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## CORONATION DAY - 6TH MAY 2023

Around 30 people enjoyed King Charles III Coronation which was screened live during the Alresford Craft & Farmers Market in the Village Hall.



A big thank you to Jo, Barry (Alresford Craft & Farmers Market) and Russell (VH Chair) for organising and setting it up, to Sam who was in charge of the live



screening, to Diane and her team for keeping the cafe open until 2pm and to all the stall holders who continuously support the market.

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ST ANDREW'S REFLECTIONS

Thoughts on Life and Faith for June 2023 - Kingship – the Call to Serve

I am writing this on the afternoon of the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla and I wonder what, a month or more later sticks in your mind? Is there a word or a phrase or an image that you still remember?

I was struck at the time, and I hope it will stay with me, that virtually the first words that were said in the Coronation Service was the King - 'I come not to be served but to serve'. And this theme of service ran throughout the service! All the privileges of power, wealth, influence that come with the King's role, position and wealth are to be used to serve. Justin Welby's, in his talk said. 'We are here to crown a King, and we crown a King to serve.'

Now, who said 'I come not to be served but to serve' first?'

Jesus Christ of Nazareth! The person that Christians seek to follow.

The whole Coronation service was about following the way of Jesus! The Kings oaths and promises all linked into this. All the symbolism, the orb, the sceptre's the clothes that the king wore all pointed to the call, the obligation to serve. And Archbishop Justin reminded us that Jesus' 'throne was a Cross. His crown was made of thorns. His regalia were the wounds that pierced his body.'

And as part of the service, we were invited to affirm our allegiance to the King but also to follow in the same way of service. Again, to quote Archbishop Welby 'The King of Kings, Jesus Christ, was anointed not to be served, but to

serve. He creates the unchangeable law of good authority that with the privilege of power comes the duty to serve. '

So, I wonder what this means for us? In what ways are we called to live out a life of service to others? Even in our small ways we have some power to influence things for the good of others. Some of us have may more than others and on those there is the greater call to serve. But we all do influence and exert power over others, in our relationships and in the decisions that we make. How we shop, how we spend our time and money, how we vote – the list goes on.

So, a few weeks after the Coronation I would like to make a suggestion. Take a moment to reflect on how you are called to serve. And do something about it!

Rev Pauline Hart

Associate Priest for the Tenpenny Villages - St Andrew's Alresford, St Anne and St Laurence, Elmstead & St Mary Magdalen, Frating with Thorrington.
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# ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL

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Photo taken from the stage looking back towards the main entrance

## **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR AGM**

As we have progressed out of the Covid period the hall has reverted to the pre-covid usage of regular hire. Also, in the latter stages of the reporting period, private hire has also shown a positive increase.

However, for the Trustees on the Management Committee this last year has been a challenge. Our long-standing Treasurer/Booking Clerk has retired from these duties due to personal reasons. On behalf of the community of the village hall we thank Pat for the 17 years of service, it is only now that it is appreciated on the fantastic work that Pat did throughout the years and undoubtedly was a major contributor to the success of the hall/pavilion in these years.

On a personal level I thank Pat for the support and friendship she has giving me as Chair, and I am incredibly pleased that she intends to stay with us as a Trustee.

The Trustee's had to react quickly to this situation and in the short-term Hayley Milburn as Booking Clerk/Invoice secretary and Cath Patel as Income/Outgoings spreadsheet co-ordinator came to the rescue. A decision to change over to internet banking and quarterly invoicing for regular hire groups was mandated. The Chair and Chris Sanderson became the authorising signatories on the bank account and to date this has been a success.

Of course, as in many areas of volunteering, candidates to fill officer duties are not plentiful and it has been difficult to find a replacement for the Treasurer post. After an appeal first to user groups and then via the Alresford Advertiser we have managed to fill the position of Treasurer. The Booking Clerk duties will remain with a non-Trustee, Hayley Milburn. The Trustees are extremely grateful to Hayley for also setting up the Hallmaster, upgrading the website and managing the newly created generic email address.

The Chair has also functioned as keyholder, and this has proved successful with new users always greeted at start of hire and checked at end of hire. This has resulted in the hall left in incredibly good condition and especially on a Saturday evening hire the hall vacated on time.

As already reported, the new internet banking site was developed, and this has enabled a now in advance refundable deposit to be requested prior to all private hire and allowed instant access to the account to confirm payment of hire fees.

Thank you also to Cath Patel for taking on the income/outgoing spreadsheet co-ordination. Without this the Finance report would have been impossible and we would have failed in our duty as Trustees.

We also have Nicola Lockwood Pugh as secretary and Chris Sanderson to acknowledge. The secretary keeps everything on track and of course produces minutes for all.

Chris continues to fund raise, repair, and manage our utility contracts, which during this year of high energy costs has proved an invaluable service to all our users.

Another unsung hero is Jeanette Downing, a non-trustee who has helped raise over £1000 this past year in holding the Simply Singing every other Friday.

This has left the village hall funds in an extremely healthy position and has allowed us as Trustees to look forward with a degree of confidence in the future years which could present new challenges to our village hall.

Ms Elysia Thompson our cleaner has continued to maintain the hall to an extremely high standard of cleanliness in the hall at an extremely competitive cost.

### **What have the Trustees done:**

- Gas / Electric price tariff New 4 - year deal" to Gas/ Electric tariffs fixed to 2025 "
- Insurance premium fixed for 3 years until 2023.
- Regular Hire Charges not increased for the 18th year in succession.
- Health and Safety handbook updated.
- All Risk Assessment and P.A.T completed.
- Regular updates provided for Alresford Advertiser.
- Village Hall website improved.
- Charity Commission report submitted.
- Hallmaster introduced as online calendar for availability.
- Gas and Fire Annual checks completed.
- Redecoration of foyer and toilets.
- Hall floor repolished.
- Introduced internet banking.
- The Munson Room now has one regular hire and has been used on more occasions for interviews/AGM'S.
- Reduced the overhanging tree. And shrub foliage on north side of hall.
- Introduced quarterly invoicing for regular hire groups.
- Introduced a booking/security deposit for all private hire.

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.

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The Trustee's state that regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance is made when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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.
- To continue to explore fund raising events such as Shop'nTreat, Film nights and Simply Singing.
- Work in partnership with the Parish Council to continue to provide excellent facilities for the communities of Alresford and the surrounding areas.
- 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 hire groups, to become active in hall management and fund-raising activities.
- To replace all north side guttering.
- Explore manual timed switching for airflow units.
- Organise Defibrillator course.
- Soundproof Munson Room
- Recruit a key holder
- Obtain a licence to enable screening of copy right films etc.

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

Russell Milburn Chair  
On behalf of the Alresford Village Hall Management Committee

Following the AGM, the nominated Trustees of the Alresford Village Hall Management Committee for 2023/2024 are:

Cath Patel – Gardening Club and Bowls  
Sue Dukelow – WI  
Chris Sanderson – Art/Camera/Gardening  
Pat Burmby – Guild  
Russell Milburn – Football Club  
Nicola Lockwood Pugh, Diane Spackman, John Stimpson, David Bright, Ann Wiggins and Fiona Harvey – all Village representatives.  
Wendy Bates - Lunch Club

Simon Oakshott, a long-standing Trustee has resigned from the committee due to work commitments. On behalf of the AVHMC, I would like to thank Simon for his time and service.

Russell Milburn Chair AVHMC 01206 825739 or  
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## St Mary Magdalen, Thorrington



Thorrington Bluebell Woods were open once again this year with an abundance of colour. It was enjoyed by a record number of people including those taking part in the fun trail.

Cakes and refreshment were available in the church which was decorated in readiness for the coronation and enjoyed by many.

**Cafe and Catch Up  
at the Church**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023  
at 10.30am  
Refreshments and cake



### **DON'T FORGET...**

The Advertiser a bi-monthly magazine run solely by volunteers. We are only able to continue with the support of our Advertisers and with contributions from our readers. If you are a village organisation and you want to promote your club or an individual who have something to share please email [alresfordadvertiser@gmail.com](mailto:alresfordadvertiser@gmail.com)



**Hello brave adventurers!**

A massive thank you to those of you who visited the magical Kingdom of Wyvernwood over the Easter holiday and May half term. Everyone enjoyed meeting our awesome new additions, Serena and Shadow the unicorns, and Zephyr the Dragon, for the first time.

Everyone in the Kingdom is looking forward to the **Alresford Village Fete on the 10<sup>th</sup> June**, so much so that we are sending along Gurt, the Lord of the Goblins, to welcome you all.

Our summer of adventure begins on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** and there will be three different themes to experience through the holiday period.

Don't forget Alresford residents who live within the Alresford village can purchase an Annual Pass at a 50% discount!

Visit [www.wyvernwood.co.uk/alresford](http://www.wyvernwood.co.uk/alresford) to find out more.

We hope to see you in the Kingdom soon,

*The Captain*



**ALRESFORD ANGLING ASSOCIATION**



The clocks have gone back, the worst of the winter weather passed and certainly a fair amount of rain has fallen. The club's lakes are looking fantastic and their fish are certainly on the move. Already good catches of fish are reaching the bankside. The first Cuckoo was heard on the 1<sup>st</sup> May and the lakes are filled with the sound of geese and songbirds. A large swarm of bees passed across Alresford Lake looking for a place to set up home with the Queen. A pair of Bitterns have been seen around the Cockaynes Wood and Orchard Lakes area, fingers crossed that they nest. Summer is on its way, hopefully not quite so severe as last summer but a bit of warmth and sunshine is always welcome.

The club's AGM went off successfully with a good turn-out of members, who voted back in the existing committee and supported them in their proposals for AAA's future. Alresford Angling Association has now become a Limited Company and is registered as an Organisation for Sporting and Leisure

activities. This confirms our intention to remain a non-profit making organisation and to maintain the Orchard complex as a non-developed area for a wildlife friendly environment and great place for our members to fish. Renewal of membership is now underway for the start of this season, commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. Any potential new members, please contact Jim Martin on 077896882064.

All last season's matches have been completed with Adrian Loughton winning the match league. The first of this season's matches have been held with a mixture of success and weather. The last of the Creed Cup matches was held in strong winds and heavy rain and even the fish on that occasion were not obliging. That is why it is called "fishing" and not "catching".

Thank you to all our members for your support over the last 12 months and it is all your input that has made the club the success it has become. To all our new members "Welcome" and hopefully you will be enjoying great fishing with great company.

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

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Mike Day (Hon. Secretary)



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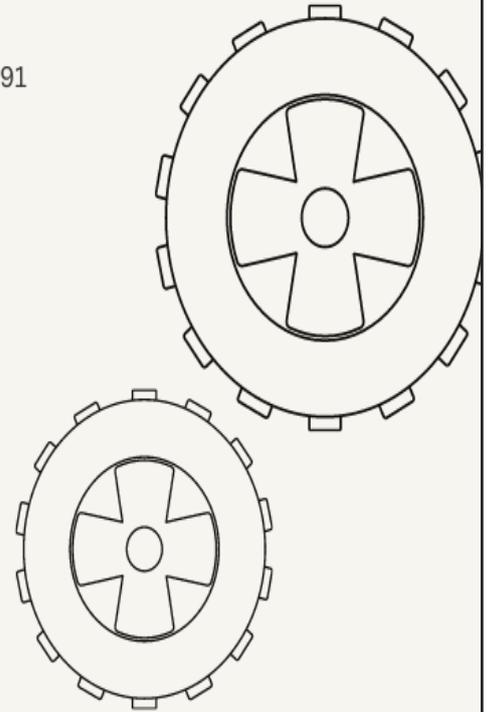
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## ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Every four years an election is held for members of a Parish Council to be elected to office. In most four-year cycles and in many communities the election is uncontested as the number of candidates is often either equal to or less than the requisite number. The election held this year in Alresford had twelve candidates for the eleven seats and so a contested election was held. Following the election, we now have a full compliment of eleven Parish Councillors to serve the community.

We will soon be considering a four-year plan of projects and objectives and ask that residents approach us with ideas for community improvements that fall within the powers of a Parish Council.

The last four years have been very busy for the Council and even with the two year problems of the pandemic there have been significant accomplishments. In 2019 the Parish Council played the main role in Alresford winning Essex Village of the Year followed a year later by the Council being accredited with the Foundation Award for Competency from the National Association of Local Councils. In 2022/23 we were delighted to come first in all three categories of the Essex Playing Fields Competition for Best Kept Playing Field, Best Kept Football Pitch and Best Kept Play Area – credit being given to the many volunteers who assist the community. The finalising of the Alresford Neighbourhood Plan and it's subsequent support at the village referendum was another major accomplishment, made possible by volunteer support. The Plan gives local people a real say in shaping the village for the future. Last month we oversaw the installation of new play equipment and seating for the Parish Council owned play area, the bulk of the finance for this coming from Section 106 planning gain money. The project came about from consultations and planning carried out by Councillors, work experience students and staff.

### Two of the new items of play equipment

Keeping the Precept low whilst still maintaining services and progressing projects is always a challenge especially with inflation and energy costs so high but the Parish Council has done it's very best to maintain standards. Recognition and feedback from the community is always welcome and appreciation for the work of all the volunteer Councillors is so good to have. Works at St Peter's to improve the landscaping has received very favourable responses as have other public realm improvements. A key feature of forthcoming projects will be public area improvements in-line with suggestions gleaned from the Neighbourhood Plan surveys.



Issues that crop up from residents are often highways related – such as damaged kerbstones and pavements, potholes in the road and the amount of Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling through the village. Whilst none of these are the responsibility of a Parish Council we always follow-up to the appropriate body when these matters are raised. We also become directly involved where we have powers to act – albeit within the statutory limitations to our powers. The issue over the appalling loose and missing kerbstones on a number of roads is one the Council tirelessly tries to address. The kerbstone responsibility rests entirely with Essex County Council Highways but as they do not deem it a priority little happens. The Parish Council voted to carry out works itself and has done this under the Highways Devolution scheme, the scheme has unfortunately been withdrawn by Essex Highways but we are determined to continue fixing kerbs for the benefit of the community and although now being forced to use ECC Highways contractors we intend to do our best to address some of the worst areas for loose kerbstones ,subject to acceptable quotations for the works and our budget!

A major disappointment to the Council has been the very protracted exercise of the handing over of the Taylor Wimpey Developments open spaces to Alresford Parish Council. It really is hoped that both sites North and South of Cockaynes can very soon be properly administered by us as regards public open space maintenance including the play area and the allotment plots.

The Parish Council erected flags and bunting around the village in the run up to the Coronation of King Charles III and although appropriate sites were limited the celebration bunting was well received. Benches in the play area have plaques as memorials to our late Queen Elizabeth.

Councillors wish to express grateful thanks to the staff (all part-time) of our Council who work so hard for the community. We also acknowledge the tremendous volunteering spirit that keeps the village at it's very best.

Have a great summer!

Frank Belgrove

Chairman of Alresford Parish Council

## ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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Council meetings are held at the Pavilion on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm. Public and Press are welcome. Agenda & Approved Minutes on website

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## ALRESFORD BIKERS - HAS IT STOPPED RAINING YET?

Creaming along at 40+ in a built-up area, the driver of the noisy little hot-hatch enjoyed the sunshine. He had the sunroof open, and the dice and football boots were dangling from the mirror, and all was well with the world.

He was, as ever, driving on autopilot, blasting his musical tastelessness at the whole village selfishly, and concentrating on the prospect of a little scotch and sofa with the lovely lady currently sitting beside him feeling terrified, more than on the road ahead.

Demonstrating his demon technique at a T-Junction, he nonchalantly flung his car left without looking, straight into the path of the oncoming biker, who fortunately was a member of the Alresford Bikers, and thus well equipped to deal with the situation with the usual aplomb.

"Sorry mate, didn't see you", yelled the idiot driver. "Third brain-dead twerp today" thought the AB rider to himself, stoically.

Alresford Bikers meet in The Pointer Inn on the **second Tuesday of every month at 8pm**, where our hosts Sam and Neil always ensure a warm welcome. So, if you are interested in bikes, bikers, biking, or anything to do with the sport, or even acquiring the skills required to avoid the above situation, come along and say hello. We'd love to see you!

Al Gillard

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## ALRESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING MARCH 2023

### MARCH 2023

RECORDED CRIMES: 2

Crime Types: Burglary - Theft

### INCIDENTS REPORTED: 13

Types Reported: Burglary - Concern - Domestic x 3 - Drugs - Fail/Stop - Highway Disruption - Information x 2 - Missing Person x 3

### MARCH 2023

#### INCONSIDERATE PARKING

2 considerate parking tickets were issued this month.

Vehicles are parking on grass verges/pavements obstructing footpaths, as well as causing damage to the verge, making the village look unsightly. When parking on the pavement it can make visibility poor for those pulling out of their driveways and during school drop off/pickup this can cause obstruction for pedestrians, which could result in an accident. **Please park safely and considerately.**

#### SCAMS

Scams are still a problem everywhere, If you receive Emails that don't look right, report them to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) or phone calls that don't look right, **don't reply and hang up.** If you receive any calls like this, report to action fraud Advising them what telephone provider you use. Or copy paste email and attach it to the online report.

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#### 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 with results.

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## SIMPLY SINGING

First, thank you to all who have supported the Simply Singing afternoons.

The 2022/23 sessions have now closed but we now look forward to the start of the 2023/24 season which will be on **Friday 29th September**. Full details of the session dates post September will be published in the **August/September** edition of the Advertiser.

The Simply Singing group isn't a choir, but a group of people who enjoy a get together for an afternoon of sing-a-longs to their favourite artistes.



Sessions run from 2pm to 4pm and cost £2 refreshments included.

For more details, please contact:  
Jeanette on 01206 825008 or Chris on 07484 334698

## 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 GARDENING CLUB

For April's meeting we welcomed Peter Miller from Kings Seeds, Kelvedon to talk on all aspects of garden seed production. His talk included a number of tools that in previous years was part of the seed production and sorting process, the process of which nowadays is automatic machine based. Kings Seeds are famous for their Sweet Pea varieties, and this was covered in detail as was an explanation behind what we commonly see as F1 and F2 Hybrid seed types. A very interesting and absorbing evening.

**The June to November 2023 programme is:**

**June 5:** "Gardening with Wildlife in Mind" by Dr Chris Gibson

**July 3:** "The National Garden Scheme" by Ed Fairey

**August 7:** Members afternoon visit to National Garden Scheme, Mayfield Farm, Ardleigh. The cost is £10.00 per person which includes refreshments. More details will be given, and names taken at the June meeting.

**September 4:** "Re-Wilding" by Marc McHearn from Beth Chatto's Gardens

**October 2:** "What, Where and Why of Essex Wildflowers" by Dr Chris Gibson

**November 10:** "Quiz Night" by Chris Sanderson

Meetings are held in Alresford Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. New members and visitors always welcome. Member subscription is £5 with a £2 per meeting attended fee. Visitors fee is £5 per meeting attended.

For more details about the club please contact Chris on 07484 334698

## 1<sup>st</sup> ALRESFORD & 1<sup>st</sup> ELMSTEAD MARKET SCOUT GROUP

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. A new Scout Troop (for ages 10½ to 14) will be opening after Easter in Elmstead Community Centre on Wednesday evenings after Cubs. If your child is interested in joining Beavers, Cubs or Scouts or you would like to add young people under 6 years to our waiting list, please email [alresfordbeavers@outlook.com](mailto:alresfordbeavers@outlook.com).

## ALRESFORD CAMERA CLUB

[www.alresfordcameraclub.org.uk](http://www.alresfordcameraclub.org.uk)

The 2022/23 season is now closed and work developing the programme for the 2023/24 season is underway. The new season will commence in late September and full details will appear in the August/September edition of the Advertiser.

In the meantime, if you require details regarding the Camera Club please contact the Chairman, John on 01206 250846



## ALRESFORD COLNE RANGERS F.C.

Unfortunately, the two men's teams both suffered a very disappointing season. Player's commitment to being available was disappointing resulting in constant changes to team selection. Both managers remained fully committed to what was a thankless task. A small ray of hope was the Reserves showing some potential with the closing games fielding a young side. We close the page on the 2022-2023 season and move on optimistically to 2023-2024.

The ladies had a particularly good season finishing as league runners-up, brilliantly led by long-time manager Tony Birkin. With players returning from injury, we should be a little bit stronger for next season.

The Under 8's, Under 12's and Under 13's all are developing nicely with good numbers and enthusiasm. they are the future of Alresford Colne Rangers.

The Mini Rangers continues on a Saturday morning with good numbers attending. It will have a sabbatical from the end of May and recommence in August. If you get a chance, come, and have a look as this is such an enjoyable experience for the kids and indeed for carers and of us who are over the club on a Saturday morning.

At the other end of the scale The Walking Football team's season has just started; this is a new venture for the club but already we have over twenty players and they are "local".

Work is progressing to connect a bore hole to water tanks to enable us to water the pitches in dry times. This has been a joint project between the Football Club and The Parish Council and will enable not only the football pitches to be restored during the summer months, but also allow environmentally beneficial irrigation to all the Playing Field.

The club held an end of season event on 13<sup>th</sup> May when all teams attended, a magnificent event with awards going to worthy winners in every team. Three new awards were available to the Youth set-up, a shield for each team bearing the great names, Alan Green, John Milner, and Harold Milner, all well respected gentleman.

The Clubhouse is open on 3<sup>rd</sup> June for the Alan Green Day which is also F.A. Cup final day. Kick off for the Veterans match will be 1.00 pm and the Pavilion will be open before and during the FA Cup Final. We will also be open on 10<sup>th</sup> June for the Picnic in the Park and will continue into the evening as ACRFC will host the second live band of the day to allow those who want to enjoy later celebrations to remain after the main event finishes.

The Football Club always work in partnership with the Alresford Fete Organising Committee and on the day are pleased to allow club equipment to be used as part of the event. We hope to see many people enjoying these events, the more people who attend, the better the atmosphere.

Well, enjoy the summer break and we will see you all, young and old next season where club memberships will be available to even those who just enjoy a social gathering on a Saturday afternoon.

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- 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 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 September to May

### 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)

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Recruitment for our Summer Reading Challenge volunteers opens on Monday 3 April and closes on Friday 30 June.

More details about Summer Reading Challenge volunteering (link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/volunteer-to-help-with-the-summer-reading-challenge>).

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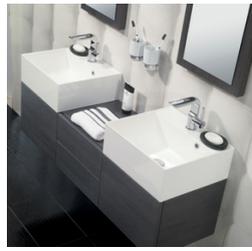
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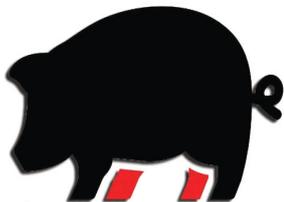


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In the past, the pool has been a valuable resource for local schools and the community alike, providing in school swimming lessons for all seven, year groups at Alresford Primary School and neighbouring schools have used it to teach their pupils as well. This has saved parents, carers, and participating schools a fortune in swimming lesson costs and transport to them. There has been toddler and older adult swimming outside of school hours and local swim schools have used it to hold their lessons. It has even been hired out privately to groups for family swims and birthday parties.

Currently, the pool is structurally in very good condition, bar a deep clean and some superficial maintenance/painting. However, as the pool has not been operational since pre-Covid, the plumbing and mechanics of the filtration system need to be updated to meet current regulations before we can open it to both school users and the community again.

A group of interested parents and members of the public are invested in raising funds for the work that needs to be done and would like to appeal to everybody to get involved in our efforts to bring the pool back into use. The alternative of doing nothing and watching such a promising resource fall into disrepair would be wasteful and ultimately costly for both the school and our community.

Sadly, over recent years there have been several deaths at our local beaches, these are predominantly children, clearly demonstrating the real need for communities to have access to swimming lessons and for all children to have the opportunity to learn this valuable life skill.

Alongside the Tendring Levelling up project we want to become an inclusive provision for everybody in our extended community. As there has been a significant rise in the number of disadvantaged children living in the area, a community pool would provide affordable, accessible swimming facilities with the aim of providing subsidised swimming lessons eventually. Those that don't drive can use public transport to access the pool as we are a very short walk from the local train station and nearest bus stop. Sessions for older adults will improve access to resources that support their mobility, well-being, and mental health. Sessions for babies and pre-school children will enable parents to have affordable access to groups improving their support networks and giving young children further opportunities to interact with other young children.

Local swimming provision is inadequate and declining post Covid as more pools are closing, so in addition to the works mentioned above, our aim is to raise enough money to install heaters for the air around the pool so that it may be used all year round.

If you can help us in any way at all, please email us at [pool@alresford.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pool@alresford.essex.sch.uk)

Or if you wish to donate, we would be very grateful at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/school-swimming-pool>



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