

CISME **ALRESFORD ADVERTISER** DECEMBER 19 / JANUARY 20

OVER 75 CHRISTMAS TEA WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 2PM

The Alresford Fete Organising Group is again putting on an event for the older members of our community.

Invitations will be sent out to villagers over the age of 75 to come along to the Village Hall on the date above for a special Christmas Tea

Alresford Primary School year 6 children will be visiting to sing carols.

If you have not received an invitation and wold like to attend please ring Jeanette on 825008. There is no cost for the tea and lifts can be arranged.

We do hope there will be a really good turnout as there was last year

GAMES-FOOD-GROTTO SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 11am - 2pm **Alresford Primary School**

NEW FOR 2020 LINE DANCING (IMPROVERS) IN ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL STARTS 7TH JANUARY SEE PAGE 20

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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

Adults

Home Groups: Tuesday evenings, Wednesday afternoons & evenings.

Internet & Book Cafe: fortnightly on a Wednesday 10am to 12 noon in the Church: (11th December, 8th & 22nd January 2020)

Memories Cafe: 1st Thursday in the month at 2-4pm in the Hub 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 in the Hub.

Relax & Renew: Relaxation group 2nd Friday in the month 1.30 to 3pm

Knit 'n' Natter: Alternate Tuesdays in the Hub at 2pm (3rd, 17th, & 31st December, 14th & 28th January 2020

CHRISTMAS AT ST ANDREW'S



Christingle Sunday 15th December 3.30 pm

Come and celebrate the light coming into the world

Messy Christmas Church Friday 13th December 4.30 pm



Carols by Candlelight Sunday 22nd December 6.30 pm

Children's Nativity Service Christmas Eve 3 pm

All children are welcome to join in and be part of the story

Midnight Communion Service Christmas Eve 11.30 pm

> All Age Communion Christmas Day 10 am

> Everyone welcome!

CONTACTS:

Rector: Rev Andrew Fordyce 01206 920848 **Email**: rector@tenpennyvillages.uk

Associate Priest: Rev Pauline Hart 01206

826318

Email: assocpriest@tenpennyvillages.uk

Other Contacts:

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

Churchwardens: Wendy Wilson (01206 825040) Lyn Bull (01206 827146)

stachurchwardens@tenpennyvillages.uk

Bookings for the Hub: Meg Burdus 01206 820618

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MESSY CHRISTMAS
Friday 13th December 2019 - 4.30pm
MESSY CHURCH
Friday 17th January 2020 - 4.30pm

At St Andrew's Church & Hub Everyone Welcome!





Christmas Services at

St Mary Magdalen Church Thorrington

Saturday 14th December 2019

Christingle Service at 4pm light refreshments afterwards

Sunday 22nd December 2019

Carol Service at 5pm

light refreshments afterwards

Christmas Eve Service at 10pm







All Welcome





Crib Festival

St Mary Magdalen Church, Thorrington

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th
December 2019
11am – 3pm

Christingle Service Saturday 4pm

Come and see an array of nativity scenes. Refreshments, cakes, raffle and lots more



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THE CHARITY BAG



In a world that often writes those who reached their senior years, we would like to celebrate all those 'seniors' who continue to lives, knitting save beautiful blankets and other garments for those need in Eastern Europe, where the almost unimaginably cold winters can cost lives. And here's interesting fact

apparently knitting and crochet claims to have a myriad of benefits, from stimulating the brain to lowering blood pressure. This is put down to the rhythmical click of the needles, the repetitive movement of knitting the stitch and the changing colours of the wool, so on that basis, we have a village with calm level-headed, happy ladies. Hundreds of knitted items have been donated this year including a knitted dressing gown, a wonderful idea!



With Tender Loving Care A poem by Pam Braden

I can't be there to hold your hand, I can't be there to hug you, I can't be there to dry a tear. But there is one thing that I can do.

I can sit at home in my room at night And think of you over there, And make a blanket just for you With tender loving care.

When you hold this blanket in your arms
And close your eyes real tight,
You can feel the love I tucked inside
When I made this late one night.

So dry your tears and smile a smile, You aren't alone you see. You have this special blanket -You have a part of me



May the comfort and appreciation of friends, neighbours and family be with you at this very special time.

Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year

Thank you for supporting "The Charity Bag"

Christine Stimpson
2 Coach Road (opposite the Doctor's surgery)

ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The Village Hall website:

http://www.alresfordvillagehall.co.uk

The Village Hall Facebook:

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

FACEBOOK

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

WELCOME NEW RECTOR

The Alresford Village Hall Management Committee would like to welcome the new Rector of St Andrews Church, Andrew Fordyce. We look forward to working along side St Andrews in making our community safer, inclusive and happy.

NEW CLEANER

We are sorry to lose Viviana Opel Smith as our cleaner and keyholder as she and her Family are leaving Alresford for the more rural appeal of Norfolk. Viviana has over the years taken great pride in the hall and has regularly donated her own time in doing work that helps keep the hall looking in good shape. Viviana even joined the Trustees and her input was always welcomed. On behalf of all who uses our hall I would like to pass on our gratitude to Viviana and wish her and the Family the very best in their new home.

We are fortunate to already have a replacement for Viviana, Elysia Thompson. Elysia is born and bred in Alresford and we know that all who use the hall will give their support to Elysia as she continues the work of making our hall a fantastic asset to Alresford.

The hall floor has now been refurbished and this completes the work over the last 8 years to bring the hall into the 21st Century whilst retaining its character in line with a 1937 built hall for the community of Alresford. As many will be aware the cost in executing the improvements is in excess of £200K, but with many hours of fund raising, grant applications and tremendous support from the



Parish Council it has been possible not to raise for the last 16 years any of the normal hire fees.

All Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) has been completed for the year and the yearly Landlords Gas inspections on the boiler and oven has also been completed.

It is planned to redecorate to Munson Room, the foyer and the ladies and gents' toilets soon and quotes are being sought.

As we go to press, we have on a Monday morning a Yoga Wellbeing session and from the 7th January, Line Dancing, so please keep an eye on Notice Boards, Facebook or our Website. A list of regular users can be found on page 22

Thursday afternoons and Friday afternoon and 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.

Please see website for images of the hall and Pavilion. Also hire charge information is available.

CONTACTS

Chair: Russell Milburn01206 825739

If you have any issues with regards to the hall would you, please address them to the cleaner firstly and then the Chairman. The contact details are on the hall notice boards.

HALL/PAVILION HIRE

The Pavilion/Bar is now available for hire either individually or as well as the Hall. All enquiries should be via the Village Hall booking clerk, Pat Burmby on 01206 823983.

IT IS YOUR HALL

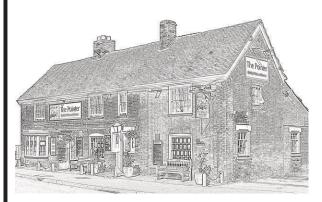
Of course, we could do things differently at times and anyone who has new ideas or concerns can contact a Trustee at any time. Please let the Chairman Russell Milburn or any of the Trustees know of any ideas you have that can improve the hall.

As our village grows, the Trustees extend an invitation to all but in particular those who are new to Alresford to come along and see us or if it is easier give me a call and we can meet. It would be most welcome for one or two new Trustees to join us and offer other viewpoints.

THE AVHMC WISH THE COMMUNITY OF OUR VILLAGE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GOOD AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Russell Milburn AVHMC





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ALRESFORD WI

At our members' meeting in September we had a fascinating evening with our Speaker Jade who, accompanied by her Mum, told us how learning how to work with kiln-fused Glass had helped her come to terms with significant changes in her health and given her a new hope as she adjusted to life in a wheelchair. The beautiful glass items she now produces were very popular with members, and her enthusiasm was an inspiration to us all.

Some of our members also enjoyed an evening visit to the Hotter Shoe Shop in Colchester, where we were made very welcome.

In October we invited members from the local WI's to join us, and welcomed our speaker Toni-Jean Baptiste from NatWest Bank talking about the very important subject of how to protect ourselves from frauds and scams – not just online, but on the doorstep and on the phone too. She gave us valuable advice, and it is worth noting that she can arrange to come and talk to any interested group free of charge. We completed our evening with our Harvest Supper.

For our November meeting we heard from Christine Clark and Sue Albin about the delicious subject of Sugarcraft, and at the end of the month we hosted another Fashion Show with Edinburgh Woollen Mill.

At our meeting on Thursday 12th December we shall hold our Christmas Party, the fun and games including a Chinese Auction – impossible to explain on paper, save to say that money is not required, but everyone will go home with a small, and possibly unexpected gift. It is always great fun. We shall welcome Melanie Rosekilly to our meeting on Thursday 9th January – some of you will recognise her

We shall welcome Melanie Rosekilly to our meeting on Thursday 9th January – some of you will recognise her from Mel's Themed Gifts at the Alresford Craft and Farmers' Market – and she will be holding a sale of her clever creations.

Alresford WI are a friendly group, meeting in the Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. We also organise occasional days out, meals and theatre trips, and meet with other local WI's. As a member of the National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) we can also get involved in the campaigns supported by this nationwide organisation.

Please feel free to come along to a meeting and see what we get up to, or for more information contact our Secretary. Jan Stewart on 01206 825184.



Alresford WI wishes all our residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ALRESFORD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Club meets in the Village Hall most Monday afternoons and evenings. All equipment is available, all that's needed is a suitable pair of flat shoes.



Bowling sessions are as follows: Monday afternoons - 2pm to 4pm Monday evenings - 7pm to 10pm Why not give carpet bowls a try;

To encourage this we do not make a charge for the first 2 sessions, also included are Tea and Biscuits!!

For further information contact: 01206 823872

SIMPLY SINGING

Would you like to spend an hour or two singing along with music from every era?

We will be meeting every fortnight on a Friday afternoon from 2 - 4pm, at Alresford Village Hall; the next session will be:

12th December 2019 10th & 24th January 2020

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 01206 825008

ALRESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - CONSULTATION

Alresford Parish Council has recently approved a draft Neighbourhood Plan and is now commencing the consultation stages, which starts with getting the views of residents and businesses within the village as well as those who visit the area, The Plan contains a vision for the future of Alresford with planning policies and objectives to realise the vision. It is also provides guidance to anyone submitting a planning application for development.

If you would like to comment on the plan it is available online at:

http://www.essexinfo.net/alresford/parish-plan-and-neighbourhood/ or a hard copy can be viewed at the Alresford Post Office and Convenience Store on Station Road or at the Parish Council office (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am - 2.30pm). To respond to the consultation please email the Clerk at alresfordpc@outlook.com or in writing to Alresford Parish Council, Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission Consultation, The Pavilion, Ford Lane, Alresford, Essex, CO7 8AT.

Cut-off date for comments has been extended to midnight on 17th December 2019.

ALRESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Neighbourhood Police Officer:

PC Rob Willmott; Tel: 101 Ext: 440356

Police Community Support Officer:
Julia Brandon

CONTACTING THE POLICE:

To report an emergency - DIAL 999
To report a non-emergency - DIAL 101
Essex Police Website: www.essex.police.uk

SEPTEMBER REPORT

Incidents

31/08- Silent 999.

20/09- Missing person.

22/09- Noise nuisance.

22/09- Domestic.

22/09- Missing person.

25/09- Concern.

26/09- Missing person/ address check.

Crime Reports

12/09- Malicious Communications.

14/09- Threats.

16/09- Burglary Dwelling.

19/09- Non Dwelling burglary.

22/09- Common assault.

OCTOBER REPORT

Incidents

28/09- Wivenhoe Road- Concern.

30/09- Main Road- Information.

30/09- Ford Lane- Flooding./ vehicle stuck in tide water.

30/09- Missing person.

30/09- Missing person.

01/10- The Creek-Car stranded / concern.

01/10- Disturbance.

01/10- Missing person.

02/10- Reported suspects on scene- good intent.

04/10- Station- Concern.

07/10- Assault.

08/10- Information.

13/10- Information/ missing person.

15/10- Missing person.

16/10- Domestic.

16/10- Information.

16/10- Missing person.

19/10- Missing person.

20/10- Information.

25/10- Theft of clothes from charity bin.

Crime Reports

03/10- Domestic.

11/10- GBH.

16/10- ABH.

16/10- Investigation.

17/10- ABH.

22/10- Investigation.

24/10- Wivenhoe Road- Theft of motor vehicle.

PCSO REPORT

ALRESFORD TRUCAM - Monthly result SEPTEMBER 2019: 80

A top speed of **58mph** was captured on Wivenhoe Road which is 30mph, that's almost double the

speed limit. Hitting anything/anyone at those speeds could have devastating effects.

If you get caught speeding and receive a fine and points, it is not the officers fault for doing their job, it is the drivers for not driving with due care and attention. I have had a couple of drivers this month photographing/threatening and insulting me for simply doing my job because they have not seen me in time to slow down. If a child/person/animal was to run in the road would they be able to slow down enough then?

OCTOBER 2019: 26

A top speed of **49mph** was captured on Wivenhoe Road. I have yet again been the subject for the budding photographer telling me how unfair it is that they got caught because they have not seen me in time to slow down. If a child/person/animal was to run in the road would they be able to slow down enough then?

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 part of the Highway code, it is every drivers responsibility to pay due care and attention to these signs and abide by the law.

Observation when driving is vital to stay safe and keep others safe on the road, this includes observing speed signs for every zone you go into. This is not an option, as a responsible driver every driver should be adhering to the highway code. Better to be late than risk yours or someone else's safety.

"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.

Slow down please and drive safely, it really is that simple.

Inconsiderate parking.

Visits were made to the school to assess reported parking issues. 3 Tickets were given to vehicles obstructing junctions. The highway code has always included keeping junctions clear. If you are running late, please think of others safety first and park safely and legally. I have watched parents and children trying to cross the road with poor visibility, as every part of the road has been blocked by parked vehicle, this is not acceptable and dangerous to others.

There are highly visible yellow signs up stating restricted times for not parking on the zig zags, please adhere to them. They are in place for everyone's safety NOT for convenience of a quick stop. Again this is not an option, it is the highway code. Anyone caught stopping on these will receive a fixed penalty notice, no exceptions and no excuses.

Speeding Near the Creek.

September: Vehicles have been reported driving carelessly and speeding along Ford Lane to the Creek yet again. The speed limit is 30mph which is the maximum you should be travelling. There are many walkers along that stretch of road which has no footpath, so please bear this in mind and drive with care. Anyone caught driving in an anti-sociable manner will receive a section 59 warning,

if they have already had one in the past year the vehicle can and will be seized.

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October: Vehicles have yet again been reported driving carelessly and speeding along Ford Lane to the Creek. One vehicle reported was not even road legal - We look forward to catching the driver

Cyclists

It is an offence to ride a cycle with no lights, Parentsplease make sure your children have working lights fitted on the bikes, this is their safety and not an optional extra. Think Safety.

Defective car lights

Drivers please check your lights are working before a journey. Defective lights could make you less visible from a safety aspect, this could all so earn the driver a fixed penalty notice if stopped.

Camping at Jacobs Ladder/ The Creek.

There were reports of camping for long periods at Jacobs ladder, The Creek. Walkers were concerned. The tent has now gone.

Community Concerns

There have been reports of vehicles parking on the grass verges in the village, specifically around the school in Ford Lane at the start and end of school. By parking on verges it can damage the grass and ruin the appearance.

Please park sensibly and respect the village.

H Bars on dropped kerbs

Some residents are still getting problems with driveway access, due to drivers partially blocking them.

Having a white H Bar painted across it, via Tendring District Council can be a deterrent to show where the driveway ends, making it clearer to see by drivers wishing to park. More information can be found here if interested.

http://www1.parkingpartnership.org/north/hbarapplication

SCAMS

There are always scams going around, the recent reported is someone saying they are helping the doctors surgery with jabs, due to the amount of patients needing them, An elderly lady had this call, she rang her doctors to confirm it was genuine at the time, scammers had not hung up and pretended to be her surgery confirming it was real, she gave them bank details for a small fee of £1.50 and shortly after a large sum of money was taken from her account.

⚠ □ & Amazon Scam Calls ⚠ □ &

Beware of telephone calls being made by fraudsters pretending to be from Amazon. We are continuing to receive reports of calls being made from individuals claiming your Amazon Prime subscription is due to expire, and will be automatically taken from your account. The recorded message asks you to press 1 to cancel or to speak to an adviser. The call then goes through to an individual who requires your personal details.

Another scam call claims that your Amazon Prime account is being cancelled and that the bank details are required to refund this.

If you receive such a call, HANG UP!

Do not provide any personal information, banking details of credit/debit card information, and do not allow them to have remote access to your PC. Report any such calls to Trading Standards on 03454 040506

Book Club/Coffee Morning- My next attendances at the St Andrews Church Book Club will be Wednesday 5th February 2020 11.00-12.00 Wednesday 4th March 2020 11.00-12.00

Pop along if you would like to have a chat or talk about problems/concerns in the village and enjoy the warm welcoming with a slice of cake and coffee

Reporting incidents.

To report an incident please ring 101
Or report it online https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-a-crime/

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.

Email- julia.brandon@essex.pnn.police.uk

Tel- 101 Ext- 440222

ALRESFORD PRE-SCHOOL

In October the children have been linking dressing up to their personal crafts and songs.



Childcare spaces available for September 2020 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.

Every child and family is provided with their own key person, which makes Alresford Pre-School a happy fun and bright place to be.

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

Day care times

Monday 8.45 to 3.15, Tuesday 8.45 to 12.15, Wednesday 8.45 to 3.15, Thursday 8.45 to 3.15 during school term only

The Preschool Christmas holidays December 19th to January 6th 2020

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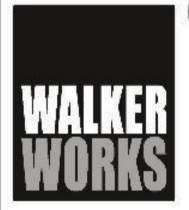
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THANK YOU

Thank you all for your prayers and good wishes for me and my family during my recent surgery and convalescence.

Russell Milburn

ALRESFORD CRAFT & FARMERS MARKET Dates for 2020

We have now been running for five years. The markets have been getting busier and busier which is wonderful.

We now have a meat stall, local game sausages and meat joints, which is great news. In November we had a chocolate stall and this will be returning during 2020 dates to be confirmed. Wood craft stalls are on the rise, plus our usual stalls of unique handicrafts, jewellery, cards and loads more. The café and cake stall is extremely busy. There has been a lot of interest from new stall holders too.

Dates for Your Diary for 2020

1st February
7th March
4th April
2nd May
6th June
4th July
1st August
5th September
3rd October
7th November
5th December

So the stall holders wish you all a Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you on the first Saturdays of the month starting in February 2020.

ALRESFORD CREEK BOAT OWNERS (ACBO)

Alresford Creek Boat Owner's Cooperative took over from ACBOA in 2018 although many of the same people are involved. We are a volunteer run membership club which owns the boat sheds in Ford Lane and leases the moorings from Colchester Borough Council.

We aim to provide affordable moorings and storage for boats, mutual help for members and be a part of the local community. We have a strong interest in looking after the Creek and enabling people to access the river for leisure.

Another sailing season has passed as the nights draw in and arrangements are made for boats for the winter. This has been another busy and 'cooperative' year with sociable sailing events to Tollesbury, Heybridge Basin and Bradwell, shed maintenance working parties, and social meetings. The management committee and volunteers have put in huge amounts of time to make the sheds and moorings run smoothly, safely, affordably and cost effectively.

We welcome new members to join us. You need to fill in a membership application form (which can be picked up at the Sheds, available on the website), come to a social meeting (the first Monday of each month at the Wivenhoe Sailing Club at 8pm) to meet a member of the management committee discuss your interests and see if we have moorings or boat storage available.

There are some mooring spaces available but none have mooring ropes or buoys attached. New moorings would have to be installed and are the responsibility of the mooring licence holder. We are happy to advise on this

For more information about ACBO go to our website: http://www.acbo.org.uk/www.acbo.org.uk/

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Our Inspiration

The Robin Cancer Trust was founded in 2012 by the Freeman family following the untimely death of their son and brother, Robin Freeman, aged just twenty-four.



Robin was diagnosed in the prime of his life in 2011 with a stage-four Mediastinal Germ Cell Tumour (a grapefruit-sized tumour in his chest), a rare form of testicular cancer, of which he did not know the signs and symptoms.

The following months were spent in intensive treatment, removed from his friends and family and hoping to get back to his life, career and family. Despite several rounds of chemotherapy and a stem-cell transplant, just ten months after his diagnosis he was told there was nothing else his medical team could do. He passed away surrounded by his loved ones on December 10th 2011.

His family promised him that 'he would never just be a photograph on the wall' and that something good would be born of his tragedy. During the months following Robin's diagnosis, the family realised that there was a lack of information about germ cell cancer available to those who needed it — so they founded The Robin Cancer Trust to raise awareness and to help those who found themselves affected by this rare form of cancer.

Robin inspires us to raise awareness, reduce embarrassment and save young lives through the early detection of germ cell cancers. **We want to prevent another family from going through what we did.**

Our Charity

The Robin Cancer Trust is the UK's only germ cell cancer awareness charity.

Through attending events, using the power of social media and delivering awareness talks, we raise awareness of testicular and ovarian cancers in young adults. Our dedicated campaigns highlight the importance of early detection, promote awareness of the signs and symptoms and tackle the 'embarrassment factor' in young men and women. Our mission is to raise awareness, reduce embarrassment and save lives.

Since 2012, we have reached over ten million people online, with a social following of over fifty thousand – and have directly reached more than one hundred and fifty thousand people at events across the UK. This includes delivering educational information directly to thirty five thousand university students, and life-saving awareness talks to over ten thousand young adults in schools, colleges and businesses.

We are a multi-award winning small charity with a national reach, having won several local, regional and national awards for our campaigns, fundraising, volunteers and services to healthcare.

Our Campaigns

Our life-saving awareness campaigns are aimed at young adults — raising awareness, reducing embarrassment & saving lives through education and empowerment. Our mission is to reach every young man and woman in the UK with our message of awareness — providing the next generation with the skills and knowledge to save their lives.

What is Germ Cell Cancer?

Germ cells are the cells in the body that develop into sperm and eggs. Therefore it can affect both men and women, most commonly in the form of testicular or ovarian cancer. Rarely, in cases such as Robin's, it can be found in the form of extra-gonadal germ cell tumours, which can be found in the brain, chest or abdomen. Seven people per day in the UK are diagnosed with germ cell cancer, which is over 90% curable if detected early.



We're asking for donations to help us raise £10,000 so we can reach 1 MILLION young adults in 2020.

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- **1.** Delivering life-saving cancer education talks to schools,
 - colleges and businesses in East Anglia.
- **2.** Directly reaching young adults with our printed materials
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- **3.** Actively engaging with our online community through

our cancer awareness campaigns.

This means that every £1 raised will help us reach 100 young men and women in the community with our life-saving information.

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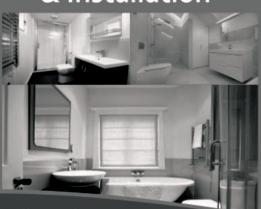
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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Ann Wiggins and Cllr Gary Scott: Summary from July, August, September & October 2019

JULY 2019 ALRESFORD:

- Wheelie bins were still being distributed around the district and recycling boxes were being given out to the new properties on Staunton Gate as they were being occupied.
- Complaints were received about weeds in the village. This has now been dealt with.

TENDRING:

- Cllr Wiggins now sits on the Standards Committee and has also been delegated to sit on the Sub Committee which will look into complaints with reference to Parish Councils.
- Meetings attended: Planning Meetings, Local Plan Briefing, Standards Committee (Cllr Wiggins), Extraordinary Full Council Meeting (this was in relation to a motion on the future provision of Essex Libraries Services in the District. The meeting of the three Districts Tendring, Colchester and Braintree about the Garden Communities project Sustainability Appraisal and Viability which has been cancelled but which has been moved to August so that information from Inspector will include the Local Plan as well

AUGUST 2019 ALRESFORD:

- Ian Davidson came to Alresford as part of his 'Walk the Wards' tour; he met with Cllr Wiggins, Cllr Scott and Alresford PC Chairman Cllr Belgrove to talk about various issues.
- Recycling boxes continued to be distributed to Staunton Gate and to new residents in Little Acre
- There have been a lot of enquiries / complaints / confusion about the new refuse collection and recycling (missed collections and lack of wheelie bins in half of Coach Road)
- Fly tipping has been reported in Cockaynes Lane and complaints have been made about the movement of lorries along Wivenhoe Road TENDRING:
- Meetings attended: Housing Strategy (discussed was the housing stock and gifted housing; this included the right to buy and the buying back of ex council houses. Tendring are building council properties for its own housing stock in Jaywick Sands for the first time in 30 years (this will be for keyworkers), Local Plan Meeting, Full Council (Discussed was Section 1 of the Local Plan all councillors voted in favour. Although there was a six-week consultation period, at the time of this report going to press, that period will have finished (end of September 2019))
- Cllr Scott now has the responsibility of Housing in the Shadow Cabinet
- A motion was put forward on 'Climate Emergency' by the Leader of the Council, Neil Stock; there will be a cross party working group which will be chaired by Cllr Coley who seconded and spoke to the motion. We supported it.
- At the same meeting, a question was asked of the Portfolio holder for Environmental Services about recycling. He said food waste was up by 44%,

garden waste was up by 29%, plastic/can waste was up by 11% and the overall amount of black bag waste going to landfill is down by 17%. Over seven years ago, 40,000 recycling boxes were given out; this year in a six-week period, 10,000 were issued.

SEPTEMBER 2019 ALRESFORD:

- Recycling boxes continue to be given out
- Missed wheelie bin/black bag and recycling collections have been reported and re-reported to Tendring District Council (TDC)
- We walked around Alresford looking at defects in preparation for out meeting with Tom Eng from Essex County Council (ECC) Highways.
- An email was sent to Richard Walker at the North East Essex Parking Partnerships with regards to zig zags outside of the school.
- Complaints were received about litter along the Main Road from Station Road to and along Cockaynes Lane (litter pick carried out along route by Cllr Scott), parking in Station Road and lorries going along Wivenhoe Road in both directions.

TENDRING:

- **Meetings attended:** Planning Committee (nothing on the agenda for Alresford)
- Cllr Scott will sit on the Climate Change Committee

OCTOBER 2019 ALRESFORD:

- We continue to distribute recycling boxes to new residents on the Staunton Gate development
- Missed refuse and recycling collections continue to be an issue and this has again been brought to the notice of TDC as was fly tipping in Cockaynes I are
- We will be following up on our meeting with Tom Eng from ECC Highways on the various issues that we raised.

TENDRING:

- Ian Davidson, Chief Executive of Tendring District Council was in charge of a mock emergency exercise called Adler 4. It involved all the armed services, local and national government. It was an exercise that involved a cruise liner where actors were used to portray various people and situation complete with fake blood and wounds. A member of Trinity House, Harwich gave a presentation at All Members Briefing.
- Meetings attended: Climate Change Meeting (Cllr Scott), Full Council, Standards Committee (Cllr Wiggins)
- There is still an ongoing issue with missed refuse and recycling collections. At Full Council, questions and a motion were put forward about the waste collection service and how it was being operated. There will be a 'wash-up' meeting in November of the Resources and Services Committee to discuss all the issues with waste and recycling

Minutes from meetings mentioned can be found at https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/council/find-meeting-dates-minutes-and-decisions

On behalf of Gary and myself, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report December 2019/January 2020

The object of this report is to keep residents up to date on 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. Please note that the server/provider (Essex info) of the Parish Council website is discontinuing in February 2020 – we will be opening a new website in the coming months. Over 200 Councils and community groups are being affected by the closing of this server in Essex.

The Neighbourhood Plan:

The Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan is now in the consultation stage. All comments received from this consultation will be carefully reviewed. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been mainly prepared by volunteer residents who are not Parish Councillors, using information from the three village surveys – it has been pleasing to note the dedication and commitment of all those involved.

Highways issues:

As many residents will know Alresford Parish Council is engaged in a pilot scheme to take over certain highway tasks from Essex County Council. Two important tasks have been undertaken and completed under this scheme, one was to replace a badly damaged railway fence (on ECC land) in Crestlands and the other to clear a roadside footpath of accumulated soil and weed growth along part of the B1027. Alresford Parish Council is developing a much closer working relationship generally with Essex County Council and liaising with our County Councillor Alan Goggin on a range of issues has been key to many positive outcomes. In Orchard Road further works have been carried out on the loose kerb stones and crumbling footpaths – this is a major advancement to address the estate wide issue of loose kerb stones that have caused accidents and led to injuries.

Village Handyperson:

Our Village Handyperson is a great asset and the Council is grateful to the Essex Association of Local Councils for their help in administering the grant that enables us to employ someone who is local to carry out a wide range of repairs and who can assist with numerous projects. The floodlit hard-court used for basketball, tennis, keep fit and soccer had developed a moss problem and quotes to pressure wash by commercial companies were high so our "in-house" member of staff used a hired pressure washer this month to do the job at less than half the price of a company.

Crime:

Clothing has yet again been unlawfully taken from the clothing re-cycling banks located in the community car park at the village hall. The Parish Council Clerk, together with myself (Chairman APC) and another Councillor were on-site when a gang struck, we were able to challenge the thieves but not before further bags of charity clothing had been taken. A large silver Mercedes Van was used in the theft (we have the registration number etc.). CCTV footage and mobile phone pictures have proved very useful and the police are investigating the crime. Some serious vandalism occurred to an access gate at the play area recently and footage of a youth involved has been viewed by the PCSO. Flytipping and littering in Cockaynes Lane is an issue, we need vigilance from residents and walkers to spot and report those involved - it is totally unacceptable behaviour.

More Awards!:

The Parish Council is delighted to report that Alresford has won a Gold Award from the Essex Playing Fields Association for the Parish Council maintained village play area and has also achieved Gold and an overall runner-up award (out of 220 other villages) for the general standard of the playing field. Parish Councillors have devoted a great deal of time to arranging the maintenance and improvements of a number of locations throughout the village – it is noteworthy though that there are many unsung heroes from the wider community who do so much as well. Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club volunteers are worth a special mention for their dedication to maintaining the playing field and their support for the Parish Council. In addition, J's Garden Services, our paid (and locally based) contractor carries out village grass cutting and other works to a very high standard.

Allotments:

Our allotments in Wivenhoe Road have received a boost as a polytunnel (financed by a micro- grant from Essex County Council) has been purchased by the Parish Council and installed by allotment holders. The new allotment site for those living on the Staunton Gate development should be available in the new year and we ask those that wish to have an allotment there to contact the Parish Clerk as soon as possible.

New Councillor:

It is a pleasure to announce that Rubina Swash, known as 'Bina' has been co-opted onto the Council. Already she is making a significant impact with her enthusiasm for village improvement projects. We have a great team of Parish Councillors and Parish Council Staff in Alresford who are respected across the County for their diligence and hard work – it is gratifying to receive so many recent acknowledgements, by way of awards, of the Council's (and the communities) achievements.

And finally:

On behalf of Alresford Parish Council I wish all members of our Award Winning Community a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cllr. Frank Belgrove, Chairman





COCKAYNES WOOD NATURE RESERVE

The rain over the past weeks has revitalised the reserve and a few late flowers have bloomed in many areas. The chestnuts have been falling in Cockaynes Wood and a few frosty mornings and windy days should see the last of the leaves colour and fall in the next few weeks. There is a huge variety of fungi showing in a wide range of colours all over the woods and the open areas.

The meadow area has had its annual trim and the mowings have been left in piles for the insects and grass snakes to colonise. Removing the mowings keeps the soil fertility low and encourages the flowers to grow. This in turn provides nectar for the bees and butterflies and helps to promote a good bio-diversity on the site.

Over the coming weeks the winter migrants will be arriving and flocks of finches and tits will be gathering up and feeding on the berries and seeds. Redwings, Fieldfares and Waxwings plus the tiny Goldcrests and Firecrests can often be seen in the fields and woodland on the reserve during the winter months.

HOLLY GATHERING

There will also be an opportunity for local residents to come and get some holly for Christmas on Sunday 15th December, 11am to 2pm as last year. Mince pies, shortbread and hot drinks will be available for a small donation.

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

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Cockavnes

Website: www.cockaynes.org.uk

ALRESFORD ART CLUB

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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 and Press are welcome Agenda & Approved Minutes on website

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ALRESFORD BIKERS - PAY TRIBUTE

Many of our readers may be aware of the tragic death of PC Andrew Harper, who was killed by fleeing criminals trying to evade arrest after committing a robbery, running him over in their van, in August. PC Harper was a biker too, and had been based in Abingdon. So a local lady there began to organise a Ride of Respect, for local bikers who may have known him to show their support for the family, and the Police in general. The organiser opened a Facebook page, where she anticipated a couple of hundred bikers to join in. But, as these things sometimes do, it grew. And grew, and grew some more. Bigger and more complex arrangements had to be made, supporting authorities and organisations had to become involved, the whole town warned, roads closed, airfields and catering organised, ribbons and badges, stickers and passes sourced, and in the end representatives of the Alresford Bikers joined some 6,000 others, at the start line, RAF Benson, in Oxfordshire, to ride in tribute through Abingdon, last Sunday, the 27th of October. Riders came from literally all over the UK, on every type, kind and age of bike. It was a pretty big day for us, leaving at 7.30 in the morning on a Sunday, and returning 12 hours later with about 300 miles on the clock, but nothing compared to the 800 or so a fellow from Scotland clocked up. It was a lovely day, the weather behaved, and all of us rode through the town being greeted and cheered and clapped by literally thousands of people all along the way. It was very emotional too, especially being applauded by the remainder of PC Harper's shift crew, who were at the roadside. I must have got some dust in my eye passing them, because I had inexplicably damp cheeks, and I was not the only one. Look it up on FB if you're interested.

And in case you wonder what 6000 bikes in one place looks like, here is a photo taken from the Police helicopter.



Meanwhile, the seasons changing and we are going a bit quiet now. Our rides are a little shorter, and obligatory tea is a definite requirement, wherever we're going on a Sunday. Cold is not a major issue, but the crud on the roads is becoming harder to avoid; the sun, if we see it, is lower in the sky causing some dazzle; and pretty soon the council will pointlessly fling rock salt all over the place at the slightest sign of a nip in the air, causing corrosion problems too. But still we ride on regardless, still have fun out on our bikes when possible, because it takes more than that to stop AB's from having fun! So if you're interested to know more about us, we meet at 8pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Pointer Inn, where our hosts Neil

and Sam always look after us, and you will be made very welcome if you want to come meet us. We still ride out most Sundays, and we're beginning to think about the events we want to attend next year already. The calendar is filling up!

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