

The Alresford Advertiser

October/November 2019



BINGO EVENING

Friday 11th October
ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL
DOORS OPEN 7PM
EYES DOWN 7.30PM
For more details, please see page 23

TENPENNY VILLAGES BENEFICE



Invites you to the
Induction Service of our new Vicar
Reverend Andrew Fordyce
Wednesday 16th October 2019
St Andrew's Church, Alresford
7.30 pm

ALRESFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL QUIZ

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2019
ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL

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ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL - GRANTS FOR 2020/21

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ALRESFORD BOWLING CLUB



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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: (2nd, 16th & 30th October, 13th & 27th November)

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 (8th & 22nd October, 5th & 19th November)

CONTACTS:

Please contact the Associate Priest Rev. Pauline Hart (01206 826318 or assocpriest@tenpennyvillages.uk) for

information about services, groups or any church activities - also baptisms, weddings & funerals

Other Contacts:

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

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

stchurchwardens@tenpennyvillages.uk

Bookings for the Hub: Meg Burdus 01206 820618

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

Sunday 6th October 2019 - 11am

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE @ St Andrew's:

Sunday 10th November 2019 - 10.55am

Followed by a short service at the War Memorial, St Peter's - 12.30pm

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE:

Sunday 10th November - 6.30pm

This is an opportunity to light a candle and pray for those recently bereaved. It is a time for quiet reflection and can be helpful as part of the grieving process. Any one who has lost a loved one is welcome to come along and take part.

Everyone Welcome!

World's Biggest Coffee Morning MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The Alresford Village Hall Management Committee hosted a Coffee Morning on Friday 21st September. This has been done for a number of years now and we see this has an opportunity for us, the Trustees and the people of the community to meet at our hall, enjoy the company of old and new friends, be able to see the hall if you had not visited before and of course raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

Indeed, many attended and partook in a beverage and cake, bought raffle tickets and then moved onto the Alresford Primary School's 'AUTUMN FAYRE'.

Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes, cakes and supported the morning. Thanks to Nicola Lockwood Pugh and Diane Spackman for putting this together.

To date, £256 was raised for the charity and with the

£100 donated from the Summer Dance a grand total of £356 will be handed over to MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



NEW VICAR FOR THE TENPENNY VILLAGES BENEFICE

Reverend Andrew Fordyce will be officially Inducted and Installed as the new Rector of the Tenpenny Villages Benefice Alresford, Elmstead, Frating and Thorington at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16 October at a service at Andrew's Church Alresford. He and his family will be moving to join us after 12 years at Saint Margaret's, Berechurch in Colchester. He will be living in the Rectory at Alresford with his wife and daughters.

Message from Reverend Andrew Fordyce

"They say that what's most revealing about someone is how they react in adversity. . .

On Thursday evening I was rushing to sort out my car to give a lift to a friend's parents. My dear friend Chris was being inducted as a new Vicar in Camberley and I went to cheer him on. When asked for a favour - to drop off his in-laws at a local "Travelodge" I was more than happy to oblige.

As I rearranged a slightly "busy" car interior showing the wear and tear of family life - I energetically shinned my car's Tow bar. Tow bars tend to win against shins... I'm afraid there is no headline here like: "Local Vicar turns the air blue", the honest truth is I didn't swear what I did manage was a yelp of pain.

My confession is that as a naturally reflective person I quite often think of something really smart to say hours after the event. This would be devastating if I was a stand-up comedian dealing with a heckler. Fortunately it's not quite a deal breaker as a local leader in the church. It means that often in the heat of the moment I look like a Gold fish with my mouth opening and closing but not much sense coming out! (You may find that getting a decent comment out of me on something important is like starting an old car engine on a winter's day - plenty of attempts and lots of spluttering!)

After 12 years at Saint Margaret's Berechurch our family is sad to leave, it's tough leaving precious people who are no longer strangers but friends. As a family we are so excited at this new chapter but there are still nerves. My prayer is that as we come to you as strangers - you will recognise we are vulnerable and slightly in need of being gently pointed in the right direction.

I recognise that first impressions count and that knowledge, wisdom and experience are of so much value and I am more than happy to share my moderately average CV with you.

But the thing that holds me in check from doing so here in this article is my awareness that nothing in my CV would have happened without the love and extraordinary patience of many gracious Christians and obviously my precious family - Christianity is a team sport!

My desire for the early months is to listen, serve and simply enjoy having the privilege of journeying with the good people of Tendring.

I ask for patience and know that you will need buckets of grace. I am curious to explore the vision, passion and gifts placed behind the doors of homes and businesses in the Tenpenny benefice. My desire is to see the community flourish, to see the transforming presence of the gospel bring joy to us all but especially the least the last and the lonely.

As I decorate, garden and prepare I pray for you and ask that you would pray for me and my family.

This move has been three years in the making and I look forward to joining you in this great adventure of life.

My prayer is that in a season of fracture and dislocation we can build bridges not walls.

When I decorated a shower at my house in Portsmouth I used some broken tiles to make a mosaic - I'm reminded of this currently. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could bring our fractured society to a place of mutual respect and whilst honouring our differences; learn to build something beautiful. Far fetched? I've seen it happen with the Foodbank - where there is a will there is a way.

My desire is that you know that the church is for you not against you, we want to model the love of God and shine the light of God's truth and justice into every corner of our communities.

Every decade brings its own challenge, my prayer is that we as a church will work creatively with all people, finding exciting ways to bring hope, cohesion, energy and build on the vision of the good people in this great place.

As someone who wears a dog collar I could not finish without quoting from the book of life.

I leave you with three quotes from Saint Paul:

One for our present climate:

"Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding." (Romans 14:19.)

The other is in relation to my previous life experience:

"Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ." Phil 3:7-8 (NKJV).

And finally One for us all as we approach the spectacle and drama of the Rugby World Cup: "I press on toward the goal to win the prize of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus." Phil 3:14

I look forward to bumping into you and hopefully but not your tow bars!

Every blessing

Andrew



Reverend Andrew Fordyce
Rector designate of the Tenpenny Benefice.

ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

THE VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE

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

THE VILLAGE HALL FACEBOOK:

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

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

NEWS

The floor refurbishment was completed on schedule and now is of comparable standard to the rest of the hall. It is intended to now diary in once a year an 'MOT' on the floor that will reseal and repair any damage.

As reported in the last Alresford Advertiser the 'cowlings' on the hall roof have been removed and replaced with vented ridge tiles.

The Digital Projector is in the process of being fitted and hopefully will be in action by mid to late Autumn. The Summer Dance on the 24th August was a sell out with a reserve list of double figures. Over 100 people enjoyed Martin Jaye and £365 was raised for hall funds. The raffle was successful and £100 of the proceeds has been donated to MACMILLAN'S CANCER SUPPORT. This will be put together with funds raised by the Trustees in hosting a Coffee Morning on the 21st September.

Thanks to Chris Sanderson for all his work in arranging the dance and there is a provisional date for next year of November 20th, 2020 for the return of Martin Jaye, so make sure that you order tickets early when advertised next time.

On the work to do front, the Trustees are getting quotes for the redecoration of the general toilets and Munson Room. Also, after completion of yearly Risk Assessments it is planned to inset LED lighting on the stage perimeter to minimize risk and enhance the ambience of the stage area.

Amendments have been made to the Hire Contract with regards to booking in advance and responsibility of arranging access for private hire. The contract can be viewed on hall and Parish Council websites.

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

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

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

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

VILLAGE HALL

- **Yoga & Wellbeing Class:** Monday Morning
- **Alresford Indoor Carpet Bowls Club:** Monday afternoon and evening

- **Alresford Horticultural Club:** First Monday of the month (March to November)

- **Alresford Lunch Club:** Tuesday lunchtime
- **1st Alresford Scout Group (Beavers):** Tuesday Teatime
- **Dog Training Classes:** Tuesday evening

- **Tai Chi(Private Group):** Every Wednesday morning
- **Alresford Art Club:** Every other Wednesday afternoon
- **Alresford Women's Guild:** Wednesday evening

- **Exercise Classes (Extend):** Thursday morning
- **Alresford Camera Club:** First and third Thursday evening of the month
- **Alresford Women's Institute:** Second Thursday evening of the month
- **Dog Training Classes:** Fourth Thursday evening of the month

- **Alresford Calligraphy Group:** Friday morning
- **Simply Singing(A social meet singing along to well-known songs):** Every other Friday afternoon
- **Alresford Indoor Carpet Bowls Club:** Every other Friday evening

- **Craft and Farmers Market:** First Saturday of each month (February to December)

PAVILION

- **Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club:** Under 8s, Under 14s, ladies and mens

- **Dog Training Classes:** First, second and third Thursday evening of the month

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

CONTACTS

Chair: Russell Milburn 01206 825739

HALL/PAVILION HIRE

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

Telephone: 01206 823983

Email: enquiries@alresfordvillagehall.co.uk

IT IS YOUR HALL

Please come and have a look, we think you will like what you see and if anyone has new ideas or concerns, please let the Chairman Russell Milburn or any of the Trustees know.

Russell Milburn (Chair)

MINI SMILE

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K M N O

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday, you said it's H to O!



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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



September 2009: Alresford Bowls Club Lottery Win



*Members of the Alresford Bowls Club lottery syndicate
seen here with the winning numbers*

THE CHARITY BAG

- STILL COLLECTING USED STAMPS FOR BONE CANCER FUND RAISING
- STILL KNITTING BLANKETS AND CLOTHES FOR CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL
- STILL KNITTING BABY CLOTHES FOR MATERNITY WARDS
- STILL NEEDING DONATED WOOL

Sadly, I am not able to continue with my thank you coffee mornings in Coach Road. Because we have always worked in conjunction with the knitters at Wivenhoe Methodist Church, they kindly hosted the display of samples of our input together with refreshments on 26th September.

This year we will be visiting the collection point in Harold Wood, where we can see the wonderful work involved in distribution to Europe.

Thank you on behalf of those who cannot say thank you personally

Take care - until next time

Christine Stimpson

2 Coach Road, Alresford (opposite Doctor's surgery)

P.S. I offer a collection service if you are unable to get to me

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again we will be collecting shoeboxes loving filled with small simple gifts that can be sent to children in desperate need. Last year, boxes from the U.K. went to Central Asia and Eastern Europe (there is still great need there). Filling a box helps us to remember the true meaning of Christmas by showing God's love in action.

The leaflets explain what can and cannot be put in a box and contain an envelope for a donation of £5 that goes towards transportation costs. Due to a change in custom regulations, it is no longer possible to send sweets and toothpaste; it is still okay to send toothbrushes and flannels.

Leaflets and shoeboxes are now available from St Andrew's Church or 46 Wivenhoe Road, Alresford. Completed boxes or individual items that can go towards filling a box may be left at the Church or 46 Wivenhoe Road no later than the 3rd November 2019.

For more information visit

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ALRESFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As usual there was no meeting in August; at our September meeting we were happy to welcome Peter Miller from Kings Seeds who gave an enlightening talk on cultivating sweet peas. Kings Seeds has been supplying commercial & retail growers since 1888. For centuries Essex has been the centre of English seed production as its climate and rainfall are ideal for raising plants and taking them through the growing cycle to obtain the highest quality of seed. It was interesting to hear the history of the company and about the growing and development of sweet peas. I smile when I see myself delicately pinching out the tops of the plants wondering if I am being too rough and compare that to their method of using a hedge trimmer to do the same thing in their fields. It turns out that these plants are not as fussy and delicate as I believed. He gave us some useful tips regarding seed germination generally which I may employ in the future to improve my success rate such as to use warm seed compost and tap water which had been left to stand overnight. Rainwater collected in a water butt should only be used on established plants not on seeds or cuttings. He also advised how the butt may be used for testing the temperature of the soil before planting out.

September also saw some of us venture out on a trip to the National Trust Blickling Estate in Norfolk, a magnificent Jacobean Mansion, once the home of the Boleyn Family, and set in 4500 acres. The gardens include a moat, ancient yew hedges, parterre with double borders, garden ornaments, topiary, and a walled kitchen garden

The Society meetings are held at Alresford Village Hall on the first Monday in March, April, June, July, September and October at 7:30pm.

Our next meeting (the last one of this year) will be on 7th October when we will have Sarah Cook talking to us about "Irises" and on 15th November we will be holding our annual quiz night with Chris Sanderson as our quiz master for the evening. Please contact Martin Wood on 822877 to book a table; there is a maximum of 6 to a table.

You are sure to find a warm welcome and something of interest at our meetings so please come along. If you are interested in joining our committee or becoming chairperson next year we would be particularly glad to see you.

Cathy Patel

ALRESFORD WI

In August, some of our members and friends enjoyed a fantastic day out at Polesden Lacey House in Surrey. The weather was perfect for a stroll round the lovely gardens, and the guides in the National Trust House were so helpful and informative - it was a real taste of Edwardian grandeur at its height!

We were joined at our monthly meeting by members of other local WI's to hear Eddie Jordan tell us how she recreates old and unloved items of furniture into Shabby Chic pieces to be appreciated again.

In September our speaker was Jade, demonstrating the Joy of Kiln-fused glass, and we also paid an evening visit to the Hotter Shoe Shop in Colchester - who doesn't love a visit to a shoe shop?

On Thursday, 10th October, we have invited a speaker from Nat West Bank to tell us how to keep safe and secure with online banking, and how to avoid scams - subjects we all need to be aware of these days. This will be followed by our Annual Harvest Supper.

For our meeting on Thursday 14th November, our speakers will be Christine Clark and Sue Albin, showing us the art of Sugarcraft.

On the evening of November 29th, we are once again hosting a Fashion Show with Edinburgh Woollen Mill, to which all are welcome. After the success of our Show in May we hope once again to be introducing our male models and look forward to an entertaining event - an opportunity for some shopping and tea and biscuits included.

Alresford WI hold meetings on the second Thursday of each month in the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. We also organise occasional meals out, and some theatre and coach trips and meet up with the other local WI's. Please feel free to come along and see what we get up to, or for further information, contact our Secretary Jan Stewart on 01206 825184.

ALRESFORD PRE-SCHOOL

The end of term was celebrated by our Graduation Party. We would like to thank Gemma Cochrane from Captivating Beauty for the delightful occasion she gave the children. Also thank you to all the parents who provided a lovely picnic and help on the day.

Limited spaces available for October 2019 in an excellent setting.

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For many years now a number of the AB riders have been taking part in the annual Motorcycle Run in aid of our favourite charity, the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. This year was no exception, and as an added bonus it was the EHAAT's 20th bike run, and some of us have done nearly all of them. So, it was at the crack of 0830 that a small but beautifully formed group of riders, all cleaned up and polished (and the bikes) departed in a sedate manner towards the start at Dunton. Luckily the weather was dry but a little crisp, it has to be said, and we were a bit cooler than usual. By the time we arrived at Ford's HQ, we had warmed up a bit, and as there were many hundreds of other riders there already, we were soon marshalled into our place and went for a cuppa to warm up.



Hopefully the first picture shows half of the riders who were there before ten in the morning, over an hour before departure! The other half were behind us in another dedicated parking space. Thanks to Ford! We went to greet the Thin Blue Line, aka Police



Motorcycle Riders, who act as marshals and close roads, etc., and thanked them for their help in making this run happen - it's not free folks. In the time between our arrival and departing on the run, there was a display by the Bold Dog Freestyle

Motorcycle Cross team, which was even more bold than I expected.

They jumped, looped, and did many other stunts and entertained the thousands who had arrived by that time. There's a picture hopefully accompanying this. That chap really is upside down, and about forty feet up in the air. And then, as usual, we departed on the run, rode a cool sixty miles to Harwich, waved on and cheered by spectators all the way. It really is a great atmosphere, especially near the finish, with families having picnics at the roadside, barbies going, the lot. And just to remind everyone what it's all about, the helicopter (Augusta Westland AW169, if you're interested) was there too, and one of the Rapid Response Vehicles, complete with crews. Thousands of bikers and supporters from all walks of life turned out on what became a nice warm afternoon, in the park, with entertainment and refreshments, as well as a lot of trade displays, and a really enjoyable atmosphere. So if you want to join in with us next year, just contact one of us, or our hosts. The Pointer Inn, where Sam and Neil always welcome.



BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

Al Gillard

ALRESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the Alresford Parish Council September meeting, councillors approved that the Alresford Neighbourhood Plan can start pre-submission consultation as laid out in the Governments Planning Regulations. The Plan is a vision for the future of the village in planning terms and sets out what we want to encourage and protect in the built and natural environment of Alresford. It will provide guidance to anyone submitting planning applications plus, Tendring DC, as the planning authority will apply our policies when reviewing applications.

To get to this position we've undertaken 3 surveys to find out what was important to everyone in the village and this covered various land and property uses including; homes, businesses, public services and recreational facilities. From that information we've set a vision for Alresford which is now supported by planning policies. This consultation stage is a key milestone in the formal adoption of our plan and the process will last 3 months. You will see a range of publicity over this period and we encourage everyone to comment so our plan remains representative of everyone who lives, works and visits the village.

Following completion of this stage, approval will be sought from Tendring District Council for adoption of our Neighbourhood Plan and we'll keep the village updated on progress throughout the whole process.

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JULY REPORT

Incidents

05/07- Abandoned 999.

06/07- Domestic.

11/07- Ford Lane- Concern.

13/07- Abandoned 999.

15/07- Suspicious circumstances- Male possibly sleeping rough.

16/07- Domestic.

19/07- Wivenhoe Road- Tree down.

20/07- Heath Road- Vehicles parked everywhere- possible obstruction.

23/07- Wivenhoe Road- Highway Disruption - cow on road.

24/07- Abandoned 999.

25/07- Threats.

25/07- Ford Lane- Theft of saw/ hedge trimmer from skip.

27/07- Domestic.

Crime Reports

05/07- Criminal damage to motor vehicle.

13/07- Criminal damage the Station.

23/07- Theft of bank card.

AUGUST REPORT

Incidents

28/07- Alresford Creek- Dangerous dog.

29/07- Disturbance.

29/07- Concern.

31/07- Domestic.

01/08- Domestic.

02/08- Drugs.

10/08- Concern.

11/08- Information.

12/08- Station Road- Nuisance vehicle.

19/08- Domestic.

20/08- Ambulance/ fire/ Overturned lorry.

20/08- Concern.

25/08- Domestic.

Crime Reports

31/07- Assault without injury.

01/08- Malicious communications.

29/07- reported 03/08- Station- Concern for welfare.

19/08- Domestic.

25/08- Domestic.

PCSO REPORT

ALRESFORD TRUCAM - Monthly result

JULY 2019: 54

A top speed of **75mph** was captured on The Main Road which is **40mph** by a motor bike, that's **35mph** over the speed limit. If a vehicle pulled out of a junction, there is no way that bike would have stopped in time.

AUGUST 2019: 63

Top speeds of **50mph** and **60mph** were captured on Wivenhoe Road which is **30mph**, that's double the speed limit. Hitting anything/anyone at those speeds could have devastating effects. I have been very popular for budding photographers lately, not sure why they would want a photo of me, but then to some I guess my visibility is just as poor as the clearly visible speed signs. A helpful tip on Trucam- Officers could be standing in the middle of the road, which would not be wise due to some motorists trying to harm them, but regardless where the speed gun is, it will target a vehicle at such a long range, well before you see it and slowing down will be a little too late.

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.

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

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

Cold calling - Fraud by cold calling is happening all over the County- If you receive any phone calls from anyone applying you have had money taken out your bank account/someone using your bank card, or asking for bank details etc either hang up or put the handset on the side and tell them your be a minute, then go enjoy a nice cup of tea and a book. If you haven't already! Sign up for TPS (telephone preference service) This is a free service that filters most cold calls from using your line and usually if you mention TPS to the cold caller they hang up.

Community Garden - The community garden at the back of the Pointer Pub have had all the missing items retrieved and returned. A few beer cans, bottles have been found laying around the garden, If you visit the community garden please take your litter with you.

Found Guitar - A guitar was found in a front garden in Coppice end. This has not come to light as stolen property. If you have had one stolen or have any knowledge, please let me know.

Speeding Near the Creek - Bikes and vehicles are still using Ford Lane as a race track. Pedestrians use this road frequently, so please drive with caution. Anyone seen driving in an anti-social manner will receive a section 59 warning.

Dangerous dogs- There have been a few concerned dog walkers coming up against other dogs attacking their dogs- If your dog is known to get angry, please keep them on a lead.

Book Club/Coffee Morning- My next attendance at the St Andrews Church Book Club will be **Wednesday 2nd October, 10.30 - 12 noon**

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

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Visit www.alresfordcameraclub.org.uk or call 01206 250846 for more details.

ALRESFORD ART GROUP

Alresford Art Group's new season will be starting on the afternoon of October 2nd from 1.15pm in the Village Hall, Ford Lane. (Next meeting 23rd October)

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Alresford Creek Boat owners Cooperative (ACBOC)

This season's weather has been particularly fickle. Going from persistent gales to totally becalmed in the space of 24 hours. Sailors from the creek have been exercising caution in cruising in the suitable weather and hiding away in safe havens during the high winds. The Heybridge Basin cruise was very successful with 9 boats making the trip, including 1 boat from Wivenhoe Sailing Club.

Sadly, August moves into September, and the tail end of the sailing season approaches. There are a few hardy members that venture out in the autumn and winter months, but many will be taking boats out of the water for scraping off the amazing number of barnacles that seem to have thrived on the bottom of the boats in the creek this season. Also, to be faced are the joys of refitting and repairing that goes on in the winter to be ready for next season. The moorings will be inspected and refurbished by their owners, and hopefully, before another muddy season begins, the slipway will be hosed down, to make it more user friendly.

ACBOC provides low cost moorings and storage for suitable boats. We are not allowed to provide moorings for planing boats anymore, and we are very strict about NOT letting moorings be used by people living on board. There are still mooring sites available for small boats (up to 30ft) available, but mooring sinkers and lines will have to be installed in line with current advised methods, to be in line with our new mooring's agreement. Information about the Cooperative can be found on line, <http://www.acbo.org.uk/>, and meetings are held at Wivenhoe Sailing Club on the first Monday in each month at 8pm. No meetings August and January. If you would like to join the cooperative, come along to the Wivenhoe Sailing Club, and find a committee member to find out what is involved.

Brenda McKee (ACBOC secretary)
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ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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.

The Neighbourhood Plan:

A draft copy of the plan has been lodged with Tendring District Council for their informal comments. Mr Will Fuller of Tendring District Council has reported back to the Parish Council with his comments and those of his fellow Planning Officers regarding the Neighbourhood Plans content, especially relating to it's policy wording. The next stage is for the document to go before the Parish Council for approval of the draft so it can then be made available for public consultation and for other bodies to formally comment under what is known as regulation 14 of Neighbourhood Planning law, this states that all those whose interests the qualifying body (Alresford Parish Council) considers will be affected by the plan are consulted.

Highways issues:

Alresford Parish Council is now engaged in a pilot scheme to take over certain highways tasks from Essex County Council. The first task undertaken has been to organise the cutting back of overgrown hedging on the B1027 between Coach Road and Station Road- this has been reported many times to Essex County Council but has not been attended to. Our local contractor was instructed by the Parish Council to undertake the work and we are pleased to report that hedging and tree branches that encroached onto the roadside footpath have been cut back. Two further tasks are in the pipeline, subject to a vote of the Parish Council, these are to replace a badly damaged railway fence (on ECC land) and to clear a roadside footpath of accumulated soil and weed growth.

Footpath maintenance volunteering scheme:

Alresford Parish Council gladly invites volunteer helpers to assist with certain tasks on rural footpaths that cross farmland. There is a county-wide scheme called "P3" that the Council participates in where nominated volunteers receive equipment and training to help keep footpaths clear. Mr Ian Wingar has helped the community greatly over recent years by volunteering his time to be trained and then operate various items of vegetation cutting machinery to keep a number of footpaths clear, sadly Mr Wingar has had to step back from this important role but we are pleased to report that Mr Andrew Barker has kindly volunteered to be a P3 volunteer and he will receive further training and equipment to undertake certain maintenance tasks on our public rights of way,

already he has cleared a footpath near Alresford Creek that was becoming impassable.

Village Handyperson:

Our Village Handyperson has been involved in a range of tasks since commencing work three months ago. Replacing posts and sections of the wooden fencing around the play area and also painting the large storage container (both on the playing field) have been the main jobs initially allocated. In addition, The Pointer bus shelter has been painted and water-supply tanks at the allotments re-furbished with replacement lids. Having an in-house maintenance and handyperson has greatly increased the capabilities of the Council to attend to odd jobs in a timely and cost effective way.

Crime and Road Safety:

Clothing has been unlawfully taken from the clothing re-cycling banks located in the community car park at the village hall. A gang from outside of the area has obtained keys that fit clothing bank locks and has been touring Essex removing bags of clothes from these locked banks. CCTV footage from Alresford of possible suspects has been supplied to the police, footage has also been captured of a van driver fly-tipping cardboard and bagged rubbish near the playing field - the driver was using his firm's vehicle to carry out the fly-tipping.

Our Village PCSO Julia Brandon has brought to the attention of the Council that there are one or two local drivers that have been speeding and driving dangerously in Alresford. The Council supports firm action (including the issuing of section 59 notices that can lead to vehicle seizure) for those that continue to drive cars or ride motorcycles in an anti-social manner. Some drivers think that the 30mph limit in Wivenhoe Road does not apply to them but they should be aware that stopping distances are dramatically increased with speed - we really do not want anyone to suffer an accident or receive a hefty speeding fine so we ask drivers to obey the speed limit.

Planning:

A campaign group opposing the West Tey Garden Community project (17,000 homes near Marks Tey) has suggested that a number of villages in Tendring served by railway stations, including Alresford, become "Metro Towns" and are developed further instead of the West Tey project taking place. The emerging Alresford Neighbourhood Plan (based on local surveys) does not support any further large scale development outside of the settlement boundary (village envelope) and the Parish Council will consider ,if necessary, supplying strong evidence as to why no such development should take place here in Alresford. In any event Tendring and Colchester Councils oppose the Metro Town suggestion but it is important that residents are made aware of the existence of this campaign group's ideas.

Finance:

It has been raised at recent Finance Committee meetings that significant savings on electricity usage for Parish Council street-lighting have been made by

the ongoing change from tungsten to LED bulbs and fittings. Although the capital cost of changing light fittings has to be factored into the analysis it has been noted that approximately £1500 in savings has already occurred during the two to three year change over.

Village of the Year:

Winning the Essex Village of the Year competition in our category and finishing second overall has been a wonderful achievement for our community. Well done to all those who contribute to making Alresford a really great place to live!

Report by the Chairman
Cllr. Frank Belgrove

Alresford Parish Council - Grants for 2020/21

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ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2019

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

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ALRESFORD ANGLING ASSOCIATION

The Alresford Angling Association held its 'Annual Team Challenge' charity fishing match on Sunday 1st September at their Orchard Lakes complex.

Six local teams fished; Alresford A.A., Paxman's A.C., Brightlingsea A.C., Colchester Piscatorial Society, Hadleigh A.C. and Colchester Police A.C. The weather was fine and everyone enjoyed the friendly days fishing, with plenty of good weights at the weigh in.

The winning team was Paxman's, with Hadleigh 2nd, Alresford 3rd, Colchester Piscatorial Society 4th, Brightlingsea 5th and Colchester Police in 6th place. This special event was jointly sponsored by Wass Tackle shop of Copford and Alresford A.A., who together donated several hundred pounds worth of fishing tackle as individual prizes. Other items of tackle were kindly donated by Mr Graham Pinnock and Mr Paul Smedley.

A total of £250.00 was raised, which will be donated to The St. Helena Hospice, Colchester.

Grateful thanks were expressed to the Alresford organising team of Mr Stephen Sibbons Chairman, Mr Adrian Loughton Match Secretary and Mr Jim Martin Membership Secretary.



Report by R.Tickner for Alresford A.A.



THANK YOU

Dawn Cox and family would like to thank all those for their kind words and support they have been shown over this very difficult time

THANK YOU

On behalf of Alresford Village Hall Management Committee I would like to thank everyone who attended the Summer Dance on 24th August. One hundred people were entertained by Martin Jaye from Kent, and whilst Martin's main music genre is Country and Western, he was intent the dance was to have a party atmosphere and we all enjoyed a good mix of music including Elvis, Rolling Stones, Status Quo etc.

The fact the dance floor was always full was perhaps the best indicator the music mix was spot on.

A total of £365 was raised for Special Projects within the village hall and £100 from the raffle is to be donated to McMillan Nursing for Essex.

Good news - Martin will be returning on November 20th next year to entertain us again.

INTERNET & BOOK CAFÉ @ St Andrew's Church

ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS
10AM TO 12 NOON

Bring & swap children's or adult's books, puzzles & DVDs, access & advice for the internet & just a chance to meet up with friends for a coffee & a chat (and enjoy the home baked cakes)

2nd, 16th & 30th October,
13th & 27th November

Everyone Welcome!



**Book Club/Coffee
Morning**

I will be attending the St Andrews Church

**Book Club on:
Wednesday 2nd October
11.00am - 12.00 noon**

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.

COMMUNITY CORNER

- *exciting volunteer opportunities, community reminders
& other information on village clubs/organisations*



THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES

Trees are invaluable :

- they absorb carbon dioxide which helps combat climate change
- they absorb odours and pollution, and filter the air through their leaves and bark
- they produce oxygen
- they provide shade for our streets, cooling the air and slowing down evaporation from the soil, as well as giving protection from UV light.
- they help reduce water run off and soil erosion.
- they provide food and habitat for the birds, insects and wildlife.
- they improve the look and feel of the village and mark the change of our seasons.

Back in the spring I wrote a piece asking residents through the summer to think about where they would like to see more trees in the village. I hope you have been thinking and have come up with ideas. I know some of you have as you have already spoken to me. Alresford has lost many trees in the last few years and they are vital to our well being and that of our environment, so let's appreciate what they do for us and their importance and plant more this coming autumn and winter. They could be trees that have a meaning for you, for shade, food, their blossom or the fruits that they bear.

Please contact me at cllr@hammick.org or on 01206 618659

Sue Hammick tree warden

Community Reminder - Hedges

Now that the birds are no longer nesting it is a good time for residents to check that their hedges are not obstructing public rights of way and, if so, have them cut back. It is important that pedestrians, especially those with limited mobility, and parents with pushchairs have easy access around the village during the autumn and winter months.

If you need advice or help with this matter please contact the Parish Council clerk on 01206 615117 or email alresfordpc@outlook.com

MINI SMILE

Do you want a brief explanation of an acorn?

In a nutshell, it's an oak tree!



ALRESFORD MOBILE LIBRARY

STOP: Alresford Village Hall

ARRIVES: 11.55am

LEAVES: 12.25pm

DATES: 17th October 2019

7th & 28th November 2019



SURPLUS PRODUCE SCHEME



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

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

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

If you are interested to either give or receive some produce please call
Sue on 01206 820338
or 07734408677

SIMPLY SINGING

Would you like to spend an hour or two singing along with music from all eras?

We will be meeting every fortnight on a Friday afternoon from 3 - 5pm, at Alresford Village Hall; the next sessions will be:

4th & 18th October 2019

1st, 15th & 29th November 2019

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



For more information
Please call Jeanette on
01206 825008

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS TEA

**Wednesday 11th December 2019
at 2pm**

The Alresford Village Events Organising Committee 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.

Children from Alresford Primary School will be visiting to sing carols.

Please look out for your invitation and if you or someone you know is over 75 and has not received an invitation by mid November, please ring Jeanette on 825008.

There is no cost for the tea and lifts can be arranged.

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



You are invited to a
FASHION SHOW
by

EDINBURGH WOOLLEN MILL

FRIDAY 29th November 2019

**Alresford Village Hall
Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm.**

**Admission £1 on the door,
includes refreshments.**

Hosted by Alresford WI

**For further information phone
Jan Stewart on 01206 825184**

**For the whole family
@ St Andrew's Church Alresford**



www.alresfordchurch.net

*Messy activities & crafts ...leading into a short & informal story time & songs ...
and ending with tea!*

Friday 18th October 2019 - 4.30pm

Friday 15th November 2019 - 4.30pm

at St Andrew's Church & Hub

Everyone Welcome!

BINGO EVENING FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

**ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL
DOORS OPEN 7PM
EYES DOWN 7.30PM**



**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS/SNACKS & DOBBERS
BINGO BOOKS £10 - CASH PRIZES
Available from Pat Burmby 01206 823983
Or Lisa Chenery 07969 162267**

All profits go to Izzy Chenery's Ecuador Expedition where she will do 4 weeks voluntary work teaching the school children English, helping to build school kitchens, planting trees, helping to repair roads etc.

**Alresford Village Hall
Ford Lane, Alresford, Essex CO7 8AT**

Christmas Shop 'n' Treat Evening

Friday 22nd November 2019

6 - 9pm

£1 entry, children go free.

**Beauty treatments (Can be pre-booked)
Hot drinks and cake
Various stalls selling gift items
Raffle**

*Bring the whole family along; there will be a
licensed bar for all those who prefer not to
shop!!*

**To book treatments please contact
Diane Spackman or Nicola Lockwood-Pugh**

ALRESFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2019
7.30PM**

ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL QUIZ

TABLES OF 6 £2.50 PER PERSON

**PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE WITH
MARTIN WOOD ON 822877**



ALRESFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

AUTUMN FAYRE

21st SEPTEMBER 2019



The school has been undergoing major building works through 2019 so we decided to forgo our usual Summer Fete and opted instead to have an Autumn Fayre. We decided to use it also as an invitation for people to view the new building, which was very well received. We had many stalls including teddy & chocolate tombola, darts games for adults & children,

scarecrow hoopla, lucky carrot dip, water or wine and high scoring football. We held a raffle with many prizes, all kindly donated by our sponsors. As well as all of this, we had fairground rides and bouncy castles plus a rodeo bull.

As the fayre ran over the lunchtime period, we also had our extremely popular BBQ, bar, candy floss and refreshments stalls. The weather was perfect which meant we could have hay bales for people to be able to have a break and enjoy time with friends before carrying on round the field.

In keeping with the event being about celebrating all things new, we decided to also try something new - a scarecrow festival. Children were asked to create a scarecrow of any theme and they were displayed for everyone to admire but also to vote for their favourite. Prizes were awarded for the 3 most popular - Freddie Mercury, Edible



Eddie and Super Mario.

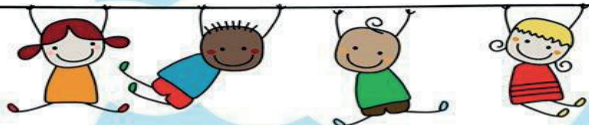
Over 100 families attended the event which helped to create a wonderful atmosphere. There was also tremendous support before the day, with many people offering to display advertising boards to publicise the event. For this we are truly grateful.

This event would not have been possible without the army of volunteers who gave up their time to make the day a success. There is a very large list of local businesses who have generously supported us with sponsorship which is a fantastic display of support for the school. A full list of our sponsors can be found on



the PTA section of the school website. All that remains is to say THANK YOU to everyone involved see you at our next event.

ALRESFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



Razmatazz

After-school activities for all primary-aged children

Games - Snacks - Toys - Bible Exploring - Messy Art - and more!

Mondays - 15:15-16:30

St Andrew's Church, Alresford

For more info, contact our Youth & Schools Worker, Charley Day
(youthworker@tenpennyvillages.uk)

www.tenpennyvillages.uk

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