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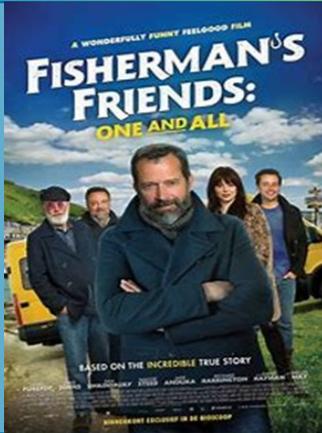
## Movie Nights at Alresford Village Hall



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
October 2023

FISHERMAN'S  
FRIENDS  
ONE AND ALL

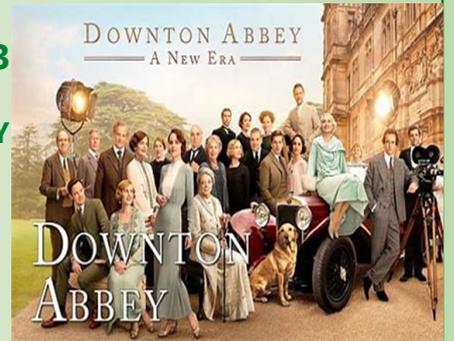
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Film starts at  
7.30pm



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
November 2023

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A NEW ERA

Doors open 7pm  
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Alresford Village Hall Management Committee

### ALRESFORD GARDENING CLUB



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### BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

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remembrance or just spend some time reflecting.

## DECEMBER 2023 - EVENTS

Please see the back page

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# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES NEWS

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## ALRESFORD GARDENING CLUB

On August 7<sup>th</sup> over 20 members of the Gardening Club visited Mayfield Farm near Ardleigh the home and gardens of Ed and Jen Fairey. On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Ed had visited the club to give us a talk on the National Garden Scheme (NGS) and our visit to his home and garden in August made a perfect follow up to this.



His enthusiasm and energy in turning, what for the most part, was originally a semi derelict home and garden was much in evidence. The variety of trees and plants and their placement within the garden areas showed what was possible with some careful thought and planning, although as Ed reminded us, he has had no horticultural or gardening training. Although the season for the majority of flowers that grow from bulbs had passed, the scale of Ed's planting was inspiring. Whilst we might purchase a few dozen bulbs, Ed's numbers ran into the hundreds of thousands, reason enough to possibly look forward to a further garden visit spring time next year?

After looking around the formal garden area to the front of the house we sat and enjoyed refreshments of tea/coffee

and cakes various. This was followed by a visit to the kitchen garden, the yet unfinished glass house that will house grapevines, a building that will house the pumping and filtration for a new swimming pool, the roof of which had been specifically designed for the growing sedums all of which appear to be flourishing. Finally, we walked to the paddock area, containing fruit trees and a fully equipped and very comfortable looking Shepherds Hut.

For September we enjoyed Marc McHearn's talk on re-wilding and on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we look forward to Dr Chris Gibson's talk of Essex Wildflowers. The season will conclude with our ever popular annual quiz on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

For more details about the club please contact myself on 07484334698

Chris Sanderson

## ALRESFORD CAMERA CLUB

### Are you interested in photography?

It doesn't matter if you are a "phone snapper" or a fully-fledged highly experienced photographer who processes their images in detail on their computer. Everyone who takes a photograph does so for the same reason. To make a record of what they see before them be it family or friends, a memory of a place visited, an exciting moment in time or possibly a creative view of something others may have just walked past and not even noticed. A rotten tree stump? An ant carrying an egg? An unusual cloud formation? Shadows of a garden seat? The list is endless, BUT does anyone else ever see and enjoy your images? Does anyone else ever comment on, or offer friendly or helpful suggestions about your images?

### This may be the answer!

Our new season is fast approaching at Alresford (FRIENDLY) Camera Club, and new members and guests are always welcome to join us at our meetings in the very spacious village hall in Ford Lane Alresford. You do not have to enter images unless you wish to do so, (But we hope you will). You

are welcome to just come along and listen to our speakers or join in our discussions should you wish.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month starting on October 5<sup>th</sup> through to May 18<sup>th</sup> 7.15 for 7.30-10.00. (Refreshment breaks 8.30-9.00).

Please visit our website

[www.alresfordcameraclub.org.uk](http://www.alresfordcameraclub.org.uk) for full details of the new seasons programme, alternatively please phone John on 01206 250846.

## SIMPLY SINGING

The start of the 2023/24 season began on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The remaining dates for 2023 are:

6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November  
1<sup>st</sup> December



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

## LUNCHEON CLUBS

**TUESDAYS at ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL:**  
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**For any further enquiries, please contact:**

**Alresford**  
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## ALRESFORD CRAFT & FARMERS MARKET

**Alresford Village Hall  
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**7<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**

**9am - 12 noon**

**A variety of food and craft stalls**

**Free Admission**

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**For updated information, please check  
the Alresford Craft & Farmers Market  
Facebook page**

## ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL REGULAR GROUPS

### 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 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/Art Club 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)

If more information is needed for any of these groups, please visit:

<https://e-voice.org.uk/alresfordvillagehall/> or contact Russell Milburn on 01206 825739

## 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 ANGLING ASSOCIATION



Patron: Sir Bernard Jenkins MP

Despite all the forecasts of another blazing hot summer, it has turned out to be a normal British summer with lovely warm sunny days interspersed with torrential rain. All the lakes have clung on to their levels throughout the summer and vegetation has remained green and needed constant cutting to keep pathways and swims clear. Thanks as always to our intrepid band who give their time to ensure that the lakes maintain their pristine condition.



The Wass's Memorial Match fished in June resulted in £361 being raised for St. Helena's Hospice. This is something the club has supported over the last few years, but were unable to from 2019 until this season, due to the Covid pandemic. The photo shows Steve Sibbons presenting the cheque to James Martin-Whymark of St. Helena's. The club will continue to support this worthy cause who not only care for terminal patients in their last moments but also support their dependants during this difficult time.

One result of this summer has been a bumper crop of Blackberries. The bushes around the lakes have been loaded with fruit and have been a welcome distraction when the fishing has gone quiet. The first geese have appeared in large groups. A sure sign that winter is just around the corner.

The club's match programme continues with OAP and team matches taking place throughout the Autumn. Home and away matches are planned between AAA and a Police team. A record catch of 60lb 13oz for Worcester Lake was achieved in a match, comprising mostly of small F1 Carp. Catches from all the lakes remain healthy until the onset of colder weather.

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

Mike Day (Hon. Secretary)



## ALRESFORD COLNE RANGERS F.C.

What an unexpected position Alresford Colne Rangers found themselves in when 3 weeks before the season kick off the first team manager walked away. Already facing a hill climb to rebuild as no players from the 2022-23 season returned. The club faced a mountain, and an emergency meeting took place and Mark Pilgrim was appointed to the post. Mark will get 100% support the club committee and he has already worked his socks off to put a team together. The club owe him a huge debt of gratitude as the other option would have been to fold the team.

An interesting season lies ahead in what could be a very bumpy road but the spirit within the club will prevail. The early results have not been good, but this was to be expected against established teams who are expected to challenge for honours this season. The spirit has been good with also good behaviour being evident. Performance is improving and at the time of this report after 6 losses, the team won their first game of the season.

As a club we feel we offer players a good environment to play their football, but we will not pay players as is alleged to be the case elsewhere in our level of football. Players pay a membership for the privilege of belonging to our club and to pull on the Alresford Colne Rangers shirt. The Reserves have only just started their league program in Division 3 and to date have drawn one and lost one.

The Ladies and Youth teams start their respective league programs on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and it is in this area that the club has made excellent progress with three youth sides, one Ladies and on Over50's Walking team now being part of the club. Indeed, the Under 13 side won a pre-season tournament at Wivenhoe.

Social events will be advertised on our social media sites and in the Alresford Advertiser. All are welcome, so come along and become a member.

The Mini Rangers on a Saturday morning goes from strength to strength and caters for young people 3 to 7 years of age.

So, we have much to look forward to and we now are confident that we have a good set of people that will allow the club to be a welcoming place for all to play or socialise in the coming season.

Brian Martin  
ACRFC

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

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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)

## ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL

Charity Commission Number: 301233

Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/alresfordvillagehall>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Alresfordvillagehall/>



Photo taken from the stage looking back towards the main entrance

An online calendar is available via the website to allow visibility of when the hall is available for hire. Bookings will still need to be made via email or telephone with a booking /security deposit now required to confirm the booking. Hirers are encouraged to pay deposit/fees using BACS and after the hire the deposit is quickly refunded assuming the hall is left as the contract of hire defines.

Email: [alresfordvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:alresfordvillagehall@gmail.com)

Contact No: 07548 742796

Please see the website for all news and updates regarding hire times, booking process and advice as to end of session times and clear up including vacating the hall

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

As reported in the August/September AA the hall was closed in late August to allow improvements and maintenance to be conducted. This proved to successful.

The central fan replaced with an LED light that allows improved main floor lighting if required. Taps updated in the toilets to eliminate the problem of taps being left on at the end of hire periods, this has caused in the short term increased water utility payments.

Also, to assist in the lessening of wasted water, a censor was fitted that switches off the water supply to the toilets and will reactivate (switch on) when persons enter the toilets.

All paint work inspected and "touched up" where required and the carpets were VAC'S cleaned.

The main hall floor was industrial cleaned, sealed and the lacquered and the vinyl floor area in front on the kitchen hatch was also industrial cleaned.

The annual fire inspection completed with new signage and renewed water extinguishers provided.

The sound proofing doors in The Munson Room also completed and should allow more privacy when the hall and Munson Room are hire simultaneously.

The oven has been professionally cleaned.

Trustees are now planning to replace all the door mats soon.

Thank you to Chris Sanderson, Russel and Stan, Fiona Harvey, and Russell Milburn for their time over the 4 days in improving our village hall.

Please see Advertiser for Dates of the Simply Singing and Film Nights.

Hire continues to be extremely healthy with a diversity from dog training through to a Theatre School during the summer break being very welcome. As we go into the Autumn/Winter season bookings are now coming in amazingly fast and again this is encouraging as the remit of the village hall is to be used by our community.

Russell Milburn (Chair)



## St Andrew's - not just for Sundays

**Friendship Circle 10:30 to 12:00**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

Although we are a bereavement group, we welcome anyone who is lonely and is seeking company for a chat, coffee and cake.

**Memories 14:30 to 16:00**

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday**

Do you or anyone you know have memory problems? If so, you are very welcome to join us for a time of reminiscing and refreshment.

**Tuesday Tots 10:30 to 12:00**

**Weekly term-time**

Somewhere to bring your little ones to play and somewhere to meet other parents and carers.

**Knit and Natter 14:00 to 15:30**

**Tuesday Fortnightly**

Bring your latest craft project or just come along and natter over tea and cake.

**Start-up Café 10:30 to 12:00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

The Church transforms into a café to meet old and new friends over tea, coffee and cake, borrow a book or jigsaw and take part in a quiz!

**Relax and Renew 13:45 to 15:00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

Learn relaxation techniques and enjoy some refreshments

**Ministry for Men 19:30 to 21:30**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.**

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## St Andrew's Church



### ST ANDREW'S REFLECTIONS

Over the summer, I've taken to learning Italian. I knew a little previously (mainly centred around acquiring beer/coffee, and saying please and thank you) but our niece has been doing the Duolingo app for the past year and inspired me to have a go. So, thirty six days later, I'm committed. I have widened my repertoire considerably, although the sentences which stick in my mind ("I talk with the turtle"; "The small elephant does not eat well"; "Your monkey eats the pasta on my plate") might equip me better to be an Italian zoo keeper than prepare me to wander the artistic treasures of Florence. It would help me considerably if there was *one* word for "the" rather than six or more (really, how complicated does a language need to be?), but I'm getting there. The hardest thing for me are the exercises where you need to listen to a sentence in Italian, and then you write it down. Sometimes I get it straight away. Sometimes it *sounds* like Italian, but its meaning could be Martian; I have no idea at all.

Having no idea at all is quite a natural state for me. I have no idea how the metal box I am flying in to Croatia stays up. I have no idea about the size of the space which surrounds our planet. I don't understand why wars continue when so much pain is inflicted, or why people are moved to steal or inflict injury. I don't understand how a small mosquito can inflict so much discomfort.

However, my faith means that I *do* know that I trust in a God who understands it all, even the mosquito issue. Do you remember that ad for the AA, where the tagline was "...but I know a man who can"? What with the vastness of my lack of understanding, and the way I fumble though life, Italian or no Italian, I'm very grateful that I stand on a rock who knows it all, that I know a God who can.

Julie Thompson

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### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CONTACTS

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Bookings for the Hub: Meg Burdus - 01206 820618

### THANK YOU

#### RE: COLIN QUY

Thank you to all my friends and neighbours for the many cards and messages of sympathy for the loss of my husband Colin. Your love and kindness has been wonderful and a great comfort to me.

Angela Quy

### MOBILE LIBRARY: Alresford Village Hall The Mobile Library visits every: 3 weeks

**Day of visit:** Thursday

**Time of Visit:** 11.55am to 12.25pm

#### NEXT VISIT DATES

19<sup>th</sup> October

9<sup>th</sup> November & 30<sup>th</sup> November

21<sup>st</sup> December

#### LOCAL LIBRARY NEWS

**Black History Month (October):** We will be highlighting some of our great books by Black authors, and all about Black history. This year's theme is Saluting Our Sisters, so we will be focusing on the achievements of Black women. <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/black-history-month/>

**Love Your Library Day (7<sup>th</sup> October) for teens:**

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/love-your-library-day-for-teens>

**Half Term Children's Author Events:** Join Author Kate Read for a reading of her book 'One Fox' and a fun themed activity after! Or design and build your own bridge, and enjoy a reading of 'Malik's Bridge' at our Black History Month themed workshop

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/childrens-author-events-this-half-term>

**Silver Sunday:**

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/silver-sunday-celebration>



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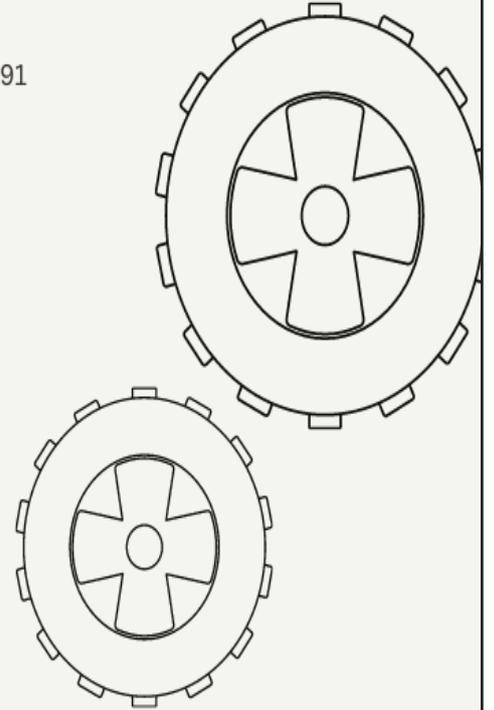
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# ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL Chairman's Report

October/November 2023

Cllr John Housden

This report opens on a sad note for the Council and the community as we pay tribute to serving Councillor John Housden who passed away on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August aged 83. John was the most senior Council member and had served as a Parish Councillor for fifteen years. His input into council planning and highways matters was immense and his qualifications in architecture stood him in good stead for decision making on both of these topics. He was a knowledgeable and kind man and his generosity to charitable works was outstanding. Apart from his Council and other community activities in Alresford (including his contribution to many local Christmas gatherings with his infamous homemade mulled wine) John was involved in the Masons, he assisted with marshalling the London Marathon, he was a Trustee of the Essex Retired Police Dogs Fund and he was a Freeman of the City of London. John will be greatly missed by so many. Our condolences to Helen and all the family.

## Highways

Works have been authorised by the Parish Council in order to address some of the kerbstone issues in the Coppice Road area. Essex County Council has insisted that we use their contractor and so we have instructed Ringway Jacobs to commence works – initially in Coppice Road itself.

## Meetings

For the first time in many years no full Alresford Parish Council meeting was held in August due mainly to holidays and staff training. Day to day work still continued of course and amongst many matters we had to deal with were planning consultations, criminal damage incidents and also a discussion with our solicitor regarding a land transfer.

## Administration and Audit

A considerable amount of staff time and Councillor input is required for a Parish Council to be compliant with the law and to meet operational protocols. The last few months have been especially busy in that regard as revisions have been made to policies and to terms of reference. This work in all areas of Council business, especially finance, has paid dividends as this year's audit has resulted in no recommendations being made from the External Auditor and no matters raised for action. We aim to spend taxpayers money wisely and be accountable for our actions.

## Taylor Wimpey/Staunton Gate land management

Tendring District Council has signed off the site to the north of Cockaynes Lane meaning that planning obligations have been fulfilled. The "signing off" means that the public access land can be transferred to the Parish Council for management. We have instructed our solicitor to oversee the conveyance of land to Alresford Parish Council. We hope this transfer will be straightforward as we are keen to maintain the grassland and trees for the benefit of all.

## Playing Field

The hot days of early summer gave way to rain throughout July and August but the playing field was at times still exceptionally busy and the new play equipment has proved popular. The provision of a hired toilet was welcomed by parents and a permanent toilet is planned.

The tennis nets were available as usual this summer and it was good to see them used by families however it has been noted that some cracking is occurring on one court surface due to tree roots and this will need to be addressed.

## History

Alresford's history is to be highlighted on two or more information boards that will be placed at strategic points in the village. A grant from the Brightlingsea based "Community Reach" group has been obtained and the layout and wording of the information boards will be prepared by a local historian.

## Planning

When undertaking any building works such as property extensions it is important that residents check whether planning permission is required. Tendring District Council are our planning authority and a call to them or a visit to many of the advisory websites will help with decision making and will provide advice on the latest regulations. There has been a change in certain aspects of planning law allowing permitted development to cover many building projects that once required full planning permission. The Parish Council is informed by Tendring District Council of all Planning Applications and can offer an objection, can support an application or can offer a neutral (no objection) comment.

## And finally:

Alresford Parish Council thanks the many volunteers that do so much in our village – community spirit is thriving in Alresford!

Frank Belgrove  
Chairman  
Alresford Parish Council



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From 01/07/2023- 23/07/2023

### RECORDED CRIMES: 6

**CRIME TYPES:** Arson - Assault without injury - Criminal damage - Public order offence - Public order/ harassment - Non crime investigation

### INCIDENTS REPORTED: 7

**TYPES REPORTED:** Abandoned 999 - Assault - Concern - Domestic - Malicious communications - Nuisance vehicle - Public order

From 24/07/2023 - 31/08/2023

### RECORDED CRIMES: 10

**CRIME TYPES:** Assault ABH - Assault without injury x 3 - Criminal damage - Domestic - Other x 2 - Theft - Threats

### INCIDENTS REPORTED: 26

**TYPES REPORTED:** Abandoned 999 x 2 - Animal - Assault - Attention to - Concern x 4 - Disturbance x 2 - Domestic x 3 - Drugs - Information - Other - Public Order - RTC - Suspicious circumstances x 7

### Criminal Damage

There have been spates of criminal damage in the village, including Arson. This is currently under investigation. Anyone caught damaging property could be faced with a criminal record

### Inconsiderate Parking

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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.

### St Andrews Church Book Café

As many of you may know, there is a coffee morning at St Andrews Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. This is a welcome place for all to pop in and have a chat with other others in the community over a coffee and slice of cake. They are such a lovely friendly group.

I will be in attendance on:

**WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER from 10:30 - 12:00**

If you have any concerns in Alresford or just want to pop along to say hello.

### Reporting incidents the correct way

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## NEW PRE SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August saw much activity at the Primary School in Ford Lane with the arrival of four articulated lorries carrying the building modules for what will be the new Pre School accommodation. A carefully orchestrated work plan saw the modules quickly unloaded from the lorries and carried high over the trees by a very tall mobile crane. By lunch time the lorries had left and the crane had moved to assist in the final positioning of the modules. I am sure the staff and children will be very pleased with their new classroom.

Chris Sanderson



## ALRESFORD BIKERS - FUN IN THE SUN

We're out and about in full flow now, as you would expect. The mileage is piling on, and instead of road dirt and brown sludge our bikes are pretty much splattered with flies now! Every year we are asked why we're so heavily dressed when riding. The answer is for protection in the event of an unexpected dismount, which does happen. Riding around in jeans and T shirts is definitely not cool. But also for protection against airborne detritus, big bugs, and sometimes even birds! I've been impacted by a pheasant a few years ago, and it did some considerable damage. Many years ago I was hit in the throat by a wasp, and not being properly dressed at that time, it embedded itself, and I had to go to hospital and have it removed. No fun.

A couple of us recently took a ride to Mallory Park, despite some doubtful looking weather forecasts, where the Bike Bonanza takes place every year. This is a very large event where clubs have stands and show off their bikes, and we get to see some old, and very old, bikes and bike racers undertake "Parade laps" round the track, as they do given the slightest encouragement. I say "parade" laps, because they are anything but slow. In fact, many of the rider-marshals had some difficulty keeping up with the old guys, thrashing old race bikes to the limit. We walked around the paddock and met several bike celebrities. Try doing that at F1! Several very well known former racers were there, and we had a nice chat with Michael Dunlop and Niall Mackenzie. Alex George, although getting on a bit now, still provided some fun during his rides, and in between we had a nice little chat with him too. During one of the parades it rained spectacularly, causing it to be instantly red-flagged, and many of the spectators were forced into a large marquee until it stopped. It really was a monsoon, but not for long. Then the riding resumed! Having marshalled at that track myself several times in the past, I know how much work it took to get the parades under way again, flooding from the lake in the middle being a bit of a problem! Anyway, it was still a very enjoyable day, and the bikes were fabulous.

Yesterday, as I write this, some of us went to Copdock Bike Show, an annual event which seems to be booming back after Covid. There were more dealerships than ever there, and many more bikes for looking at and sitting on too. It is a great event for trying out bikes if you're not sure what you want, and the dealers are all very helpful and spent all day answering questions and talking bikes with thousands of punters. The trouble is, I could have easily spent a million quid. But, with a lot of walking round displays and activities, the autojumble and traders, it was very hot, and so several pauses for tea and bacon sarnies were made. One of the spectacular parts of the Copdock show is always the bike park. Not only is it superbly well organised and managed, it is huge! See the picture, and that's not all of it - I couldn't get it all in! And Summer is not over yet! There are still months of decent weather for taking ride out, and we slip in the odd ride during the week too. There are still future events coming up, especially at this time of year, the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Run, which will have happened before you read this, but which will no doubt be a huge

success, with bikers raising tens of thousands of pounds for the charity in a single day.



So we look forward to many more good rides out, most Sundays and sometimes mid-week too, and our meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the Pointer Inn, where our hosts Neil and Sam always make us very welcome. So, if you're interested in bikes or want to know more, just turn up, everyone is welcome!

Al Gillard

### THE CHARITY BAG

#### Stamps for Bone Cancer Research Trust (BCRT)

Please remind everyone that the Friends of BCRT - Postage Stamp Appeal & More can raise funds from unwanted obsolete postage stamps, whether it is a single 1p stamp or a book of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

We know that over the next few months (or years!) you will be discovering that odd stamp in the drawer or amongst the Christmas cards that you didn't write so you if you do not want to use the Royal Mail exchange service, please think of us. Every stamp, Horizon labels, collections and 1st day covers will help to raise vital funds for the Bone Cancer Research Trust.

Please deliver to Friends of BCRT-Stamp Appeal and More at 2 Coach Road, Alresford, Essex CO7 8EA or email [charitystampappeal@gmail.com](mailto:charitystampappeal@gmail.com) for more details.

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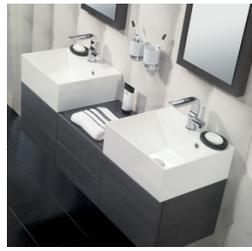
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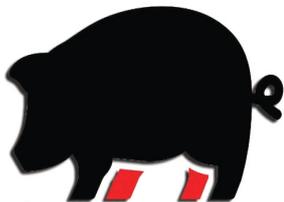


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