

# THE ALRESFORD ADVERTISER APRIL / MAY 2024

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## FLOWER ARRANGING COURSE

On **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024** Marian Cable and Dawn Pace will be starting a flower arranging course for beginners in the **Church Hub**. It will be for **5 weeks** on **Tuesdays** from **10:00 - 12:00**, concluding with a workshop on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024** from **10:00 - 15:00**.  
If you are interested, please contact Marian on **01206 825101**

## ALRESFORD WI

*Warmly invite you to a  
FASHION SHOW*

*BY  
CONSCIOUSLY CLOTHED*

*At Alresford Village Hall*

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
at 7.30pm

**ADMISSION INCLUDING  
REFRESHMENTS £3.00**

**RAFFLE**

*For further information  
Contact:*

*Chris James on 07977 495382 or  
Allyson Salmon on 07742 918062*

The Alresford Fete  
Organising Group  
invite you to our Summer event

## Picnic in the Park

Free  
Entry



Saturday  
8th June 2024  
12.30 PM - 6.00 PM



Alresford Playing Field  
Ford Lane  
CO7 8AT

## SAVE THE DATE

more details to follow

If you would like to support or get involved, please  
call Courtney 07535707002 or email [AlresfordFOG@gmail.com](mailto:AlresfordFOG@gmail.com)



## MOVIE NIGHT

At Alresford Village Hall

**Saturday 13th April 2024**

"THE FEEL-GOOD FILM  
OF THE YEAR"

★★★★★

WELSH STANTON SPALL IRIE HAYMAN SESSIONS LUMLEY

## FINDING YOUR FEET



SOMETIMES YOU NEED A PUSH IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

COMING SOON

**Film starts at 7.30 - doors open at 7pm**

This is a no cost - non ticket event but donations  
will be very welcome for the teas and coffees

Alresford VH Management Committee

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# 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](mailto:alresfordadvertiser@gmail.com)



## ALRESFORD COLNE RANGERS F.C.

2024 has started week for Alresford Colne Rangers (ACRFC). Green shoots of recovery are showing at last with players coming in capable of playing at the level required. The Men's Teams are still rebuilding from the mass player walkout at the start of the season with only a few remaining and their loyalty is great to see. The managers are already looking at next season, so we do not have the same turmoil again.

All team managers at this stage are committed for next season and this will hopefully bring much needed continuity to the club.

The youth teams are progressing very nicely, the under 14's and under 13's sit in fourth place in their respective leagues which is very encouraging as they compete against clubs that have multiple teams at each age level.

The under 9's are getting stronger and are increasing in player numbers.

The Ladies are also getting back to strength after losing a few players, but those who remain are very loyal and we are grateful to them as loyalty to a club is becoming a rare quality.

The Walking Football are starting to prepare for the new season. What an effort that Paul and his team made in organising the recent quiz night that was a tremendous success.

The Mini Rangers continue to be well supported on a Saturday morning with lots of children and their families meeting at the club and getting to know us and making new friends.

As a club we believe we offer a good package, great facilities, great playing field and membership fees that are far lower than most other clubs.

The clubs end of season Presentation event will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> with the Mini Rangers holding theirs separately on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the villages PICNIC IN THE PARK takes place with ACRFC very much involved with helping set up and of course opening the Bar. There are two live bands, one in the afternoon during the Picnic and one in the evening for those who want to continue the day. We hope to see as many village folk as possible enjoying what Alresford has to offer and of course meeting the community.

Ranger  
Brian Martin, ACRFC

## ALRESFORD WI

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

**New members are always welcome**

For further information please contact:  
Chris James, 01255 764769 or Hilda Newbold 01206 823477

## ALRESFORD CAMERA CLUB

**Are you interested in photography?**

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month starting on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 through to May 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, 7.15pm for 7.30 - 10.00pm (Refreshment break 08.30 - 9.00pm)

Please visit our website at [www.alresfordcameraclub.org](http://www.alresfordcameraclub.org) for full details of the new season's programme, alternatively please phone John on 01206 250846

## ALRESFORD CRAFT & FARMERS MARKET 2024 DATES



**6<sup>th</sup> April**

**4<sup>th</sup> May**

**1<sup>st</sup> June**

**6<sup>th</sup> July**

**3<sup>rd</sup> August**

**7<sup>th</sup> September**

**5<sup>th</sup> October**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**7<sup>th</sup> December**



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

**9am - 12 noon**

**A variety of food & craft stalls**

**Free Admission**

**Free car park and disabled facilities**

**For updated information, please check our FB page**

## SIMPLY SINGING



It has been proven that singing is possibly one of the best ways of offsetting the nasties of advancing years so could the singing group help you?

Please come along and give it a try - we normally meet twice monthly on Friday afternoons between 2 and 4pm, cost is just £2 per afternoon which includes refreshments.

**Dates fare as follows:**

**5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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

## 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.

### WEDNESDAY

- Tai Chi meet every Wednesday morning.
- Alresford Women's Guild meet every other Wednesday afternoon.
- Dog Training Classes 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)
- Little City on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday morning of the month
- 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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Alresford & Elmstead Market Scout Group



### All you need to get in contact with us

Sections, age groups, meeting places & contact details.

#### Beavers

Boys & girls aged 6 - 8 years

Meet on a Tuesday evening, 6.30pm - 7.30pm at Alresford Village Hall

[alresfordbeavers@outlook.com](mailto:alresfordbeavers@outlook.com)

#### Cubs

Boys & girls aged 8 - 10 years

Meet on a Wednesday evening, 6.15pm - 7.45pm at Elmstead Community Centre

[karl@elmsteadscouts.org](mailto:karl@elmsteadscouts.org)

#### Scouts

Boys & girls aged 10 - 14 years

Meet on a Wednesday evening 7.45pm - 9.15pm at Elmstead Community Centre

[chloe@elmsteadscouts.org](mailto:chloe@elmsteadscouts.org)

## ALRESFORD BOWLS CLUB

**You are invited to join us to  
play carpet bowls**

**SESSIONS ARE HELD EVERY MONDAY  
2.00PM AND 7.00PM  
ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL  
JUST COME ALONG**

**FREE TRIAL SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO  
NEWCOMERS**

**THEREAFTER THERE IS A £10 ANNUAL FEE AND  
£2 PER SESSION WHICH INCLUDES  
REFRESHMENTS**

For further information contact  
Andrew Pyman on  
07393 381257



## Alresford Carpet Bowls Club

# QUIZ

## NIGHT

### Friday 28th June

### Alresford Village Hall

**Doors open at 7 pm for a 7:30 pm start**

Entry fee £3 per person and a maximum of 6 people per table, payment to be made on the night. Please bring your own drinks and snacks, tea and coffee available on the night.

**Please contact Nick Pace to reserve your table, contact details 07799076626**

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## ALRESFORD ANGLING ASSOCIATION



Patron: Sir Bernard Jenkins MP

One thing the club is not short of at the moment is water, with the rain being relentless on an already saturated ground. With the new club season starting at the the end of May, all the club's lakes look to be in fine order. All of the 2023/2024 matches have been fished and the new schedule for the forthcoming season will be posted on the club's webpage. Well done to all those who have won their matches and to the League winner; congratulations.

It was with some surprise that Albert Waters, the club's Chairman, announced his resignation from this post along with his position on the committee. Albert has been a committee member for 52 years and has been mainly responsible for the great condition of the lakes and surrounding areas, but he felt that it is time for someone else to take over the role. A new Chairman will be elected at the AGM.

This season's AGM will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> April at the village hall and for the first time, no cash or cheques will be taken on that night. So, all membership payments will be done on-line through "Clubmate". This is mainly due to bank closures, admin costs, along with postal issues and the cost of postage. We are not alone in adopting this payment method, with other clubs in the area are also using this system. We are aware that there are a few members who cannot access this method of payment and we will do all that we can to overcome this issue. D&P Online Fishing Ltd. at Brightlingsea has offered to help any member who does not have on-line access and Jim Martin, the Membership Secretary, can be contacted on 077896882064 for help. It is our intention to inform all members of this prior to the AGM.

Please be aware that the Environment Agency still enforce the "Close Season" on rivers and waterways, so end of fishing will have commenced after the 15<sup>th</sup> March and will recommence on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. Ignoring this could result in prosecution. Although our lakes do not fall under this remit, please be aware that fish will start spawning and birds nesting in the forthcoming months. We expect you to be considerate to all wildlife and not disturb them.

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

Tight Lines.  
Mike Day (Hon. Secretary)

## ALRESFORD GARDENING CLUB

The club meets on the first Monday of March, April, June, July, September and October in the Village Hall, Ford Lane. Membership subscription is £5 with a per meeting cost of £2. Non-members /visitors are welcomed at £5 per meeting. Refreshments are included.

### Events Programme

**April 8th** - "Insects, Friends or Foe" - Dr Chris Gibson  
**May 15th** - visit to NGS garden Blunts Hall near Witham  
**June 3rd** - "Companion Planting for a Balanced Garden" - Dr Ian Bedford  
**July 1st** - "Tales from the Riverbank" - Liz Huxley  
**August** - TBA  
**September 2nd** - "The Perennial Mr Potter" - Bryan Thurlow  
**October 7th** - "An East Anglian Story - the influence of geology, history, climate etc on wildlife and the landscape" - Dr Chris Gibson  
**November 15th** - Quiz Night - Chris Sanderson

For more details please contact Chris on 07484 334698.

## 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 - £7.00  
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@outlook.com](mailto:theautumncentre@outlook.com)

**THE AUTUMN CENTRE incorporating the ALRESFORD & BRIGHTLINGSEA LUNCH CLUBS**  
**PLEASE HELP!! We are in URGENT need of the following:**

- 1. VOLUNTEERS** for both the shop in Brightlingsea and the Alresford Lunch Club
- 2. We have an office VACANCY** for a few hours per week for which we pay a modest remuneration
- 3. Also, a VOLUNTEER** to help at the shop putting goods outside the shop in the mornings at 9am and bringing them back in, in the afternoon, 3pm (wheelchairs, walkers etc)
- 4. SOMEONE** to 'man' the shop, just a few hours a week

The funding for the Lunch Clubs comes via the Autumn Centre, a registered charity, however, we need the workers to enable us to continue to provide for our elderly and vulnerable members.

Thank you for your kind consideration of the above needs, **please contact Wendy Bates on 07582 603 816**

## ST ANDREW'S REFLECTIONS



### APRIL FOOLISHNESS

You will be reading this just after Easter when, in our churches we celebrate Jesus dying on a cross and coming back to life three days later. This year Easter falls on the day before April Fool's Day. This seems entirely appropriate as the Easter story and Christianity is foolishness!!

St Paul, who wrote most of the letters in the New Testament part of the Bible wrote to some of the first churches and talked about the 'foolishness of the cross'. He said that it seems irrational to those who want faith to be logical and uncaring to those who want it to be totally spiritual.

The cross is foolishness because why would a god, who created everything allow himself/his son to be executed as an innocent man in a humiliating and painful way? Powerful gods do not do that sort of thing.

The cross is foolishness because death could not hold Jesus. We often think of death as the end of everything. But Christians believe that the grave could not keep Jesus down - that death is dead. That there is new life sprung from death.

Crazy, crazy, foolish ideas!!

And even before he died and rose again Jesus was foolish in the life he had led. He hadn't spent his time with nice respectable people. In fact, he had spent most of it with all kinds of disreputable 'sinners', women of questionable reputation, men who colluded with the authorities, people who were excluded because they were unwell or just different, friends who betrayed or deserted him. When he saw injustice against the weak and powerless, he stood up for them and when that got him arrested on false charges, he didn't put up a fight. And, although as the Son of God he could have called down an army of angels to rescue him he didn't!! How foolish. Stupid even.

So how come such a foolish faith, has been around for nearly 2,000 years?

I would argue it is because of love. Love is foolish. Elsewhere St Paul wrote that 'love is patient, kind, not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It doesn't insist on his own way, it is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.' This is how God loves us. How he loves me. How he loves human beings. How he loves his creation.

So, when I mess up and am foolish or even downright bad, I am still loved. And I am loved so much that I start to realise that I do not have to keep on messing up in the same old foolish ways. That I can have some of the new life that Jesus foolishly started when he rose again from the grave. That I can start to be foolish in a different way - the way that Jesus was standing up against injustice, standing up for love.

*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

Charity Commission Number: 301233

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

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

### DEFIBRILLATOR AND CPR TRAINING UPDATE

We are intending to arrange training for Defibrillator, when and how to use and how to conduct Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, also more commonly referred to as CPR.

There has been an encouraging number registering an interest in this and the training will be scheduled a little later in the year to fit in with the trainer and hall availability.

If you are interested, please contact us via the email address or call us on 07548 742796.

Once we have an idea of numbers, we will arrange sessions throughout the day to attend. There is NO COST

**NEWS FLASH**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALRESFORD**  
**VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**17TH APRIL 2024 AT 7.30PM**  
**ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL**

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Treasurer who joined us recently has had to resign due to personal commitments. We thank her for putting her head up to help and are sorry that she is unable to continue. We are very hopeful that we already have found another to take on this task and we will be able to announce at the AGM in April.

We are currently preparing our accounts for the Annual Financial Inspection, with myself, the booking/invoice clerk Hayley and a Trustee Cath putting in many hours to collate all the information needed for the report.

The Yearly PRS/PPL licence has been renewed. The Gas Boiler/Oven have had their annual service and the Trustees are still investigating the installation of solar Panels at the hall.

We have ninety plastic chairs to donate to any organisation that needs chairs. Let the Chair know if you know of anyone.

The Simply Singing continues with numbers well over twenty attending and the two more film nights have been attended by 35-40 persons. These are very enjoyable events costing just £2.00 for Singing and a donation for the Film night and a chance to socialise and meet new friends. I recommend you give it a go if you are feeling that you need a little boost. See the Advertiser or Website for further information.

Hall use is very busy with private hires at weekends especially being very popular. We are sorry to lose a regular hirer, Manoir Yoga from the Wednesday Night session. We are currently hosting the Sound Bath/Gong groups, and this has added to the wide range of activities available in the halls.

Russell Milburn  
Chair, AVHMC



## ACRFC WALKING FOOTBALL QUIZ NIGHT

A brilliant night was had by all as teams battled through 10 rounds of questions plus 2 table rounds to gain the trophy and take first place. Organised by Paul Hallett, Roy Openshaw and Nick Pace the event raised over £600 for the club funds.

The event was supported by over 100 quizzers and donations for the raffle came from local businesses and individuals with some fantastic prizes on offer. The club also kindly donated £50 to Walton & Frinton RNLI.



Feedback on the night has been extremely positive and we hope to hold a similar event in the future.



## St Andrew's Church, Alresford Not just for Sundays

### Friendship Circle, 10.30 - 12.00

1st and 3rd Monday

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

### Memories, 14.30 - 16.00

1st 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 - 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 - 15.30

Tuesday Fortnightly

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

### Start up Cafe, 10.30 - 12.00

2nd and 4th Wednesday

The Church transformed into a cafe to meet new and old friends over tea, coffee and cake. Borrow a book or jigsaw and take part in the quiz!

### Relax and Renew, 13.45 - 15.00

3rd Thursday

Learn relaxation techniques and enjoy some refreshments

### Ministry for Men, 19.30 - 21.30

4th Thursday. Meet at St Andrew's, Elmstead Green or Thorrington for a lift to venue.

Put the world to rights over a drink and support our local pubs and other venues.

## ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL Chairman's Report April/May 2024

### ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL MINERALS LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

It came as a shock to many of us that once again there was a possibility that Church Farm field and Lodge Farm field might be put forward as preferred sites for the quarrying of sand and gravel. The Parish Council was officially informed by Essex County Council of the minerals consultation on 6<sup>th</sup> of February, three days after some residents received notification letters on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. To address the consultation the Parish Council formed a minerals sub-committee consisting of the members who dealt with the 2011 consultation: myself, Cllr Simon Clarke, Cllr Ernie Osborne and Mr Chris Sanderson.

We decided as a Council to hold a drop-in surgery at the Village Hall so that residents could obtain advice and receive printed material comprising of explanation sheets and response forms. The whole village was invited to the surgery using a village wide leaflet drop that was carried out by volunteers. Mr Sanderson ran an instructional slide show to accompany the surgery. The surgery was held on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February with more than 350 persons in attendance. Councillors Scott and Wiggins attended together with myself, Cllr Osborne, Cllr L Belgrove, Cllr Broom and Cllr Claremont Brown. The Council is extremely grateful to the residents that helped us run the event.

We knew it was vital that as many responses as possible were sent to Essex County Council and numerous forms were handed out together with an explanation sheet. On-line responses were encouraged as well.

In the days following the surgery Councillors and helpers engaged with the media, discussed the issues with the planners and visited the sites with MP Sir Bernard Jenkin. The Parish Councils own response was prepared following research and discussion.

We now await the outcome of the consultation. Alresford Parish Council is firmly against Church Farm field and Lodge Farm field being considered as suitable sites for quarrying, the reasons for objection are numerous, proximity to homes and schools, loss of amenity, transport issues, wildlife implications, archaeology, and effects on watercourses. We have a recently opened quarry at Sunnymede and we feel the cumulative impact of more quarries is unsustainable.



*Parish Council Surgery . Village Hall Feb 2024 (quarry consultations). Photo: Chris Sanderson*

### STAUNTON GATE - VICTORIA AVENUE

The Parish Council has signed the land transfer documents in order to take possession of the land adjacent to Victoria Avenue. Maintenance of the land will be carried out by our usual contractor and there will be some design changes and landscaping carried out. The area is amenity land, and this will continue to be for community use, including dog exercising.

### COCKAYNES LANE

The "Quiet Lane" application for Cockaynes Lane has been sent to our County Councillor to be presented to the Local Highways Panel, if the application is recommended for approval by the panel, then officers at Essex County Council will organise a local consultation to comply with legislation. The Quiet Lane scheme is about raising awareness of the need for different road users to use the lane in a safe and considerate manner.

### B1027

There has been a review of safety relating to the B1027 and Essex Highways intends to extend the 40mph limit in Alresford in the direction of Colchester. Although the Parish Council actually feels that safety would be improved by having a 30mph limit through the village we accept that the extension of the 40mph limit is at least a step forward. We will though continue to press for a 30mph limit.

### VOLUNTEERS

**Our community has quite amazing volunteers who do so much for us all and who are often unsung heroes of village life. Tending the community garden, the production and delivery of the Alresford Advertiser, oversight of the Village Hall, football pitch maintenance, field paths cutting, book swap facilities, medicine deliveries and litter picking are just some of the tasks undertaken by our volunteers. The volunteers are all appreciated, and we thank them.**

**Councillor Frank Belgrove  
Chairman Alresford Parish Council**



## 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/](http://www.alresfordpcessex.uk/)

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

**Twitter:** @alresfordessex

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Cllr Linda Belgrove

Cllr Simon Clark

Cllr Gary Scott

Cllr Ann Wiggins

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## ALRESFORD MOBILE LIBRARY STOP: VILLAGE HALL, ALRESFORD TIME: 11:55 - 12:25

### 2024 DATES

04-April, 25-April

16-May,

06-June, 27-June

18-July

08-August, 29-August

19-September

10-October, 31-October,

21-November,

12-December



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**Stamps** - Still collecting for Bone Cancer Research. Just pop them through my letterbox or leave them in the plastic bag by the back door. Thank you

**Knitting** - The dreaded A12 has taken its toll on the products being taken to Romford. The A12 has been challenging for such a long time now and the journey has been appreciated. We are so pleased we have found a more local outlet via Nick Read and St John's Church in Colchester. The knitted items are a blessing to those in need, and that is all that matters in the long run.

So, thank you Nick, together with 750 of St John's Christmas shoe boxes they safely arrived in Romania last December. We are planning to send our next consignment towards the end of the year 2024 via St Johns Church again so happy knitting. Wool and needles are available as are delivering and collection too.

So, take care always and thank you.

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## ALRESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

*(Pages 11 and 12)*

01/01/2024 - 30/01/2024

**RECORDED CRIMES: 8**

**CRIME TYPES:** Assault without injury - Criminal damage to a residence - Domestic - Harassment - Other x 3 - Theft

**INCIDENTS REPORTED: 7**

**TYPES REPORTED:** Assist agency - Disturbance - Information - Missing person x 2 - Other - Stolen vehicle found

**TRUCAM (SPEEDING)**

3 sessions of 1-hour each were done in the village during January 2024

28 vehicles were reported with a top speed of **43mph**

The **30mph** signs were checked before and after deployment and were **clearly visible**.

**CONSIDERATE PARKING INCENTIVE TICKETS (CPI)**

2 CPIs were given out in the village during January 2024

31/01/2024 - 27/02/2024

**RECORDED CRIMES: 8**

**CRIME TYPES:** Assault without injury x 3 - Harassment without violence - Other x 3 - Theft

**INCIDENTS REPORTED: 13**

**TYPES REPORTED:** Assault x 2 - Attention to - Disturbance - Domestic x 2 - Information x 2 - Other - Suspicious circumstances x 3 - Theft from

**TRUCAM (SPEEDING)**

3 sessions of 1-hour each were done in the village during February 2024

13 vehicles were reported with a top speed of **42mph**

10 vehicles were reported with a top speed of **42mph**

4 vehicles were reported with a top speed of **40mph**

The **30mph** signs were checked before and after the deployment and **clearly visible**

**CONSIDERATE PARKING INCENTIVE TICKETS (CPI)**

6 CPIs were given out in the village during February 2024

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

**Trucam** will be deployed on a regular basis in the village. **Please drive with due care and attention . There is no excuse for poor driving!**

**Considerate Parking Incentive Tickets** are aimed to educate drivers of bad parking offences in the highway code.

Vehicles are parking on **junctions** and **footpaths**, which causes obstruction and danger to the safety of others. These are both offences under the Highway Code. A junction is a junction and must not be blocked for the safety of vehicles pulling out. **This includes the school junctions**. This is a major obstruction so **PLEASE KEEP CLEAR**

**Parking Services** will be attending the village on a regular basis and may issue fixed penalty notices to those offending

**PLEASE PARK WITH DUE CARE AND ATTENTION AND PLEASE PARK SAFELY AND CONSIDERATELY; THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR INCONSIDERATE PARKING**

**ZIG ZAG SCHOOL PARKING**

Vehicles are still stopping and parking on the zig zags at the school during the prohibited times on the large yellow signs. This is not only an offence, but very dangerous to children's safety.

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There are plenty of places to park around Alresford, even if you have to walk a little further.

**DO NOT** risk putting children's lives in danger. Parking attendants and police will be doing random visits and anyone caught parking on them during the stated times will receive a fixed penalty notice.

**TRAIN GATE OBSTRUCTION**

It has been reported that drivers are parking too close to the train line gates. This is so dangerous and could prevent vehicles from clearing the train line before the gates come down. Please stop parking there, it is an inconsiderate, very dangerous action.

**ELECTRIC E-SCOOTERS**

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**LEGAL POSITION**

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#### **PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY AROUND THE VILLAGE**

#### **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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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 the month. This is a welcome for all to pop in and have a chat with others in the community over a coffee and slice of cake. They are such a lovely friendly group.

**I will be** in attendance on the following date if you have any concerns in Alresford, or just want to pop along to say hello.

**WED 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 10.30-12.00 hours**

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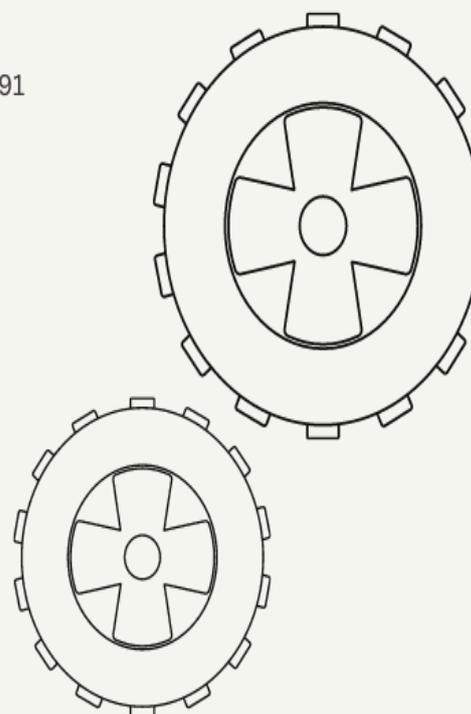
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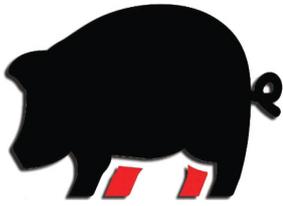
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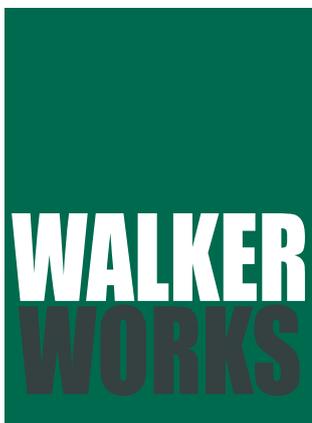
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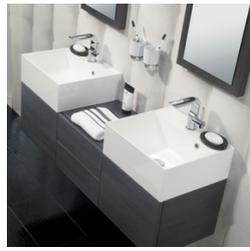
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By the time you read this, we'll be out there riding. Spring is here, and everything is beginning to recover and look forward to Summer, and that includes Alresford Bikers! Some of us who have been slumbering out in the shed are waking up! Oh yes, we're raring to go, and we have a lot of potential rides out and events coming up that we're looking forward to. Bikes are being cleaned, serviced and prepped for another year's biking season. OK, some of them have been out and about all through Winter, but most are mothballed every Winter, and for them this is the time of year when everything gets done. Insurance (how much???), cleaning off and de-cobwebbing, making sure brakes work properly, checking over for light bulb failures, petrol going off, batteries going flat, tyres going hard - yes this is when we discover all those things that have just gone unnoticed during the quiet season. It is true that you can put your bike away properly sorted out and ready, and in perfect working order, and when you drag the tarp off in the Spring, something will be wrong!

I personally always like to put Bismarck away ready, if I have to, rather than fix anything that's gone wrong afterwards, however rare that is for me, prevention being better than cure. Some things are a bit beyond us to cure though, nature is what it is. The feeble petrol we now have, combined with the rather pointless Ethanol in it, have attracted moisture out of thin air and gathered it all at the bottom of petrol tanks - right next to where the fuel pickup is! And random bulbs that were working when you parked up, are now refusing to play! Tyres that cost a fortune only six months ago might just be hardening, because of the Ultra Violet light, that causes even butyl rubber to set. Once they've gone off, they're done! They feel like wood. Batteries that have been removed and put indoors, perhaps on a trickle or maintaining charger all Winter, can now be refitted (where's that bolt gone?) and tested. Or they might need a charge up, if flat. Don't make the mistake of charging flat batteries too fast (on a car charger for example) because it will ruin them. A tiddly little bike battery that needs a gentle 1 amp charge for 10 hours, but is connected to a 6 amp massive car battery charger, will be history in about an hour. Other demons can befall the unwary rider too. I once had to remove a mouse nest and repair a small wire that they had eaten inside the fairing, causing a small short circuit, which was highly inconvenient to me, and them! The funny thing was, the bike was not laid up and was in use almost daily! Those mice must have had thousands of miles under their belts! Also strangely, the mice only ate one wire, ignoring the dozens of others right next to it. When I was a kid of about 8 years old my Dad's Norton had a split in a petrol pipe, which didn't show itself until the bike was running and hot, when petrol dripped down onto the very warm engine, and burst into flames! Luckily we both saw it happen and we put it out before any damage was done, but it was a little, er, urgent! All these little things need checking out and have to be sorted out before the MOT, and we can get back on the road again. The next thing we know, we're out there, riding! Maybe with one fewer base layers on. Maybe with suit vents open for the first time in months, maybe wearing the thin neck tube instead of the thick winter one. Whatever, it just feels different. The season changes, and everything you do changes with it. Your visor isn't misting up as much either. You don't have to miss puddles so



often, though potholes remain a worsening scourge of any ride (the County's roads are a national disgrace). With the sun being out, everyone else is that little bit more awake and aware too, they're just happier! You might have thin gloves on instead of the huge winter ones, and that feels better too. You can feel that you have improved grip on what's left of the road surface, because your tyres have warmed up, and in Winter they almost never do, especially around town, or take ages even out on the open road. You may not know this but bike tyres gain about 20% more grip when they're hot, rather than cold. Your brakes seem better, probably because they are not soaked in road gunge anymore. Everything turns with the season, and we're all happier. So, with that in mind, I'll just head for the road right now. Hurrah!

So if you want to know more about how to prepare your bike for that time, come and ask us! Alresford Bikers meet on the second **Friday** of every month, in The Pointer Inn, at 8pm, where Sam and Neil always make us welcome. Come along and say hello, we welcome everyone, and we'd love to see you!

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