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CAROL SERVICE

Hosted by Alresford WI
At St Andrew's Church, Alresford
Monday 5th December 2022
7pm
Please come along and join us

Christmas Tea Dance

At St Andrew's Church,
Alresford



Come and enjoy your favourite Ballroom and Latin American dances to Christmas tunes
7th December 2022
2pm - 4pm
Refreshments served
Admission free but donations to running costs would be appreciated

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JANUARY MOVIE NIGHT**

ALRESFORD CRAFT & FARMERS CHRISTMAS MARKET

Alresford Village Hall
Ford Lane CO7 8AT
3rd DECEMBER 2022
9am - 12 noon
Exciting Christmas stalls, Food and Gifts

Christmas wreaths to be picked up via order in November from a local florist

Christmas Raffle with all proceeds going to a Village Charity

Mince pies, fudge, chutney, meat and eggs, cakes, scones

Visit your local friendly market
The last one of the year

FREE ADMISSION
Free car park and disabled facilities



MOVIE NIGHT

At Alresford Village Hall
Friday 2nd December
When we will be showing
Downton Abbey



Doors open 7pm
Film starts 7.30pm

This will be a ticket event on a first come first served basis - entry is free but donations will be welcome to cover refreshments

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ST ANDREW'S REFLECTIONS

Every Christmas there is usually a standout advert, one that gets everybody talking and raises a smile.

Have you ever thought about the work that goes on behind the scenes to make it? Picture in your mind, a scene inside an advertising agency that's inventing a Christmas campaign for a big brand. Imagine the focussed faces of various creatives as they think through buzzy ideas for a seasonal advert. Someone new to the team earnestly sets out something very trendy and an older wiser head says that it will be lost on older generations. Another marketing creative comes up with something heart-warming but another says "Not magical enough". It can't be easy as they try and cover the different ways, we celebrate Christmas whilst also presenting a product in a new way. I am always interested to see how the big chains promote their Christmas range and I keep looking to see if there is any connection or resonance with the first Christmas.

The tension and challenge of cooking up a "fresh take" on Christmas can be a challenge to Clergy as we want to relate the ancient account of the first Christmas with the joys and challenges of living in the 21st century.

In reality - all we can ever do is to return to the simple and incredible account of the birth of Jesus with fresh eyes and fresh wonder. If you want a story which resonates with our current cost of living crisis - look no further. Joseph and Mary are "on the move" as they must settle their taxes in Joseph's hometown. If you are a Ukrainian the holy family being uprooted will speak poignantly to you.

So, I return to the simple task of retelling the beauty of the first Christmas. Some stories are too important to lose, and we retell them to remember their power. This Christmas, may I invite you to return to the account of the first Christmas with fresh eyes and fresh wonder. Unlike in this consumer age, you don't have to buy anything to receive a gift - the Peace of knowing Emmanuel - God with us.

Every blessing this Christmas
REV Andrew Fordyce MBE

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CONTACTS

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CHRISTMAS @ ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

@ 11am Crib Service

(Children welcome to attend
dressed as Nativity characters)

THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER

3.30pm - 5pm

Christmas Lego Workshop (in the hub)

CHRISTMAS EVE

@ 4pm Family Carols

@ 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

@ 10am Family Christmas Celebration



ALRESFORD WI

Alresford WI meet on the second Thursday of each month in the Village Hall. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

New members would be very welcome - come and attend a meeting to see if you enjoy it before joining. Admission for non-members is £3.00 which includes refreshments.

For further information please contact:

Chris James, 01255 764769 or
Hilda Newbold 01206 823477

ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL

Charity Commission Number: 301233

Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/alresfordvillagehall/>

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



Photo taken from the stage looking back towards the main entrance

URGENT APPEAL

Alresford Village Hall Management Committee need a Treasurer urgently.

This is obviously an important position and would involve keeping an income and expenditure ledger, managing the bank accounts, being one of three authorising signatories on the bank accounts and reporting the balances at monthly meetings.

The Booking Clerk manages all bookings and invoicing so the Treasurer would not be required to cover these responsibilities. The position would involve working with the Booking Clerk and could be adjusted to suit.

The situation is now becoming critical and attempts to find a volunteer have not been successful.

If a Treasurer cannot be found, the Trustees would have to consider either paying for the service of a bookkeeper with a possible requirement to raise hall hire fees or closing the hall, this option would be a very last resort but never the less could be forced on the Management committee if the very important position of Treasurer is not filled.

The Village Hall is an integral part of our community, managed by a group of volunteers and currently in excellent health, both structurally and financially, so please if you feel you would like to help and be a part of the success of the village hall, contact me to find out more.

Russell Milburn Chair AVHMC 01206 825739 or alresfordvillagehall@gmail.com

On behalf of the Trustees of Alresford Village Hall Management Committee, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



ALRESFORD ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Est . 1968

It is only a matter of days and Father Christmas will be bringing 2023's must have gadgets and items of fishing tackle.

It is also the time to sort through tackle boxes to remove redundant tackle and unused gadgets to make room for their replacements. I am not suggesting that most anglers are hoarders, but we do tend to carry just about everything bar the proverbial kitchen sink. Gone are the days when our one rod was tied to the bike's cross-bar, or to create a crossbar, with only a float, and hook as tackle and a tin of maggots for bait. Bread was also a multi-functional bait, which was generally eaten by the would-be angler if the fish weren't biting, Luncheon meat being another dietary supplement.

Hopefully you have had just such an idyllic season, where certainly the sun shone every day and the fish were as cooperative. The down side to this season has been the lack of rain which has resulted in the lakes water levels dropping substantially. Thankfully November has certainly started off with some heavy showers which hopefully will carry on through the winter months to return the water table and lake levels back to normal.

All the club's lakes bird-life has started its seasonal swap around. The Cygnets on Alresford Lake, the Arthur Bareham Lake, are now practising test flights up and down the lakes and the young Grebes are being chased away by their parents to go their own way. Kingfishers are still very active on the Orchard and Alresford Lakes and they will remain so throughout the winter and hopefully if the lakes freeze over it will only be for a short time or some spots will remain clear of ice to enable

them to dive for food. The Abbey Lake is now back open, and the Bantams will remind you to feed them by pecking your ankles. The return of Canada and Greylag geese for winter roosting along with several species of migratory ducks and birds are signs that Winter is upon us. Peace has finally been declared throughout the Coot population and this will remain so until the onset of Spring when every inch of surface water will be argued over on daily basis.

Can we take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year and thank you all for the tremendous support you have provided to enable the purchase by the club of the Grinsted Orchard Lakes to proceed. By the time you have read this, Sir Bernard Jenkins will have visited the Grinsted Orchard Lakes in November and we are keen to impress upon him our intention to create a space free of development where wildlife flourishes and our members can embrace the calm and beauty of the surrounding area.

Hopefully, on the 10th December your name will be drawn out of the hat by Russell Milburn, Chairman from the Village Hall, and you are now in possession of one of the excellent prizes donated by D&P Online Fishing at Brightlingsea or seasonal fare from generous club members.

As always, enjoy your fishing, stay safe and look out for one another.

Tight Lines.

Mike Day (Hon. Secretary)

ALRESFORD BIKERS

"Bzzzzzzz", went the bee, as it buzzed about its daily business, collecting pollen to make honey for his Queen. Launching himself to another brightly coloured flower, a bright glint caught his multi-faceted eye. "I wonder what that pretty flower is." he thought to himself absently, turning towards it to investigate. "Buzz, it's only a motorbike. Wait a minute though, I think it's one of the Alresford Bikers!" We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm, in The Pointer Inn, where Sam and Neil always make us welcome! And at this time of year we like chewing the fat about what we have done this long, hot summer, and making plans to try to do next year, too. It is all gratis, free and for nothing to come along and chat, shoot the breeze, and be among some very experienced riders too. Just turn up, you'll be made very welcome. "Crikey," thought the bee, "they're coming on a bit quickly! If I'm not careful I might - eeeek! I'm not going to make it aaaarrrggghhhhh! SPLAT!

"All over my visor again" thought the rider, wiping smearable bits of bug away with a gloved finger.....

Al Gillard

LUNCHEON CLUBS

**TUESDAYS at ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL:
12.30 - 2.30pm**

**FRIDAYS at BRIGHTLINGSEA COMMUNITY CENTRE:
12.30 - 2.30pm**

2 Course Meal including Tea / Coffee - £8.00
Transport, door to door, if needed - £4.00
Raffle - £1.00

We welcome back all past members and newcomers.
It is not too late to join us for these friendly meals.

For any further enquiries, please contact:

Alresford
Mrs Wendy Bates on
07582603816 or 01206 826757

Brightlingsea
The Autumn Centre, 1 Osborne Court,
Victoria Place, Brightlingsea CO7 0EB
Or telephone 01206 303702
Or email theautumncentre@hotmail.co.uk

ALRESFORD CRAFT AND FARMER'S MARKET

We would like to thank all of you who have attended our markets this year. Once again it has been very popular with visitors and a long waiting list for stalls. We keep five stalls available for guests every month. Some months you may see more stalls as some regular stall holders like to attend the bigger events especially in the summer months. We have been running for 8 years now.

We now have regular food stalls, Sunnymead Farm with fresh and frozen meat, Norwegian Bakers with pastries and bread, Country Cottage Preserves with jam and chutney, Lesley with Jams and chutney and pickles and other stall holders who bring a small selection of seasonal fruit and veg. Other handicraft stalls, jewellery, woodcraft, glass art, cards, sock gift packs, cards and various other interesting gifts, with local artists, photography and painting.

Lastly a big thank you to Nicola Lockwood Pugh and Dianne Spackman and their families who have done a fantastic job of running our café for us, with drinks, fabulous scones and a wide selection of cakes. Not forgetting their famous breakfast baps.

We look forward to seeing you again next year as the market returns on 4th February 2023.

We run on the first Saturday of the month February to December, 9 am to Midday in the Village Hall.

WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

MARKET DATES FOR 2023

4th February
4th March
1st April
6th May
3rd June
1st July

5th August
2nd September
7th October
4th November
2nd December



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Movie Nights are returning to the Village Hall, the first of which will be on Friday 2nd December (see poster ad in this issue)

To observe the rules of the cinematic industry, entry to Movie Nights will be by a no cost ticket, but donations to cover the refreshments served will be welcomed.

For those people holding tickets for the April 3rd 2020 event that was cancelled due to Covid – your donation is considered as made.

Dates for Movie Nights in 2023 planned so far, are 13th January and 10th February

See back page for January 13th details

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THE CHARITY BAG

Still collecting used stamps for Bone Cancer Research
"until there is a cure"

Ukraine Update

Everything changed on February 24th.

Initially the team supported refugees in Romania and Moldova but in recent months the focus has been delivering aid packages together with messages of hope to families and elderly people who have no other sources of support in the war zone and villages around Odesa.

Alongside this, the team supports other aid work, such as contributing to a church initiative to provide clean water for people in Mykolaiv, where the water supply system collapsed due to bombardments.

In recent weeks the team has reopened some of the Bible clubs, The campaign 'childhood for the children' includes games and craft, but also teaching sessions for those suffering from trauma. These clubs bring a semblance of normality to these communities.

We have received many gifts for Ukraine this year and the largest has been from Christian Hope International, the team in Ukraine join me in thanking you for your amazing generosity. **The need is as urgent as ever!**

Knitting

Knits to Christian Hope International, Harold Hill, Romford

Alresford

- 2 carrier bags knitted baby sets
- 3 scarves
- 6 twiddle muffs
- 81 hats
- 11 pairs of mittens
- 7 double sized blankets
- 13 sets (hats/mittens/tops)
- 1 knitted bag

Wivenhoe W.I.

- 10 blankets
- 91 hats
- 1 pair mitten
- 82 tops
- 1 pair hand knitted socks
- (3 carrier bags of clothes to charity shops).

Wivenhoe Methodist Church

- 44 jumpers
- 12 hats
- 9 scarves
- 3 blankets

Great Bromley Knit and Knatter

Bags of blankets, jumpers, and hats

All these items are packed into used grain sacks which are quite robust for the journey ahead. Yes the excess grain has to emptied out too!

Only hand knitted items are required and will be 'custom friendly'. Sadly, we cannot include any clothing at all, new or used.

Stamps

Continue to put through my letter box. Thank you so much for the effort and consideration towards others. ½" around each one please.

Please think of Bone Cancer Research as you open your posted Christmas cards and 'House clearance' this year.

Thank you so much for all your help. It is not possible to complete your gift aid without the dedication of others: sorters, packers, donaters, drivers and yourselves our valued knitters.

So, wishing you a peaceful Christmas. Stay warm, stay well and be kind to yourself.... because you are worth it.

Christine Stimpson

2 Coach Road, Alresford (opposite the Dr's Surgery)

For acknowledgement would you please attach your details and take care until next time.

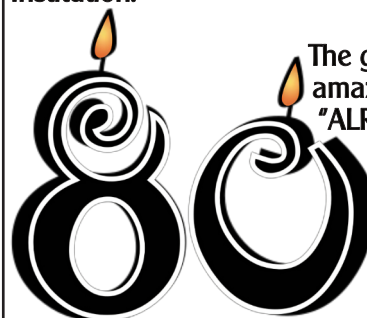
JOHN STIMPSON'S BIG 80th BIRTHDAY PARTY AND VILLAGE FUNDRAISING EVENT ON SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER 2022.

To all who made donations and made it to the party, I would like to say a heart felt BIG thank you to everyone who made my day so special with cards, presents and donations.

It was so appreciated by myself and family to see happy faces of over 100 guests all enjoying the food and music in our wonderful village hall.

Special thanks must also go to Leanne, Chris S, Wendy B and Jenny H for all their help, support, and guidance in making it an occasion that I will always remember.

As this was also a fundraising event for our village, the money donated amounted to £750.00 and will be put to good use by local concerns Alresford Lunch Club, Alresford Village Hall, Alresford PTA, Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club, and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.



The generosity of you all is just amazing, so thank you "ALRESFORD, SO WELL DONE".

There is no way I could have done this without you all.

John and Christine Stimpson.

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

December 2022 / January 2023

Highways

The scrapping of the Highways Devolution Grant Funding scheme by Essex County Council came as a surprise to all Councils in the scheme, including Alresford Parish Council. The scheme had meant we had delegated powers to carry out non carriageway works and deal with such matters as damaged and missing road signs. All current projects under the delegated powers have been completed, the latest being the fitting of the replacement "Welcome to Alresford" sign with the Tendring logo, this sign was installed outside Mitchell's Farm shop on the B1027.

New Sign on the B1027



Alresford Parish Council is taking part in discussions with our County Councillor and Essex Highways to enable certain highway works to be carried out by the Parish Council even without us being part of any designated scheme.

This would mean local financing but at least jobs would be tackled, as ECC Highways can take many months or even years to deal with certain highways issues. We will not, of course, be able to undertake carriageway repairs.

St Peter's Church Car Parking

Potholes and areas of soft ground in the car parking area at St Peter's and the War Memorial have been attended to. Excavation of the car park has taken place; hardcore materials have been used to fill areas of soft ground and a surface dressing of gravel has been put down. The Parish Council is grateful to one of our local contractors for the standard of the works and the scheduling of repairs to avoid funeral parking. We also note the excellent work of our footpath volunteers who have been cutting back excessive vegetation in the area.

Environment

The heading "environment" covers so much in the world of a Parish Council and the latest topic for consideration concerns resident's high fuel bills. Energy debt and the issues raised by the high cost of energy for domestic users is a real concern. The Council has been invited to enter a project financed by Essex County Council and backed by the Essex Climate Change Commission. The Co-operative "Community Energy Colchester" is running the scheme and there are no charges involved for Alresford Parish Council or residents. Free visits and a

supply of energy saving measures to residents is part of the scheme (draft excluder fittings/radiator reflectors/advice on energy debt reduction etc). A small financial donation to community energy Colchester can be made and free consultations can be booked at repairreuse@gmail.com or by telephone on 07799 494 797.

A petition has been received by the Council asking for facilities for the off lead exercising of dogs in the village. One aspect of the petition called for the modification of the 1993 Bylaw that only permits disabled person's dogs being allowed on the village sports and recreation ground. A counter petition has also been organised against any revocation of existing laws. The Environment Working Party will be considering reports and one possible and feasible solution is for an area of land to be made available at some location, other than the recreation ground, for the exercising of dogs off their leads. We are really blessed in Alresford to have so many fine country walks for our dogs and the initial petition organisers have recognised that but would like an open area of land to be made available, if possible.

In October Cllr Sue Hammick cut the ribbon to officially open the electric vehicle charging points in the car park following the successful trial period. Cllr Hammick has been instrumental in negotiating the free installation of the EV points and has worked on many other environmental issues for the community.

Cllr Sue Hammick "cutting the ribbon" on EV Points in the Community Car Park



The Playing Field

Alresford Parish Council has won the coveted Essex Playing Field Association title of Best Kept Playing Field in Essex (2022). This is superb recognition for all the hard work carried out by so many to make sure we provide the highest standards for our residents. In addition, the award of Best Kept Football Pitch in Essex has been bestowed on the Council together with a gold award for the safety and maintenance of the play equipment. Truly outstanding awards. Past and present Parish Councils in Alresford have always done their very best to keep the playing field clean and safe. There are many to thank: Councillors, Staff, Contractors and especially the incredible volunteers from Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club who do so much for the community. In total there were six award items, that includes three certificates, two trophies and a special award from the competition sponsor of a free maintenance session from Ernest Doe.

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The Best Kept Playing Field Award



Planning

As a statutory consultee on planning matters the Parish Council is often in the firing line for planning matters. Those with applications submitted to Tendring District Council for planning permission naturally want the application to be approved and want the Parish Council to not object. Clearly though the Parish Council must give an opinion based on a variety of factors and an important consideration is “does the application align with the approved Neighbourhood Plan?” The simple answer is that the Neighbourhood Plan is a document on planning made by the whole community, and we will abide by that plan when making decisions. We have very experienced members on the Planning Committee and also when planning is dealt with at full Council meetings there is an even broader exchange of views.

And finally....

There is so much more that could be added to the Chairman’s Report as all Councillors and Staff have had a very busy time of late but suffice to say we are grateful for the support we have from so many in the community. It means a lot because Parish Councillors are your neighbours and fellow residents. We are here to represent you all and do our best to be fair and professional in all we do. There will be some struggles in the near future as energy costs and the cost of living put pressures on us all but Alresford Parish Council will do it’s best to continue to provide the highest level of service to the community that finances and our place in the local authority system allows.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Frank Belgrove
Chairman
Alresford Parish Council



ENERGY SAVING SUPPORT

Good news from Community Energy Colchester Wivenhoe based non profit organisation-helping you to save money...

We've completed our first two home energy installations today; 12 radiators fitted with reflectors and 4 doors now have the gaps filled.

58 households to go. Help me hit my target of 60 households. If you would like your doors and windows draft proofing please get in touch.

All I ask is a donation of £20 - this would help to fund up to 100 households to save energy. Installations and materials are free.

Contact Christopher 07799 494 797 or repairreuse@gmail.com

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 and Press are welcome. Agenda & Approved Minutes on website

Website: www.alresfordpcessex.uk/

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

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ALRESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

SEPTEMBER 2022

RECORDED CRIMES: 3

Crime Types: Arson - Stalking- Theft of Lead

INCIDENTS REPORTED: 7

Types reported: Abandoned 999 x 2 - Domestic x 2 - Fire - Highway Disruption - Information

OCTOBER 2022

RECORDED CRIMES: 9

Crime Types: Arson - Assault x 2 - Criminal Damage - Domestic Related - Other x 4

INCIDENTS REPORTED - 17

Types reported: Abandoned 999 x 2 - Animal Related - Assist Agency - Domestic x 4 - Drink/Driving - Concern x 3 - Fire - Information - Other x 2 - Suspicious Premises

TRUCAM Speed Gun Results

17/10/2022 Wivenhoe Road - One hour session
2 captured, top speed 39mph

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

A white van with two males have been seen driving around another village looking in peoples garden and houses. **Be vigilant and if you see something that does not look right, get a registration number and report it.**

DARKER EVENING- SAFETY

The dark evenings are drawing in. Make a habit of checking your car lights are working, use main lights for dark/ poor weather to be seen and keep them clean, including the registration plate.

A helpful tip for anyone like me, that had a bulb go and panicked like mad. Halfords do a drive in service, where they supply and fit the bulb. They are open until 20:00 hours. Priceless!

DARKER EVENINGS - PREVENTION

You can do a few things for safety measures, whilst you are away from home. Put lights on a timer to come on when it gets dark, If you are going to be away from home for longer periods, let a neighbour put one of their cars on your drive, giving the impression you are home. Put in motion sensor lighting at the front/back of your house/garage and/or CCTV for extra peace of mind.

DEPRESSION THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS

A lot of people struggle with the blues during the winter months and with the cost of living and life in general affecting us, we can find our moods and well-being flagging. Sometimes we overthink things and cause anxiety and find it hard to unwind.

Guided meditation is a good way of calming your mind, especially before bed, when it seems like you have a full swing party/debate going on in your head preventing you from sleeping.

You Tube has lots of guided meditation videos which are free. Just lay back and let someone guide you through the process.

Sometimes all we need is someone to talk to, no matter how small the problem is, it's enough to affect our state of mind. I am more than happy to have a chat with anyone that just needs a friendly face or ear to listen (my email is at the bottom of this page)

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

If you see anything that does not look right, report it.

Try and get as much information as you can, including registration numbers, which are key to a lot of activity. The more you have, the more chance we have of a positive investigation.

COFFEE WITH COPS - St Andrews Church Coffee Morning Concerned raised:

Speeding - Trucam speedgun is being regularly deployed to tackle this.

Pavement parking/obstruction - Considerate parking tickets will be issued where necessary.

Abandoned suspicious vehicle - Vehicle check conducted - good intent

#You Said, I did

SCAMS

Scams are an everyday occurrence that do not just happen online. If you are effected by any scams, please go to <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> for online form to report to action fraud, or by ringing **0300 123 2040** Monday to Friday 8am - 8pm.

The information you give to Action Fraud can help track down the scammer.

Have you spotted a suspicious email?

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk

FLY TIPPING

This is still a big problem in most villages.

If you suspect anyone of fly-tipping contact the police on 101 or email recycle@tendringdc.gov.uk

Tendring District Council web site has lots of information regarding carrier licence and what to check for, when paying someone to remove your rubbish.

TRADERS

If you are looking for a reputable trader, a list can be found at <https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

REPORTING INCIDENTS THE CORRECT WAY

To report an incident please ring 101

Or report it online:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-a-crime/>

If residents have any concern on suspicious vehicles/activity/ drugs in the village, please feel free to contact me, with as much detail as possible, including contact details.

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

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES NEWS

Do you run a club or society? If you would like something included in the Alresford Advertiser, please email alresfordadvertiser@gmail.com

ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL REGULAR GROUPS

Below are the regular hire groups currently involved using the hall facilities in normal times.

MONDAY

- Mindfulness Yoga meet Monday mornings
- Alresford Indoor Carpet Bowls Club meet Monday afternoon/Evening.
- Alresford Gardening Club (affiliated to the RHS as Alresford Horticultural Society) meet on the first Monday of the Month, March to November

TUESDAY

- Alresford Lunch Club meet every Tuesday morning and early afternoon
- 1st Alresford Scout Group (Beavers) meet Tuesday Teatime.
- Dog Training Classes Tuesday evening.

WEDNESDAY

- Tai Chi meet every Wednesday morning.
- Alresford Art Club meet every other Wednesday afternoon.
- Alresford Women's Guild meet every other Wednesday afternoon.
- Yoga meet every Wednesday evening

THURSDAY

- Exercise Classes (Extend) meet every Thursday morning.
- Young People's Dance School meet every Thursday afternoon
- Alresford Women's Institute meet the second Thursday evening of the month
- Alresford Camera Club meet the first and third Thursday evening on the month

FRIDAY

- Alresford Calligraphy Group meet every Friday morning.
- Simply Singing meet every other Friday afternoon

SATURDAY

- Alresford Craft and Farmers Market on the first Saturday morning of the month (February to December)
- Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club (using the Pavilion at the rear of the hall)

If more information is needed for any of these groups, please visit the Village Hall website (<https://e-voice.org.uk/alresfordvillagehall/>) or contact Russell Milburn on 01206 825739

SIMPLY SINGING

The Simply Singing Group is not a choir or professional singers, but just people who love to come together and enjoy a good old sing a long of their favourite songs, following the lyrics on a big screen

2022

December 2nd

2023

January 6th & 20th

February 3rd & 17th

March 3rd. 17th & 31st

Sessions are from 2 - 4pm and cost £2.00 including teas and coffees

For more further details about the group, please contact:

Jeanette: 01206 825008 or
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ALRESFORD CAMERA CLUB

www.alresfordcameraclub.org.uk

All meetings commence at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Ford Lane.

2022

December 1st & 15th

2023

January 5th & 19th

February 2nd & 16th

March 2nd & 16th

April 6th & 20th

May 4th & 18th

Please refer to the club website at www.alresfordcameraclub.org.uk for details of these evenings and those in 2023

For further details please contact John on 01206 250846

COPY DEADLINE

**The editorial and advertising deadline
for the next edition will be:**

8th JANUARY 2023

ALRESFORD ART GROUP

It is with regret that after having run the art group for over 21 years, the numbers attending have dwindled to such an extent continuation as a group is no longer sustainable. Despite advertising, and being contacted by people indicating they would like to join, disappointingly this hasn't happened.

To past members, I thank you for your enthusiasm and friendship and send you every good wish for the future and hope you continue to enjoy producing your art work.

Chris Sanderson

ALRESFORD GARDENING CLUB

Very disappointingly, the October evening had to be cancelled due to the invited speaker having transport issues that prevented her getting to Alresford from Kent. Efforts to find a replacement speaker were made, but due to the very short notice, this couldn't be realised. The annual quiz night on November 11th brought the 2022 season to a close, but I am pleased to report that work in putting together 2023's Programme is already well advanced.

For more details about the Gardening Club – please contact Chris Sanderson (Chairman) on 07484 334698

1st ALRESFORD & 1st ELMSTEAD MARKET SCOUT GROUP

A busy Autumn term for 1st Alresford Beavers commence with the District Sleepover at the beginning of September. It was lovely to be back in the familiar surroundings of Thorrington Scout Camp after two years of Covid restrictions had prevented us from being able to take part in any camping activities

A Pirate themed weekend began with the shipmates arriving dressed in Pirate hats and eye patches. The motley crew quickly got to work making parrots, sharks and slime as well as learning how to tie knots (a particularly useful skill for Pirates and Beavers alike). There were also plenty of outdoor games and activities including crossbows, fire lighting and den building followed by the traditional songs around the campfire. After a good night's sleep for the tired Buccaneers, there was time for more adventurous activities on Sunday morning with the tunnels of the 3D Maze being navigated and lots of running, jumping and crawling around the Assault Course and of course walking the plank! After a fun-packed weekend of Yo Ho Ho's the Scallywags returned to their homes having made new friends and memories.

The Beavers have also recently completed their Disability Awareness Badge. We were visited by Alan and Phil who brought 'Heath' the Guide Dog with them and we enjoyed learning all about how Guide Dogs help people who are blind or partially sighted.

The Scout Group marked Remembrance Sunday by attending ceremonies and laying Poppy wreaths and small wooden crosses at the War Memorials in both Alresford and Elmstead.

Beavers (aged 6 to 8) meet on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Alresford Village Hall. Cubs (aged 8 to 10½) are held in Elmstead Community Centre on Wednesday evenings from 6.15pm to 7.45pm. If your child is interested in joining or you would like to add young people under 6 years to our waiting list, please email alresfordbeavers@outlook.com



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To find out more about what Essex Library Service offers, visit our website (link: libraries.essex.gov.uk/).



Loved the Summer Reading Challenge? Good news, the Winter Reading Challenge 2022/23 is here!

During the challenge, you'll be taking a trip around the zoo with our penguin pal Aramoana. Together you'll meet animals from all over the world and learn about how different cultures celebrate the winter season! **Read six books between 26 November and 28 January to complete the challenge!**

So, join us for some frosty fun with our chilly challenge this winter! Sign up in your local library from 26 November.

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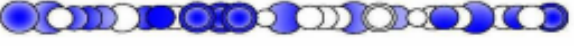
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