council owns almost all litter bins in the Parish and pays for them to be emptied. Most grass verges in the village are cut by Parish Council contractors. Many streetlights are our responsibility as are the allotments and the War Memorial. In addition there are a range of powers available that give us the ability to provide a Police and Community Support Officer and to challenge and scrutinise both Essex County Council and Tendring District Council. The Parish Council is often the first point of call for complaints about a wide range of village issues, the Clerk then has to disseminate from the complaints exactly what the Parish Council can do to help - sometimes we do not have the powers to become involved in a matter but we always do our very best for the community whenever we can.

We need your help:

The Parish Council is planning ahead for the next five years and needs input from the community as to what projects in the village require our involvement. If any resident or business owner has ideas that they feel should be put into our five year plan please e-mail the Parish Council Clerk or contact a Councillor (see contact list).

Hedges and Public Rights of Way:

Neglected hedges can soon encroach onto the highway. Enforcement of the law is a last resort so please can we all make sure that if we have roadside/pavement side hedging it does not impede

pedestrian or traffic from passing safely. Complaints to the Council about hedging must be reasonable and proportionate.

Landowners are responsible for most Public Rights of Way that cross their land e.g. Farm land and riverside paths. These must be kept passable at all times.

Alresford Family Fun Day

The Parish Council thanks the Alresford Fete Organising Group for all their hard work in putting together a wonderful event for the village.

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2019

<https://www.essexinfo.net/alresford/alresford-parish-council/meeting-dates/>

All regular monthly meetings are in the Pavilion and start at 7.30pm

- 7th August
- 4th September
- 2nd October
- 6th November
- 4th December

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and to speak during the public forum for a maximum of three minutes per subject.

ALRESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Thank you for visiting our stand at the fete and discussing the evidence we'd gathered for preparing the Neighbourhood Plan, based on the analysis of the returned questionnaires. Hence the objective headings:- Housing, Movement, Community Infrastructure and Public Realm, Environment and Heritage. Further consultation is important for us to know what you like and dislike in our preparation. We are a small group acting on behalf of the village residents and you will make the final decision as to whether the Neighbourhood Plan is accepted or not in a Referendum as it will have power equal to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Tendring District Local Plan. It is therefore being written by a consultant with expertise in this field and the draft will be delivered to us soon.

This is your village and your Neighbourhood Plan.

It is your opportunity to influence and control how Alresford evolves.

It will become part of the 'rules' used to determine future planning applications.

Please watch for further consultations and get involved.

Neighbourhood Plan Team

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS:

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Council meetings are held at The Pavilion on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm.

Public & Press are welcome.

Agenda & Approved Minutes on website

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WHEELIE BINS

As you should all be aware, most residents in Alresford now have wheelie bins that have replaced black sacks and which will be collected fortnightly on a Friday.

Information taken from the TDC website states that "Bank Holiday collections from August 2019 will NO LONGER BE DELAYED BY A DAY, WITH COLLECTIONS TAKING PLACE ON THE BANK HOLIDAY.

Waste and recycling collections will only be delayed by Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year".

Please check

<https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/node/14180> for RECYCLING days or telephone 01255 686868

ESSEX VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

Essex Village of the Year Competition is an annual competition run by the Rural Community Council of Essex which is open to any village in the county with a population of 6000 or less. Once again Alresford reached the final stages. Cllr. Frank Belgrove (Parish Council Chairman) along with 5 village volunteers attended the RCCE awards evening at Chelmsford Race Course on behalf of the village of Alresford. On a very successful night, we received two awards; **1st place in the Class II competition**; (for villages with a population of 1600 - 2500) as well as joint **2nd place in the Overall Competition** (this covers the whole of the County of Essex)

A huge thank you to all of the organisations and individuals who contribute to making Alresford an award winning village.



ALRESFORD CREEK BOAT OWNERS COOPERATIVE (ACBOC)

After a slow, weather constrained, start, the boating season is now in full swing. In early July several members sailed 'in company' to Tollesbury. This was followed on early August by a club trip to Heybridge Basin. ACBOC members have also taken their boats further afield, with trips to Maningtree, Maldon, Harwich, The Medway and even up the Thames to St Katherine's Dock in London. At least one member has gone foreign, as part of the local (Colne) clubs Ostende rally. Other have simply enjoyed days trips on the water into the Colne and The Blackwater.

The Marine Management Organisation has approved our method statement for cleaning the slipway (which is silting up). We hope to receive permission in the near future from Colchester BC to clean the slip using the approved method.

ACBOC provides low cost moorings in Alresford Creek and boat storage in Ford Lane. Moorings are available for suitable boats. If you'd like to know more, visit <http://user57093.vs.easily.co.uk/> (or google Alresford Creek Boat Owners Cooperative). Or you can just drop into one of our monthly meetings; these are held the 1st Monday of the month at 8pm at Wivenhoe Sailing Club.

SIMPLY SINGING

Would you like to spend an hour or two singing along with music from all eras? We will be meeting every fortnight on a Friday afternoon from 3 - 5pm, at Alresford Village Hall; the next sessions will be:

Friday 27th July 2019
No sessions in August
Friday 6th September 2019

Research has shown that singing in a group can improve physical and mental health - exercising the brain and body, as well as promoting social interaction.



For more information
Please call Jeanette on
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MINI SMILE



A warning to the person who stole my glasses....
 I have contacts!

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3rd August

7th September

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DATES: 13th August 2019

5th & 26th September 2019



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& DVDs, access & advice for the internet
& just a chance to meet up with friends
for a coffee & a chat
(and enjoy the home baked cakes)

7th & 21st August

4th & 18th September

Everyone Welcome!

SURPLUS PRODUCE SCHEME



**Do you have a glut of produce?
Do you have quantities of carrots?
A bounty of beans?
Mountains of marrow?**

Over recent years there has been a scheme in the village whereby people shared their surplus produce with other residents.

I am happy to continue coordinating the scheme this year providing I have suppliers and customers.

If you are interested to either give or receive some produce please call

Sue on 01206 820338
or 07734408677

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**Next session: 20th September 2019
4.30pm**

at St Andrew's Church & Hub

Everyone Welcome!

MINI SMILE



Three men are on a boat. They have four cigarettes, but nothing to light them with.
So they throw a cigarette overboard and the whole boat becomes a cigarette lighter

Notices

PLEASING TO THE EYE!

I would like to make a comment about the beautiful poppies (*photo on back page*) on the footpath behind where the ticket office used to be. What a lovely assortment of colour and variety. If you haven't already had a look I would certainly recommend walking through. The rest of the garden is also very nice and I would like to say thank you to the people who manage this very well. It is pleasing to the eye.

Also the flower beds in front of the shops/restaurant are looking good. Well done!

Diane Patey



FUNDRAISER - THANK YOU

A garden party was held in Dorothy Waller's garden on 15th June 2019 in aid of the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance and Alresford Scouts/Cubs/Beavers.



The afternoon raised £720 and was enjoyed by many.

We want to thank everyone who supported these worthy causes.

MINI SMILE



Comic Sans and Times New Roman walk into a bar
"Get out of here" shouts the bartender
"We don't serve your type!"

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who supported our Parkinson's Fundraiser in May. It was a very successful day with the final total of £1200. We were very lucky to receive some generous donations before the event from friends who gave cash, and others who sold anything from cakes and cards to woolly hats and bikes. The event would not be possible without the happy band of volunteers, who give up their time every year, and of course Sian who spent weeks, fitting in baking wonderful cakes, with teaching full-time, in memory of her much loved Dad.

Jeanette Downing

Thank you from The Maze Group

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who visited our tombola stall at the Family Fun Day and helped us to raise an amazing £92 for The Maze Group who provide help and support to parents of children with additional needs in the Colchester and Tendring Area (www.themazegroup.co.uk). We would also like to thank everyone who donated items for the stall and all involved in setting up the field for the event. The new layout looked brilliant and worked really well.



Jan Stewart, Heather, Quinn & Nate



Countdown to 50

The Alresford Advertiser
celebrates its
50th Anniversary
May 2020



ARTICLES & PHOTOS SCANNED FROM PAST EDITIONS

Over the next 4 editions, we will be including articles and photos from previous editions. When the Advertiser first started, the magazine dimensions were 19 cm x 22.7 cm (7.5 x 8.9"), this was until the October 1970 edition when it became 22 cm x 34.2 cm (8.5" x 13.5"). It changed to the size that it is today in between March and December 1985; unfortunately we have no past editions during that period. *(Please note that the conversion of sizes are approximate)*

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ALRESFORD JOGGERS

Back row: Tony Harrison, Nigel Harridge, Bill Pratt, Sam Longstreet, Kevin Lindguard, Bill McArthur.
Centre row: Sandra Barnard, Jan Betts, Marilyn Harridge, Vina Corton, Jill Light, Vida Reilly, Lynne Thorne.
Front row: Tracy Smith, Kathy McArthur, Beryl Ridgers, Tom Longstreet.
Will those interested kindly note that the 4th Beginners Jogging Group will start on Sunday, 23rd August.
Parents of children of all ages are requested to note that by kind permission of Mr. James, Headmaster, athletic teaching is taking place every Tuesday at 4.15 at Alresford Primary school. This covers sprinting, sprint starting, middle distance running, and at a later date long jump coaching and relay take-overs.
Will parents please ring Wivenhoe 2969 if interested or contact me at the school on Tuesdays.

Bill Pratt

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Pictured above after their successful season is Alresford Colne Rangers. From left to right, top row: J. Havill, S. Baldwin, D. Foster, T. Green, I. Durrell, G. Evers, R. Milburn (Manager). Bottom row: R. Dellar, M. Ridgers, N. Milburn, M. Bennett, P. Bennett and A. Corton

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ALRESFORD BOWLS CLUB

The inaugural meeting took place on November 7th 1991 and since then has gone from strength to strength, with around 40 people playing carpet bowls in the Village Hall each week.

The club meets on Monday afternoons and evenings for normal bowling, and again on Friday night for league competitions against other clubs in the Tendring area.

At present we are at capacity for Monday evening bowls but still have a few vacancies for afternoons. The club also has a good social side and has recently visited the Dutch Bulbfields and also made a boat trip up the Deben. The remaining social calendar for this year is a barbeque in Norman Gallifant's garden in July and then a dance on November 9th in the Village Hall, when a live band called 'Redwood' will play 60's type music.

The present club chairman is Mr Peter Clarke.

(The actual article from the Aug/Sept 1996 Advertiser was not clear enough to use. The above has been retyped exactly as it was published in 1996)

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARDS

Three residents were presented with community service award certificates by the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Meeting. Ray Giles received a long service award for his outstanding work in the community as Church Warden and Fete Volunteer. Mary Barker received an award certificate for her fantastic work with the Luncheon Club and Beverley Wigley (unable to attend meeting) received an award certificate for her super work maintaining the flower beds in Station Road and at the Railway Station.



Picture taken by Diane Patey

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