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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 (21st June, 19th July)

### Adults

**Home Groups:** Tuesday evenings, Wednesday afternoons & evenings.

**Internet & Book Cafe:** fortnightly on a Wednesday 10am to 12noon in the Church: (12th & 26th June, 10th & 21st July)

**Memories Cafe:** 1st Thursday in the month at 2-4pm in the Hub (6th June, 4th July)

**Friendship Circle:** 2nd Monday in the month 10.30am - 12 noon (10th June, 8th July) in the Hub.

**Relax & Renew:** Relaxation group 2nd Friday in the month 1.30 to 3pm (14th June, 12th July)

**Knit 'n' Natter:** Alternate Tuesdays in the Hub at 2pm (4th & 18th June, 2nd & 16th July)

## CONTACTS:

Please contact the Associate Priest Rev. Pauline Hart (01206 826318 or [assocpriest@tenpennyvillages.uk](mailto: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](mailto:youthworker@tenpennyvillages.uk)

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

[stachurchwardens@tenpennyvillages.uk](mailto:stachurchwardens@tenpennyvillages.uk)

**Bookings for the Hub:** Meg Burdus 01206 820618

## MEMORIES GROUP

The Memories Group meet monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month (but not in August or January) for those suffering with some memory loss and their carers. Our next meeting is on the:

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**2pm - 4pm in The Hub**

This meeting will also be to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society; we will have tea or coffee for a donation.

For more information, please call Sue Giles on 01206 826607

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

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All primary aged children welcome from those due to start in September 2019 through to year 6 leavers



## CHANGE OF EDITOR & THANK YOU

Due to personal circumstances, I have had to make what has been the very difficult decision to give up being Editor of the Alresford Advertiser.

I've passed the role into the very capable hands of Hayley, who has been helping me so knows the magazine well already; and I thank her greatly for all her assistance and for taking it over, and I'm sure under her care it will go from strength to strength. A big thank you, too, to Mary, Ian and Russell - the rest of what has been our small 'AA' team - for their parts in making this the great team it has become, and for all their various forms of help. I've loved working with you all and will miss being a part of the team and the 'AA' as a whole.

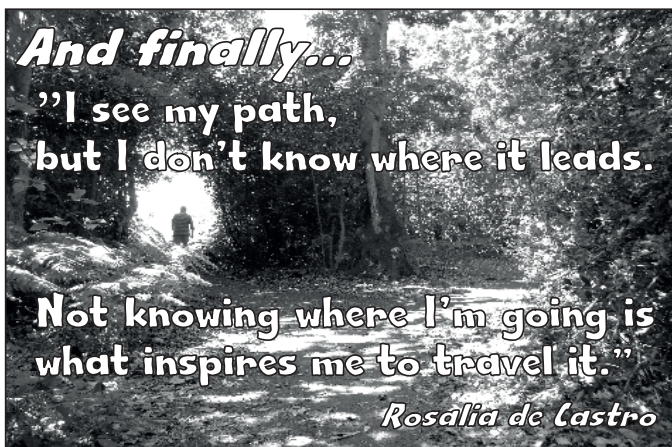
I have really enjoyed my 4 years in the role. It has certainly been a journey; I hadn't had any previous experience of doing anything similar, so it was a huge challenge and learning curve when I was persuaded to take it on, and continued to be in many ways right up until my last edition. But I do love a challenge! It also helped me to feel a real sense of being part of the wonderful community we have in Alresford, and I hope to continue this by perhaps looking at becoming involved in a small way in other projects in the village.

Lastly, I'd like to say  
a huge **THANK YOU** to all  
the advertisers, contributors, the amazing  
volunteer deliverers, and all of you who read the  
magazine for entrusting me with it; for your  
patience, help, support, encouragement,  
feedback and kind words over the last few years;  
all of which has helped to shaped the  
magazine into how it is today.

The Alresford Advertiser is **your** magazine and has a key part to play in our community - so please carry on advertising in it, sending in your contributions, ideas etc. and generally supporting it to enable the team to continue to do their great work.

*With very warm and best wishes*

*Allison*



## ALRESFORD COLNE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB (ACRFC)

Another season has finished and a very good one for Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club. On the field at all levels, have been a credit to themselves and the Club. The first team have finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their league; this is an excellent result in a very competitive league. Managers, Gary Bright and Andy Smith have built a good squad and hopefully they will push on next season, The reserves have also had a very good season finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place behind two very strong teams of which one certainly had a healthy pot to dip into. The reserves reached the final of the Reserve Knockout Cup final played at Little Oakley played on Good Friday morning against local rivals Great Bentley. Sadly in front of a big crowd the reserves lost 2- nil, but a good season for the men. The Youth team have also shown good improvement and hopefully this will continue and make the club healthy going forward. The ladies, in a new competition have also shown a good improvement, so overall a very good season for the Club.

We must thank everyone who has supported us this year, the casual supporter and the members; we look forward to seeing you all again as you are and always will be welcome to join our club and enjoy our facilities.

Thank you one and all - see you soon!

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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.

## MINUTES FROM AGM (APRIL 2019)

Mr. Milburn opened the meeting with a welcome to both Trustees and members of the public.

**The minutes of the AGM of 27th March 2018 were read, approved and signed.**

There were no matters arising.

Mr. Milburn gave the report of the Trustees for the year 2018 - 2019 outlining the refurbishments made to the Main Hall and thanking Trustees for their support, particularly Mrs. Burmby, Mr. Sanderson, Mrs. Bebbby, and Mrs. Spackman and Mrs. Lockwood-Pugh, as well as Russell Pugh. Mr. Sanderson requested that the Trustees add their thanks to Mr. Milburn for the many hours of time and work that he has devoted to the running of the Hall.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Mr Sanderson and seconded by Mrs. Lockwood-Pugh.

## Treasurer's Report:

Accounts audited by Martyn Lewis were circulated. Acceptance proposed by Ian Dimmock and seconded by Angela Crick.

## Election of members of the public (Village Representatives) to the committee for 2019-2020.

Mrs Burmby, Mrs. Lockwood-Pugh, Mrs. Spackman, Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. Opel and Mr. Oakshot all agreed to stand again. Acceptance was proposed by Mr. Dimmock and seconded by Mr. Sanderson.

## Report of Trustee Nominations from Appointing Organisations for 2019-2020.

The following agreed to serve:

Mrs. L. Bebbby - WI.

Mrs. A. Crick - Horticultural Society.

Mr. R. Milburn - Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club.

Mr. C. Sanderson - Art and Camera Clubs.

Mr. J. Stimpson - Lunch Club.

## Any Other Business:

On behalf of the public, Mr. Dimmock offered thanks to AVHMC for their work which had shown a very successful year for the Hall

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR 2018-2019

The Trustees of the Village Hall continue to manage the Village Hall to the best of their ability to provide a facility that allows as many people as possible to use the hall for recreational, leisure, educational and

social reasons from our parish and those of surrounding parishes.

Two Trustees have left the management committee this year, Mrs Jenny White and Mr Eric Day. We on behalf of the community thank them for their commitment to our hall. We have welcomed Mrs Viviana Opel-Smith and Mr John Stimpson on to the Management Committee and continue to seek new Trustees that will serve in the best interests of the village.

The year has been another busy one and again required a great deal of commitment from all Trustees to manage the hall to the high standard expected by the community.

Pat Burmby, the Treasurer/Booking Clerk, who also acts as the Pavilion booking clerk has kept good order and continues to exceed our expectations and we are very grateful.

Usage in the hall and Pavilion has continued to be high and thus Pat's workload is challenging to say the least.

Our Secretary, Lorraine Bebbby has ensured minutes are always completed and the Charity Commission Report submitted correctly and on time.

As in all years and with the high usage this can result in increased maintenance requirements often at very short notice, we again thank Mr Chris Sanderson who donates hours to the hall from minor repair work to general duties not only within the hall but also in the Pavilion. Also, we are fortunate to have Mr Russel Pugh, husband of a Trustee Mrs Nicola Lockwood-Pugh, as a very willing volunteer in assisting in the maintenance of the hall. This of course assists allowing the hall to remain in constant use, rather than waiting on contractors to instigate repairs, and it also results in the hall running costs being kept to the lowest possible rate.

Our cleaner Viviana Opel-Smith decided that she needed a break, and this was quite a blow. We managed with difficulty to find two ladies, Ms Becky Skeet and Ms Flo Cunningham to share the task. Unfortunately, Mrs Skeet was not able to continue after Christmas and we were very fortunate to welcome back Viviana Opel Smith to cover weekdays with Flo Cunningham looking after weekends and Hire keys.

This continues to be a challenge for the Trustees in ensuring the hall is cleaned and secured. We are grateful to the persons who take on this task as it has been proven that there is not a deep well of people looking to do this task.

Since the refurbishment it is noticeable that in general the hirers/users of the hall are leaving it overall in an acceptable condition and we are grateful for this.

## What have the Trustees done:

- One new regular user, Simply Singing.
- Two regular users lost, Little Squiggles and Dance group.
- One new regular group in Alresford using The Pavilion and St Andrews Church.
- Loss of two Representatives on the Management Committee.



- Recruitment of two new Representatives on the Management Committee
- Gas/Electric price tariff fixed. New 3-year deal
- Insurance premium fixed for 3 years until 2021.
- Regular Hire Charges not increased for the 14th year in succession.
- Health and Safety handbook updated.
- All Risk Assessment and P.A.T. completed.
- Regular updates provided for Alresford Advertiser.
- Hall hire continues above 80% during school term time with a 'footfall' of 1350 a month.
- Private hire is consistent.
- Village Hall website improved. Updated Contract of Hire now available on site.
- Facebook Page.
- Charity Commission report submitted.
- Fund raising via Shop'n Treat evening, Simply Singing and donations with £833.00 raised at the Shop'nTreat.
- Completed refurbishment of Main Hall and Foyer within predicted budget with grant funding from TDC, Essex Community Foundation and PC of £7500.00.
- Concluded outstanding Contractual issues with Phelans Construction with a financial settlement that saved hall funds another £507.00
- Heating override switch fitted at materials cost only.
- Data Protection Policy and Safeguarding Policy adopted and available on VH Website and in Health and Safety folder.
- New projector screen installed and available to users.
- Secure storage cupboard now available for VH.
- Forty second hand chairs purchased from Elmstead Community Centre.
- Baby Changing unit relocated to 'Gender Neutral' Toilet.
- Blackout Blinds fitted to all windows.
- Kitchen waste upgraded and gully repaired.
- Gas and Fire Annual checks completed.
- MacMillan Coffee Morning organised by Trustees and raised £580.00.
- Old curtains donated to Acorn Village and old Radiator Guards scrapped with income to VH of £12.00.
- All photographs and paintings relocated after refurbishment.

A very busy year for our hall. The refurbishment of the main hall and foyer was a success and out thanks to the working party of Nicola Lockwood Pugh, Diane Spackman, Simon Oakshott and Chris Sanderson in all their work and passion in making this happen. Once again, huge amounts of volunteered time to either improve or just maintain the hall have allowed costs to be kept down and not be passed on to users/hirers.

As can be seen many of the tasks require repeating annually so the workload will certainly not decrease. However, with the major projects now completed it will allow us all to draw breath and take some time

to consider issues that will affect the future of the hall.

There has been a slight decrease in regular hire and the private hire has retained the status quo. The Munson Room continues to offer a good alternative to the main hall or a very attractive addition to the main hall with hire increased.

The Parish Council and St Andrews Church have been able to accommodate regular hire groups that could not be housed in the village hall due to unavailability of sessions during the week and this has also shown an increase especially in The Pavilion.

The Management Committee continue to improve and maintain when required the hall whilst still ensuring that the hall accounts remains very healthy. This of course is due to the high usage rate, but also to the passion of the Trustees in seeking the 'best' price, raising funds, giving their time to reduce the costs to maintain the hall and ensuring that our hall is still a place that our community wants to use and are proud of.

We continue to receive support from the Parish Council and Sue Sheppard from the RCCE and we express our gratitude for this.

We will continue to work in partnership with the Parish Council and St Andrews to provide facilities to our village and the surrounding areas that are relevant and at the lowest possible cost.

#### **The Trustees will endeavour to:**

- Keep hire fees at the lowest possible level.
- Provide update and news via the Alresford Advertiser.
- To administer and manage all that is required to allow the village hall to function.
- Facilitate the 5-Year Electrical Inspection.
- To continue to explore fund raising events such as Shop'nTreat and Simply Singing.
- Work in partnership with Parish Council to continue to provide excellent facilities for the communities of Alresford and the surrounding areas.
- Work with Parish Council to white line car park with suitable parking space. Working Party now being developed.
- Develop a medium to long term hall management plan part of which will be to encourage involvement from younger members of the community, who are not necessarily associated with existing hirer groups, to become active in hall management and fund-raising activities.
- Provide Bicycle parking facilities.
- Provide Digital Projector to be available to all.
- Refurbish VH floor

It has been on the report for a good few years now, but the statement remains as true now as it has ever been.

To summarize, the Trustees give substantial amounts of their time to the Village Hall and their reward is seeing the continued use and enjoyment that our community gains from the Village Hall.

The Trustees /Committee will strive to listen to  
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comments and make improvements that will serve the majority, whilst maintaining all the basic requirements that need to be executed to allow the Hall to function.

#### 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  
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Russell Milburn  
(Chair)

On behalf of the Alresford Village Hall Management Committee

### THE CHARITY BAG

#### KNITTING

**Wanted:** Wool for Charity Blankets is always needed please. House clearance / partly knitted items too.

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christian Hope International. They would like blankets made up of 25 squares - patterns available to knit and crochet, and will be displayed at their AGM at St Peter's Church, Harold Wood, Near Romford. No date as yet but probably October.

Thank you so much for oodles of squares, such cosy blankets and clothes.

#### STAMPS

Another 2.9 kg/6.4 lb (2 shoe boxes full) of stamps have been sent to Bone Cancer Research Trust; it's amazing how many stamps come through my letterbox.

Thank you so much everyone, and especially to the gentleman in Orchard Road, who constantly collects stamps from his retirement club - a huge thank you to him too, because I know it is not easy for him to walk here. As always, I can collect any charity items, of course.

Take care until next time

Christine Stimpson  
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If you would like to know more, you would be welcome at our monthly social meeting. These are held on the first Monday of the month in Wivenhoe Sailing Club at 8pm. Alternatively please get in touch with our moorings officer, Paul Killick, on 01206 822515. Our website is [www.acbo.org.uk](http://www.acbo.org.uk)

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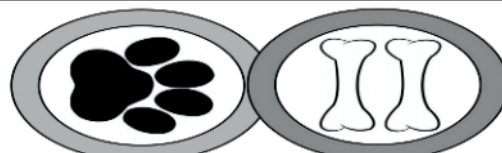
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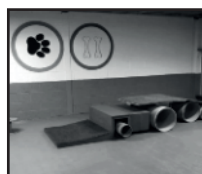
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## ALRESFORD WI

Our meeting in April was organised entirely by our members, allowing our committee to step back and relax - and what a fascinating evening we had! We were asked to come along wearing a piece of vintage clothing, to complement our speaker, Margaret Brehaut, who showed us items from her splendid collection of Vintage clothing, many carefully preserved family treasures, the oldest dating back to the 1750s. We were joined by members of other local WI's, and were entertained to a beautifully presented tea. With the hall decorated with bunting and 50s records played on a vintage (proper) record player, it was an evening to remember and a credit to the ladies who organised it.



We also attended our local Annual Group Meeting, hosted by Wivenhoe WI, where we were entertained by Jane Malyon, giving us 'The Confessions of a Mass Caterer' - astonishing revelations of antics performed by wayward wedding and party guests - and also by local duo Grace and Aaron Bond - 'Where Rivers Meet', with delightful singing and playing of their own compositions.

In May we held our AGM, also discussing the resolutions that may go forward to form new campaigns for the National WI.

We also hosted another Fashion Show, with members modelling summer clothes from Edinburgh Woollen Mill.

At our meeting on June 14th, we will welcome Bill Roberts, telling us about his experiences as a Protection Officer to the Royal Family and other VIPs. And in complete contrast, our speaker on July 12th will be Peter Cobbold, describing his life in the Royal Navy during the Cold War, 1957-1980. Each year, we ask members to bring donations of cake to this meeting, which will be delivered to St. Helena's Hospice for the patients and visitors to enjoy.

We hold our meetings on the second Thursday of each month, in Alresford Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. If you would like to join us, please feel free to come along to see us in action, or for more information please contact our Secretary, Jan Stewart on 01206 825184.



## ALRESFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In April members were very impressed by Marion Cable's Easter and Spring flower arrangements. The arrangements Marion made during the demonstration were entered in our raffle and members were grateful for the opportunity to win one; I unfortunately was not one of the lucky winners.

June is a busy month for us as we visit gardens for ideas and plant up our own gardens (perhaps with purchases from our annual plant sale held at the June meeting). Some of us will be making our way to the Little Bentley Show on 1st or 2nd of June and more will be enjoying our first society day trip of the year to RHS Gardens at Wisley on the 16th (the coach leaving the village hall at 9am).

Our visit to Wisley coincides with their annual Specialist Plant Show where visitors may "enjoy lovely displays of colourful and unusual plants, chat to friendly experts for help and advice, take part in free propagation, pruning and plant care demonstrations as well as buy gorgeous and unusual plants and seeds". In addition, I am particularly looking forward to visiting their Exotic garden again as this had just been opened when we were last there in 2017.

Our second day trip of the year has been scheduled for 22nd September to the National Trust Blickling Estate in Norfolk. 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. Both day trips are open to members and friends so if you have not already signed up and are interested, 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. On 3rd June we will have Brian Carline's talk entitled "Blood Sweat and Tears" and on 1st July Deb Hart will give a talk about "Willow Weaving". On a recent visit to RHS Hyde Hall I was impressed by Deb's willow sculptures on display, particularly the stegosaurus and I am keen to find out more.

Whether you are a novice or an experienced gardener you are sure to find a warm welcome and something of interest at our meetings so please do come and join us.

Cathy Patel

### MINI SMILE

TEACHER: How old is your father?

CHILD: He is 6 years

TEACHER: What? How is that possible?

CHILD: He became a father only when I was born  
(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their mind)





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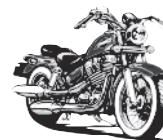
As I sit here writing this we have just endured the coldest May Bank Holiday ever, and it is threatening to rain again tonight. As I ride to work almost every day, I've even put the liner back in my jacket and got my winter strides on again! But are AB put off by this unusually iffy weather? Not a bit of it! We've been out in much worse than this, though honestly, not always deliberately! The season is well under way now, and we've already been out and about quite a bit. Sometimes it's actually been dry and sunny too! We've visited a bike show in Sudbury, done about a dozen Sunday Rides to some of our favourite refreshment places and a couple of new ones, and had a half a dozen social meetings in the Pointer. Some of us will have already been on a serious mileage biking trip away by the time you read this. There are a few new bikes among the flock now, and we've gathered in another member too, and there will be more to come. We're planning other events including the usual annual ones that we simply never miss, at which we try to represent the village community (Copdock Bike Show (6 October) and the Air Ambulance Run, (8 September)), and are also looking forward to what is fast becoming another annual "not to be missed" event, the Great Yarmouth Motorcycle Takeover, (6 July). But we have other things planned including a tour of the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance facilities at North Weald, and hopefully (if I can ever get my head into gear and organise it!) another visit to the Wethersfield Museum. We're also making positive noises about visiting Brooklands, as well as the Langford Bike Meet (4 August), and a couple of other events I'm keeping schtum about for the moment. Of course all this goes on against the background of our normal continuing Sunday Rides, monthly meetings, and other one-off things. As usual, our conversations at meetings have recently included things like how to get road salt off your chain, why to leave a huge gap to the car in front when you stop on a hill, why filtering the last thirty yards to Greenstead Roundabout is a bad idea, where the latest crop of diesel spills, building site shrapnel and gravel pit deposits may be found, for that extra moment of excitement they bring to any ride out. We also regularly raise the subject of how to treat roundabouts, when so many others appear not to know. If you want to know where you can observe the hilarious antics of some drivers negotiating roundabouts, come to our meetings! If you don't know how to do it properly or are unsure, have a squizz at Highway Code Rules 185-190! And before someone tries to flame me, note this: The content is sourced from the 2019 edition of The Official Highway Code. Information and education see, that's our motto.). Great fun!

So, in our own little sphere where happiness is a hot exhaust pipe, we're riding about, spreading the good word about all that is worthy and positive about

biking, having fun, re-riding lots of roads and covering some new ones, drinking tea and noshing cake wherever and whenever we find it on our rides. Oh yes, we're rock and roll all right.

If you want to join in, or find out the answers to the questions above, just turn up at one of our meetings in the Pointer Inn on the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm, where our hosts Neil and Sam always make us welcome, or find any one of us, or look for Alresford Bikers and Friends on Facebook, and say hello!

Al Gillard



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## Neighbourhood Police Officer:

PC Dan Heard

## Police Community Support Officer:

Julia Brandon

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## MARCH REPORT

### INCIDENTS:

04/03- Males looking in cars.  
06/03- Civil Dispute.  
08/03- B1027- RTC.  
11/03- Assault.  
17/03- Concern elderly.  
20/03- Fail to stop.  
22/03- Domestic.  
22/03- Concern  
22/03- Concern.

### CRIME REPORTS:

08/03- Theft of wing mirror casing.  
10/03- Domestic.  
11/03- Assault without injury.  
18/03- Theft of tools from MV.  
22/03- Blackmail.

### PCSO REPORT:

**Parking on Footpaths-** Please do not park vehicles on footpaths- This makes it difficult for pedestrians to get by without going in the road. Mobility scooters are very active in the village and having to bump off the footpath to pass in the road could end up with the scooters over turning and causing injury. Push chairs and wheel chairs should be able to get by also. Parking in the road can actually slow the traffic down, where speeding is often brought the number one concern brought to my attention.

**Theft from motor vehicle-** There has been another recent theft from motor vehicle.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicles and for those that have work vans that usually carry tools, email me direct if you would like a back door sticker that says "no tools are left in the vehicle"

## APRIL REPORT

### INCIDENTS:

02/04- Station- Concern.  
02/04- Concern for welfare.  
05/04- Concern for welfare.  
06/04- Domestic.  
07/04- Information/concern.  
11/04- Trespass/private land.  
11/04- Concern for safety.  
16/04- Information/concern for welfare.  
18/04- The Creek- Fire/ fire brigade.  
22/04- Fraud.  
27/04- The Creek- Nuisance Jet skis.  
27/04- Domestic.  
27/04- Drink Driving.

### CRIME REPORTS:

30/03- Assault without injury.  
06/04- Assault/ABH.  
23/04- Malicious Communications.

## TRUCAM - Monthly result

The speed gun will be active in the village on a regular basis.

### MARCH 2019

Trucam monthly result for Alresford/Gt Bentley:  
Total 85

Great Bentley 65. top speed 55 Alresford 20 top speed 55 in 30mph

The speed signs shown clearly on the roads are the maximum speed for the safety of the road.

A top speed of 55mph was captured on Wivenhoe Road which is 30mph

The driver concerned will be receiving a lot more than a speed awareness course.

### APRIL 2019

Trucam monthly result for Gt Bentley/Alresford--  
Total 254

Great Bentley 160 top speed 49mph Alresford 94 top speed 52mph

The speed signs shown clearly on the roads are the maximum speed for the safety of the road.

A top speed of 52mph was captured on Wivenhoe Road which is 30mph

The driver concerned will be receiving a lot more than a speed awareness course.

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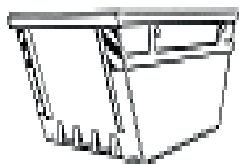
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# ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is the accepted practice for the Parish Council Chairman to offer a report outlining notable decisions and accomplishments of the Council during the preceding Parish Council year. In my report this year I want to firstly pay tribute to the Councillors that make up Alresford Parish Council - the time and effort put into their various roles often goes unnoticed, but the commitment shown has been exceptional.

This year we saw the resignation from the Council of Chris Barratt and more recently we became aware that George Martin would not be seeking re-election to the Council. Both Councillors have contributed greatly, especially in the fields of Finance and Planning. As the remaining councillors have all been re-elected unopposed, we will be seeking co-option to fill the two vacancies.

Our Clerk/Proper Office Michelle Salazar and our Deputy Clerk /RFO Angela Baxter are both part-time employees, yet they offer a rounded and efficient service to the Council and residents. We thank them for their support. Both staff members are studying hard for their certificates in Local Council Administration.

### Planning:

The Planning Committee usually meets at least once a month and has delegated powers to consider planning applications including appeals. The past year has not been quite as hectic as in previous years but there is still a concerted drive for more housing development across Tendring and so the development of land for housing in Alresford continues. The Government's updated National Planning Policy Framework has presented further challenges as the presumption in favour of housing development has been re-enforced. The continued lack of a Tendring District Council Local Plan is a major difficulty. Alresford Parish Council is grateful to Cllr Simon Clark for his single-minded approach to heading the group of stalwart residents who are helping compile our own "Plan"- The Alresford Neighbourhood Development Plan. The time frame for finishing the Plan has been extended but a draft is in place and although we are all impatient to have the Neighbourhood Plan adopted and in force we have to realise that due process has to be followed so that the hard work already completed is not rejected by the planning inspectorate. The policies within the plan have to be supported by watertight evidence and this has been achieved with the help of our whole community who engaged with the three main village surveys.

### Improvements to facilities and village infrastructure:

The Parish Council has had a very busy year maintaining and improving village facilities. We can only highlight a limited number of the Council's actions in this summary report:

For safety and for the greater good of all users comprehensive but not onerous byelaws have been drafted and approved for the playing field. The community car park has had a new dropped kerb entrance and there is now the provision of a lockable barrier style gate.

In the pavilion itself electric security shutters have been installed, as has a fire-proof data safe and the Parish office has had a new workstation installed (the workstation was kindly fitted free of charge by a volunteer from the football club). Fixed seating has been re-covered and areas of floor covering replaced. Lighting is being upgraded to LEDs for environmental and running cost reasons Bookings for the pavilion have increased and this welcome revenue has helped pay towards these improvements and repairs.

On the playing field a culvert and ditch area has been fenced and gated and the pavilion storage area now has an LED security light.

At the vehicle entrance to St Peter's Church new tarmac has been laid and repairs undertaken to the wooden posts around the War memorial. Appropriate concrete marker posts have also been installed on the War Memorial site to prevent parking on the grass surrounding the memorial. This whole area of St Peter's Church and the War Memorial is now Grade II listed.

On the B1027 the Parish Council is pleased to see the VAS (speed monitoring & warning equipment) in place and we are grateful to Brett Aggregates and Brett Concrete for the £7000 grant towards this. The Parish Council also replaced faded speed limit signs and a speed camera warning sign.

In the centre of the village, on the new garden areas in Station Road, a Parish Council noticeboard has been sited to replace the board that had to be removed due to nearby housing development. We thank Taylor Wimpey for their grant contribution towards this noticeboard.

Litter Bin replacement continues with the new Heritage style bins being installed as and when the existing bins deteriorate and become unsightly or unusable. Station Road has had three such new bins and a new bin has been installed at the playing field entrance gate. Waste ground in Ash road has been cleared of dead trees and scrub and although the land is not Parish Council owned it will be monitored in future for the benefit of nearby residents. Parish Council owned streetlights are being converted from tungsten bulbs to LEDs. Unfortunately, Essex County Council (ECC) streetlights are not being properly maintained and numerous complaints are passed on to ECC about this. Complaints about the poor kerbs and pavements are passed on in a similar way and Councillors do all they can do to cajole ECC to fix these dangerous problems that have caused both vehicle damage and personal injury accidents - the reason given by ECC for not repairing these kerbs and pavements is the withdrawal of Government funding and priority is not given to pavements - road surfaces

are prioritised.

### **Policing and Community Safety:**

The Parish Council uses precept money to pay for the shared services of a PCSO - the cost is divided 50/50 with neighbouring Great Bentley Parish Council. One of the most common areas of concern that the Parish Council hears about is the issue of traffic speeding through the village - PCSO Julia Brandon regularly operates the TRUCAM device that monitors speed and records on video speeding vehicles, the recordings are of high quality and can detect mobile phone use by the driver. Speeding has been dramatically reduced by her deploying the TRUCAM in Alresford. The range of her duties and powers is now quite extensive and the Parish Council receives a detailed report each month. PCSO Julia Brandon also writes a popular column in this magazine. Crime is relatively low in Alresford and we want to keep it that way so we ask residents to report suspicious callers and similar activities - please watch out for your neighbour's property, especially if they are away on holiday - you are most certainly not being a nosey neighbour when you do this!

### **Finance:**

Alresford Parish Council understands the limitations imposed upon it by budgetary constraints and does all it can to balance what it can do on the income it receives from the precept, grants and other income such as pavilion rental. This year the precept requested by the Parish Council to be collected from Alresford Council Tax Payers via the Council Tax system operated by TDC was not increased and yet there was an increase in the Parish Council contribution from individual households, this increase (which has caused a little confusion) was caused by the cutting of the Local Council Tax Support grant by the government - this grant topped up the amount that is needed to meet our budgetary requirements - now this amount will have to be met by the Alresford Council Tax payer and not by the grant ....hence the increase for individual Council Tax payers.

### **Highways Devolution Pilot Scheme:**

This year Alresford Parish Council voted unanimously to take part in a pilot scheme run by ECC, this scheme devolves certain highways responsibilities to Parish Councils. We will receive a grant to operate the scheme and it will give the Council the opportunity to deal with a range of matters such as attention to damaged road signs, verge and hedge cutting and the upkeep of field footpaths. It is a pilot scheme and so there may well be teething problems to overcome. In three years' time all Parish Councils will likely be involved in a fully-fledged highways devolution scheme.

### **Alresford Parish Council aims and objectives:**

At the beginning of each four year cycle of the life of a Parish Council it makes good sense for the Council to plan ahead and to consider what it wants to

achieve over the coming years - apart from maintaining the assets of the village the Council needs to look at an overall strategy. Over the coming months there will be consultations on various projects, and these will be considered and costed to see what can be done. With environmental concerns heavily to the fore it may well be that there will be a focus in that direction. The Council has yet to decide as we are only a matter of weeks into the new four-year cycle. One thing we do know is that there will be continued reliance on the many volunteers that keep so many local initiatives running and we can certainly say that the community spirit is the greatest asset that Alresford has to offer.

### **Report by Cllr Frank Belgrove**

#### **ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS:**

The Parish Office, The Pavilion, Ford Lane,  
Alresford CO7 8AT

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

**Website:** <http://www.essexinfo.net/alresford/>

**Facebook:** Alresford Parish Council (Parish Council only) / The Pavilion & Playing Field - Alresford Essex

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# COMMUNITY CORNER

- exciting volunteer opportunities, community reminders  
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## ALRESFORD CRAFT AND FARMERS MARKET

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First Saturday of the Month

1<sup>st</sup> June

6<sup>th</sup> July

9.00 am to 12 noon

*There are many different stalls  
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## ALRESFORD MOBILE LIBRARY

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4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019



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Bring & swap children's or adult's books, puzzles  
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for a coffee & a chat  
(and enjoy the home baked cakes)

**12th & 26th June**

**10th & 24th July**

***Everyone Welcome!***

## SURPLUS PRODUCE SCHEME



**Do you have a glut of produce?  
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## MINI SMILE



TEACHER: Clyde, your essay on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No sir; It's the same dog

# Notices

**SAVE THE DATE**

**AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Village Hall Dance with live music from Martin Jaye. The music will range from Country and Western to 50s, 60s and 70s music.



Tickets will be on sale soon at £6.00, bring your own drinks and eats. For more information, please contact Chris on 01206 823824

## **A Huge Thank You**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that voted for us in the Election on 2nd May. We would also like to thank all those who helped behind the scenes whether by delivering leaflets, telling or 'just' supporting us.

Thank you everyone, **Gary and Ann**

## **Thank You - William Urwin**

**Joan and family** would like to thank all friends and neighbours for there continued support and kindness shown since Bill's passing. The attendance at the funeral was so overwhelming and the generous donations received in aid of "Macmillan Nurses" on behalf of Bill amounted to £625.00.

Thank you again

## **Thank You**

**Pam & Les Ward** would like to say thank you to everybody who sent their best wishes, cards and gifts, given to celebrate their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary.

## **Thank You**

The Children's Society coffee morning, together with donations, raised £277.30. A big thank you to all who helped on the day and for the donations of items for the raffle or to sell. But of course the greatest thanks go to all who came and supported this event which helps vulnerable families and children in the U.K.

Penny Dimmock

## **In Loving Memory of my Son**

**William Matthew Hennelly**  
14.11.1990 - 07.01.2019



I'm sure that the people of Alresford will recognise and remember my son William, or Will as he liked to be called. He lived in

Alresford for nearly 20 years, having moved from London, with his Mother, Father, Brother and Sister. Will attended Alresford Primary and the Colne Community School.

He attended Otley College to further his studies.

He was a happy boy, but everything changed when his mother Denise died of cancer. Will never could come to terms with her death. Sadly, Will took his own life in January this year.

I hope that people who remember Will could support PAPYRUS - Prevention of Young Suicide (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/will-hennelly-rip-1>) and CALM - Campaign Against Living Miserably (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/patrick-hennelly>) through the Just Giving pages

Thank you  
Patrick Hennelly (Will's dad)

<https://papyrus-uk.org/>  
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# Countdown to 50

The Alresford Advertiser  
celebrates its  
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May 2020



## ARTICLES & PHOTOS SCANNED FROM PAST EDITIONS

Over the next 5 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)*

### JUNE 1970

#### "BIGGER AND BETTER FETE" IN 1970

Alresford Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Committee are planning to produce a bigger and better Fete for 1970 than has been seen in Alresford for many years. The date is fixed for July 4th.

Almost all village organisations are expecting to play some part in this event. The Fete Committee feels that this greater enthusiasm and involvement on the part of so many people could well lead to this annual Happening becoming well known in the district.

There will be many attractions, including a repeat of the Ladies v Cubs football match which was

so much enjoyed last year. It is stressed that the flower and handicraft show is open to everyone and details, together with those for the fancy dress, are to be delivered with this newspaper.

The Evening Festivities organised by the Social Club will provide an innovation, and it is hoped that these will be well supported.

The Fete Committee tells us that they would be pleased to hear of anyone who can provide a lorry on the Friday evening to collect the model railway track from Colchester. Please contact the Rectory – Wivenhoe 2088.

### JUNE 1975

#### NEW SOCIETY

The inaugural meeting of the Alresford Horticultural Society was held in May. 13 people joined and a committee was formed consisting of Mr. Wyman, chairman; Mrs. Stimpson, secretary; Mrs. New, treasurer; also Mr. Head and Mrs. Latford.

Four members at the meeting were seeking allotments.

Unfortunately it is unlikely that present parish funds will be able to cover the burden of purchasing land for allotments in the near future. However, if any persons owing a large garden and wishing to make private arrangements with members, would like to get in touch with the secretary she would be pleased to help. The next general meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 15th at 7.30 in the village hall. New members welcome.

### JUNE 1972

#### Playgroup Knit-In



The above photograph, published by courtesy of the East Essex Gazette shows Playgroup mums and their sponsored knit in on 16th May 1972. Thirty six took part to raise funds for a folding book case.

### JULY 1978



#### Alresford FC

The local successful football team who recently defeated Polstead, 2 - 0 on the evening of May 10th. The event was well attended with over two hundred spectators from both sides. The Alresford team included:-

Nigel Egner, Brett Ridgers, Matthew Bennett (Capt), Timothy Barker, Ian Hester, Clive Foster, Adam Pilkington, Simon Green, Nigel Winger, Trevor Coyne, Ryan Thompson and Nicholas Reed



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5 - Green Tiger Beetle



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