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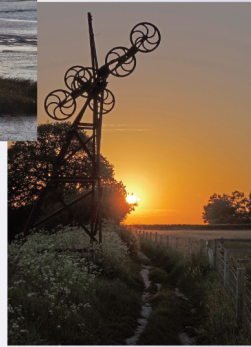
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WELCOME TO ALRESFORD

11th March 2023

10am - 12 noon

Alresford Village Hall



The Parish Council would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new residents and existing residents of the Village of Alresford.

For further details, please see PAGE 8

WI ANNUAL QUIZ!

Friday 17th March 2023

Alresford Village Hall

Starting at 7.30pm

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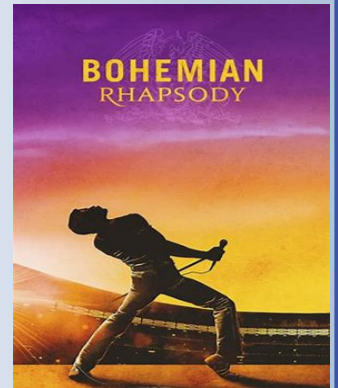


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Friday 10th
February 2023

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Film starts 7.30pm



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Chris (07484334698)
Or Russell (01206 825739)

Alresford Village Hall Management Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

The Alresford Fete Organising Group invite you all to our
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ST ANDREW'S REFLECTIONS

**Every now and again it's nice to know
where something goes.**

I don't quite know what happened before we had cutlery draws, but now we do they guide us as to where the knife, fork and spoon need to nestle. In life and faith we can quickly get confused, and interestingly the church has come up with an annual cutlery draw where we have different seasons to reflect on life. Quite a bit of our culture has Christian roots and these seasons are reflected in public holidays like Christmas and Easter (and even Whitsun's May Day bank holiday) but actually some of the rhythms around them may have been lost. In the lead up to Christmas, Christians are called to reflect on Jesus' birth in the season of Advent - that's not so easy if you are busy shopping till you drop and kicking off Christmas parties on the 1st of December.

Easter is again a precious moment to reflect on Jesus' life death and resurrection, but does this difficult message get lost amongst the handing out of chocolate Easter eggs? The church has a season of preparation before Easter known as Lent - 40 days to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare.

The general rule seems to be that we like the party bit and the eating, but the reflecting bit is much harder. If I think of new parents, I suspect that they are grateful for the 9 months of

getting their heads round becoming a parent or an even longer time when exploring IVF or adoption. Reflection can be a great blessing.

As we make our way, blinking into the brightness of a new year, are we planning to rush into everything, or will there be moments of reflection? Amongst the events we navigate, will we take stock? I remain pleasantly surprised at the number of folks who regularly find themselves praying and I think this is about preparing for events or reflecting on them afterwards.

As we move between Christmas and Easter - there will be moments to take stock, to give thanks and moments we realise we need to say sorry. These are some of the rhythms we keep in church services, but I recognise that a lot of you good readers will also be following this in your own way.

Living without a cutlery draw would seem like a bizarre choice. To live without seasons to me is equally muddling. But I guess my God slot punchline is - let's remember the reason for the seasons. We know we can place Jesus 2,000 years ago - but what he said and did and all that it meant is a bit bigger than a cutlery draw and maybe worth a moment to pause and reflect.

Every blessing
Rev Andrew Fordyce MBE

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Photo taken from the stage looking back towards the main entrance

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Sheila Cardy. It is with sadness that we hear of the death of Sheila on New Year's Day. Sheila was a valuable member of the Village Hall Management Committee in the early 2000's, retiring through ill health in 2006. She acted as secretary and although very quiet in nature was a voice worth listening to. Our condolences to Sheila's family and many friends within the village.

An online calendar is now 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
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.

The external notice board has been erected and notices can be displayed. Please contact the Chair.

Progress has been made with regards to recruiting a Treasurer after the appeal made in the Alresford Advertiser December/January edition.

The Annual General Meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

The Film shows have resumed and to date well received with donations made on the evening going to special project fund. This alongside the Simply Singing afternoons with donation from these afternoons also going to the special project fund, also offer a place where people can meet and enjoy company in a safe and warm environment for a couple of hours. Please see Advertiser for dates of the Film Shows and Simply Singing.

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

THE CHARITY BAG

Firstly, let me wish you a belated happy and healthy New Year.

Thank you for another 68 blankets during 2022: single bed size, baby and toddlers

New Barcoded Stamps

We can still use old non-barcoded UK stamps until **31st July 2023**. The official cut-off date was 31st January 2023, but that has now been extended.

This means that you can use your old stamps until the 31st July, after that using non-barcoded stamps on letters and parcels will incur a charge.

You can swap up to £200.00 worth of non-barcoded stamps with a form downloaded from the Royal Mail website and a visit to the Post Office

You can find more information at [The Money Making Expert](#)

Still collecting:

- Used stamps (½" around each one please)
- Wool

Needles, wool and patterns available (for children as well)

Thank you for:

- Sacks of donated wool/house clearance
- Used stamps for Bone Cancer Research fund raising
- Knitted squares
- Jumpers and adult blankets

Thank you on behalf of those who cannot thank you for themselves

Take care until next time

Christine Stimpson
2 Coach Road
Alresford (opposite the Doctor's surgery)

ALRESFORD CRAFT & FARMER'S MARKET

The market would like to thank all of you who attended our Christmas market in December, it was a lovely festive morning.

Our raffle raised £134 this year which was great this money is donated to a different charity in the village each year, this time it was donated to the Alresford Advertiser, so that they can continue to provide this free to every household in the village, and of course this includes the extra 400 new homes too.

So please support your local market and we start again on the 4th February in the village hall 9 am to Midday (see [page 5](#) for further details).

On behalf of the Alresford Advertiser team, thank you very much. This is very much appreciated

ALRESFORD ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Est. 1968

We are into the new year and hopefully Spring is just around the corner. Since our last newsletter we have had a very successful raffle that raised £1000 for the club funds. Following on from this success we hope to hold another raffle with the draw at the AGM. Father Christmas in the shape of the Environment Agency has very kindly donated 400 Crucian Carp and 100 Tench, which were introduced into Bramley and Worcester Lakes. This was a very welcome addition to both lakes along with the promised assistance by the EA with internal fish movements.

Sir Bernard Jenkins visited the Grinsted Orchard Lake complex and was extremely impressed with the standard of upkeep of the lakes and also what we as a club have achieved in progressing to purchase this complex. To such an extent that he has offered his patronage in support of AAA.

The Swans on Alresford lake have said goodbye to their Cygnets, chased off a would-be interloper and are preparing for this year's hatch. By now all the club's waters will have Canada and Greylag Geese getting ready to pair up, along with Ducks, Coots and Moorhens. Patches of water have remained open despite the lakes icing over, enabling Kingfishers to carry on fishing as they really struggle in hard winters. Pike will be the first to start spawning in February and all the other species will follow along as the days lengthen and the water warms.

Matches have carried on during the winter month's despite some horrendous days of wind and rain and catches have been up and down depending on the weather. The club intends to hold a charity Pairs match to aid St. Helena's Hospice and this will be held on the 2nd July. Any person interested in competing in this, please contact Adrian Loughton

Water levels in all the lakes are definitely on the return, with Bramley, Worcester and the Abbey all overflowing. Cox Lake and Alresford are always behind as they have no external water source other than rainfall. Hopefully this summer will provide warm weather and regular showers and not the protracted dry period with no rainfall.

The photograph was taken by Ron Tickner from a friend's aircraft at the end of October with the trees showing up as green, but the ground is still really parched. Anticipation is building as the new season approaches and a "thank you" is due to all our members for your support



through the 2022 and onwards.

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

Tight Lines.
Mike Day (Hon. Secretary)

ALRESFORD BIKERS

The Vicar relaxed into his favourite leather wing chair, with a nice cup of tea, to watch the show. *"Why is it always adverts?"*, he said to Sodom and Gomorrah, the cats, who merely looked at him disdainfully, only just accepting his presence in their home. Just then the picture seemed to flicker, and then it disappeared completely. The TV was busted!

"Holy smoke!" muttered the vicar, looking at his watch and noticing it was nearly 8pm. *"Only one thing to do now!"*. Bounding upstairs to his room he pulled off the clerical grey trappings of his calling, and removed the dog collar. He re-clothed his classically sculpted physique in impossibly tight leathers, torso stretching the leather. Setting his finely chiselled jaw heroically, he concealed his aquiline features behind the mysterious tinted visor of his helmet, and stepped forth.

"Bye bye moggies! I'm off to the Alresford Bikers meeting, in The Pointer Inn. AB meet on the second Tuesday of every month, at 8pm, where Neil and Sam always make us welcome. If you want to join in you can just turn up. They're quite an active group, dedicated to the cause of promoting good, safe, responsible riding, and the spirit of motorcycling everywhere. AB always welcome new members, and right now they are planning the coming year's riding events."

Turning smartly, he strode out to the garage, where "Beelzebub", his immaculately restored 1973 Kawasaki KH750 triple, lurked. The last of the rip-snorting, fire-breathing, road-burners, it seemed to dare him to fire it up. His pulse quickened. With a quiet prayer to the boss, he turned the key, and prodded the kickstart.

Feeling the joyous adrenaline rush in his veins he stretched the throttle wire and felt the bike surge ahead into the evening countryside. As the front wheel skipped momentarily from the tarmac, the pipes howled as only a triple can, a manic grin spread across his face, and he, the man of God, knew that the Creator Himself had created the two stroke.....

Al Gillard

LUNCHEON CLUBS

TUESDAYS at ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL:
12.30 - 2.30pm

FRIDAYS at BRIGHTLINGSEA COMMUNITY CENTRE:
12.30 - 2.30pm

2 Course Meal including Tea / Coffee - £8.50
Transport, door to door, if needed - £4.00
Raffle - £1.00

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

For any further enquiries, please contact:

Alresford
Mrs Wendy Bates on
07582603816 or 01206 826757

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

Note: Regretfully, due to the ever increasing price of food we are having to increase the cost of our lunches to £8.50, an increase of 50p in order to maintain the quality and quantity of our home cooked meals. Transport will remain the same at £4.00

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Alresford Village Hall
Ford Lane CO7 8AT

4th February 2023

4th March 2023

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Wyvernwood opened its Magic Portal to guests in mid-July 2022. We had an incredible first season, with the word spreading rapidly and attracting visitors from all over the UK and beyond.

We've been overwhelmed with positive feedback and 5* reviews from our guests and we wanted to say a massive "thank you" to each of you, all the residents of Alresford, for your patience and support as we overcame various challenges prior to opening.

As we look forward to opening on 1st April 2023, we wanted to respond to many of you who have asked about discounts for residents and an annual pass for unlimited visits to Wyvernwood.

We're delighted to offer you and your friends the opportunity to step through the Magic Portal and join our awesome Inhabitants at Wyvernwood as many times as you would like throughout 2023 at a discount price:

- **50% off code for Annual Passes exclusively for residents within the CO7 postcode**
- **25% off code Annual Passes for you to share with your friends who live outside the CO7 postcode (limited to the first 750 passes)**

To find out more visit www.wyvernwood.co.uk/alresford or alternatively you can email us via captain@wyvernwood.co.uk.

We're excited to tell you that the Captain, Princess Arabella and the other Wyvernwood Inhabitants have been busy creating five new magical areas for our guests to explore in the Kingdom including the Captain's Treasure Hut, Merlin's Giant Cauldron and Fairy & Unicorn Secret Garden. Each of the new areas is exciting and unique – and in true Wyvernwood style, you won't go long without seeing one of our illustrious Inhabitants nearby.

Furthermore, we're on the lookout for enthusiastic and energetic members of our local community to join our growing park operations team for our second season. We have roles available in our entertainment, catering, admissions, retail and park operations teams for those looking to develop their career in a customer-facing fun and exciting environment. Candidates must be ambitious, confident, have a sunny disposition and be able to communicate with adults and children alike.

We're particularly keen to meet people from within our local community. Therefore, we will be holding recruitment days at Alresford Village Hall on selected dates from late January onwards. Interviews are by appointment only and flexible contracts are available.

Should you be interested in applying please send your CV and a cover letter to careers@wyvernwood.co.uk and we'll aim to get back to you within 24 hours between the hours of 09:00 – 17:00, Monday to Friday.

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT February/March 2023

Finance

We are all living through very challenging times financially as the cost of living crisis continues to bite. Energy prices have increased dramatically and many consumer products cost us more than just a matter of weeks ago. Our individual incomes cannot seem to keep up with our outgoings.

The Parish Council has to set a budget and then set a Precept request (an amount of money included in the Council Tax) that will pay for all the things that are expected to be available and are of benefit for the community. The majority of streetlights, the playing field and play area upkeep, grass cutting, provision of litter bins, allotment management and grants to community groups are just some of the items that locally raised taxes by Alresford Parish Council, contributed by residents, pay for.

The Parish Council Finance Committee considered the budget required for 2023-2024 and came to a figure of £131,995. To meet that budget we would usually add to the Precept figure any projected income from other sources such as the renting out of the Pavilion, re-cycling credits and Essex County Council payments towards highways grass cutting. The resultant sum would then cover our outgoings. This year is different, **The Parish Council is mindful of the financial pressures on our residents and therefore the Council has voted NOT to increase the Precept at all.** There will therefore be a shortfall to meet the projected budget and this will be met from our reserves and other income. We will not be cutting any services or reducing our commitments to the community.

The freezing of the Precept in combination with the increase in the local tax base due to house building means that the Band D equivalent tax will be cut by 8.5%. The Parish Council felt it was the right time to do what we could to help all households during the coming financial year. Compared to the overall Council Tax amount the Parish Precept part is small but nevertheless important in what it pays for. Residents will pay less this financial year. Some welcome news for all of us!

Environment and the Public Realm

Many residents commented on the excellent Christmas tree that was placed in the garden area near the Post Office in Station Road. There is a desire generally in the village to not only maintain to a high standard what we have but to further brighten and enhance our environment where we can and where the Parish Council has the legal powers to act. The Council has had a consultant draft a report on various central parts of the village to see what can be done to apply some of the suggestions from the Neighbourhood Plan surveys regarding improving the village with tree planting and landscaping and over the coming months and years the Parish Council will be looking at this aspect of community improvement. Even in cost conscious times we must not neglect our environment and the feel good factor that trees, flowers and shrubs, plus well kept grassed areas brings us.

Highways

There have been delays in the mounting of a Vehicle Activated Sign in Wivenhoe Road at the junction with Crestlands. This delay has been due to Essex Highways not issuing a licence promptly for the works involved but we are hopeful that in the coming months there will be an electronic visual reminder to motorists to keep within the speed limit.

A number of residents have requested that either the PCSO or Community Speedwatch carries out speed gun duties after dark as there are several speeding vehicles that pass along Wivenhoe Road in the hours of darkness. Unfortunately the current equipment cannot be used in the dark however the PCSO is hopeful new equipment may be available for use soon and this will be an excellent deterrent to those that speed through the village.

Loose and missing kerbstone issues in a number of roads are matters that are the responsibility of Essex County Council to put right but the works are not happening and the reason given by them are cost implications. The Parish Council is planning to carry out some small works to address the most serious defects. The Parish Council feels it is wrong that Essex County Council does not prioritise the pavement defects although potholes in roads are being addressed in a more consistent manner. As mentioned in previous reports weed growth in pavements is an issue that is devolved by Essex County Council to Tendring District Council to deal with – as this system seems to result in little being done the Parish Council has instructed our contractor to tackle this unsightly problem.

The Playing Field and Play Area

The Parish Council is not going to rest on its laurels following the amazing awards it has received as regards the play area and playing field. The intention is to have some new pieces of play equipment and extra benches fitted soon – in readiness for Summer use. There was increased usage last summer of the playing field and extra residents will mean we need to increase seating and extend our choice of play equipment.

Police Community Support Officer/Policing

It is so good to have our regular PCSO Julia Brandon back in the village and many positive comments have been received by us from residents regarding her recent involvement in helping them with the various issues that crop up from time to time (as occurs in most communities). There is one matter that is worryingly occurring too often in Alresford and that is Domestic Violence/abuse in the home, in fact one third of Police attendances in the village are for incidents within the family setting. It is vital those affected seek help at the earliest opportunity from the various support groups. This website page is useful: www.essex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa/domestic-abuse/ Police incident figures have been high of late, although serious incidents rarely occur. Please report any suspicious activity to the police on the 101 number and any crime in progress on the 999 emergency number.

Litter

More street waste bins will be in place soon at a number of locations for general litter and dog waste. There will be over fifty such bins in total in Alresford soon and the important thing is that people use them. Litter dropped from cars is a real problem on the B1027 and our paid litter picker and volunteers are kept much too busy there and in other locations. The Council commends those that pick up after others but that should not be necessary! Once public areas of Staunton Gate come under the control of Alresford Parish Council then further waste bins can be added there.

And finally.....

Maintaining and improving the village is a key part of the work of a Parish Council but many matters are outside of the control of the Council and rely on other authorities such as Tendring District Council and Essex County Council. It will be interesting to see what arrangements will be made for the two authorities for their future operation as new administration methods are adopted


including plans for shared services and even the possibility of the introduction of regional Mayors.

As part of our community engagement the Parish Council is hosting a Welcome to Alresford coffee (or tea!) morning in the Village Hall in March. Date and time will be published in this edition of the Alresford Advertiser. It will be an opportunity for newer and also established residents to meet community group representatives in an informal way.

The Coronation of King Charles is nearing and plans are in place to brighten up the village in recognition of this historic event. Councillors have agreed that a village flag pole be installed on Parish Council land near to the Pavilion and Village Hall and an increase in appropriate floral hanging baskets will be made.

We now all look forward to Spring and Summer and longer hours of daylight and therefore perhaps less expenditure on our heating bills!

Frank Belgrove
Chairman
Alresford Parish Council



WELCOME TO ALRESFORD

The Parish Council would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new residents and existing residents of the Village of Alresford.

Why not come to the village hall, grab a tea or coffee and meet the people behind the variety of the Village Organisations, Groups and small Businesses in the village.

Parish councillors, a variety of residents, volunteers and business owners will be on hand to discuss your impressions and hopes for the future of Alresford.

You may have some good ideas you wish to share, or perhaps wish to be involved with the Council.

We look forward to meeting you at this informal gathering.

We welcome one and all.

Date: 11.03.23

Time: 10.00am until 12 noon.

Venue: Alresford Village Hall, Ford Lane.

Access: Venue has disabled access. Parking available.

Due to the Pandemic, we have been unable to host such an event previously; so, we look forward to meeting you all personally.

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

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ALRESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2022

NOVEMBER 2022

RECORDED CRIMES: 2

Crime Types: Assault - Attempted Criminal Damage

INCIDENTS REPORTED: 15

Types Reported: Attn to - Civil Dispute - Concern x 2 - Criminal Damage - Disturbance x 3 - Domestic - Drugs (found) - Ill/Injury - Information - Nuisance Vehicle - Obstruction - RTC

Coffee with Cops - St Andrews Church coffee morning.

Concerns raised:

- **Speeding** - Trucam speedgun is being regularly deployed.
- **Vehicle parked on a junction, causing poor visibility** - Considerate parking ticket was issued.

NITROUS OXIDE CANISTERS.

A large amount of empty nitrous oxide canisters were found on the pavilion green. These are used by young people everywhere and unfortunately, they do not know how dangerous this can be to their health - Is a 20 second high worth losing your life for?

Physical health risks.

- It is very dangerous to inhale nitrous oxide directly from the canister and doing it in an enclosed space is also very dangerous.
- If you take too much nitrous oxide you risk falling unconscious and/or suffocating from the lack of oxygen. People have died this way.
- Dizziness, which might make you act carelessly or dangerously.
- heavy regular use of nitrous oxide can lead to a deficiency of vitamin B12 and to a form of anaemia. Severe B12 deficiency can lead to serious nerve damage, causing tingling and numbness in the fingers and toes. This can be very painful and make walking difficult. It can even lead to paralysis and the damage may be lasting.
- Regular use can stop you forming white blood cells properly.
- It can be hard to judge the amount to use safely. If you have too much you can end up fainting, having an accident or worse.

These are just a few, for more information google the risks!

SPEEDING in the village is a regular occurrence.

Please drive with due care and attention, which includes taking **notice of the speed signs**.

Not seeing them is no excuse, they are still a big part of a driving test to be adhered to.

Speed kills!

Hit someone at **30mph** there is **80%** chance of survival.

Hit someone at **40mph** there is **20%** chance of survival.

Hit someone at **50mph** they are **unlikely to survive**.

And Animals have even less chance of survival at most speeds

Speed limits are there for a reason, it is law. It is better to arrive late, than have the inconvenience of A damaged vehicle in an RTC OR Worse! NOT arriving at all, or taking away someone's loved one or family pet.

FLY TIPPING.

Fly tipping is still proving a big problem in most villages.

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

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

DECEMBER 2022

RECORDED CRIMES: 19

Crime Types: Adult Protection - Assault x 9 - Criminal Damage Other x 5 - Domestic - Malicious Communications - Other - Public Order

INCIDENTS REPORTED: 43

Types reported: Abandoned 999 x 5 - Assault x 9 - Concern x 3 - Criminal Damage - Disturbance x 3 - Domestic x 3 - Driving Complaint - Hate Crime - Highway Disruption - Ill/Injury - Information - Malicious Communications x 2 - Missing Person x 2 - Nuisance x 3, Other x 3 - Public Order - Suspicious Circumstances - Theft from Shops - Threats

SCAMS

A previous scam has again been reported in the area where you receive a phone call saying they have a women in custody with your credit card. If you receive any calls like this, just hang up and report to Action Fraud, advising them what telephone provider you use.

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SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

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

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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

ALRESFORD COLNE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB (ACRFC)

It is halfway through the season and ACRFC are making steady progress, with the Men's first team currently in the top half of the premier league, the Men's reserves in the lower half of division 2.

Managers Dave Dance and Jim Gill are working hard to improve the respective positions and look forward to progress in the remaining part of the season.

The Ladies under the leadership of long serving Tony Birkin continue to occupy a lofty top three place, a great effort considering the numerous injuries they have had to contend with.

On the youth front, the Under 13's with Jack Higgleton coaching are competitive and doing well. The Under 12's under the control of Mark Lay continue to make good progress and in their first season the Under 8's with Danny Cook coaching are enjoying their football and learning fast.

The club are incredibly lucky to have such resolute people who give their time to allow young people to enjoy playing football. It is not always appreciated by all the 'unqualified managers' who attend games. Without these people the club would not be able to provide football across the spectrum that we currently offer.

A new venture was started in September 2022, **MINI RANGERS** caters for 3-6 years of age and offers fun and inclusion to all. Every Saturday morning at 10.30am Dave Dance and Jim Gill take the young people through a very enjoyable hour of just kicking a ball and being outside. Mum, Dads and even Grandparents watch and a really enjoyable atmosphere is present.

Soon it is hoped to have a Walking Football team involved fitting in with the vision of football for all.

Off the field, following on from winning awards for the football pitches and with the Parish Council now redecorating the Pavilion, more progress is planned with the priority to complete the Bore hole irrigation project allowing the playing field have access to environmentally sourced water during the summer months.

The Pavilion houses the Bar and is open to club members and guests every Matchday. The Pavilion and Bar are available to hire privately via the Parish Council. Please see Alresford Village Hall website <https://e-voice.org.uk/alresfordvillagehall/> for details.



ALRESFORD VILLAGE HALL REGULAR GROUPS

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

COPY DEADLINE

**The editorial and advertising deadline for the next edition will be:
8th MARCH 2023**

ALRESFORD GARDENING CLUB

The 2023 season will commence on Monday 6th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall with the club's AGM. This will be an opportunity to review the past season, introduce what's planned for 2023 and a check on the club's financial position.

After refreshments there will be a fun gardening based quiz.

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

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2023

February 2nd & 16th

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April 6th & 20th

May 4th & 18th

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For more further details about the group, please contact: **Jeanette: 01206 825008 or Chris: 01206 823824**

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

1st ALRESFORD & 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. If your child is interested in joining or you would like to add young people under 6 years to our waiting list, please email alresfordbeavers@outlook.com

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Following the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Clerk and Proper Officer wrote on behalf of the residents and Alresford Parish Council to express our condolences to the King, via his private Secretary, as is the correct civic protocol.

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23rd March 2023

13th April 2023

ELECTIONS MAY 2023

Elections come around again in May this year, with voters heading to the polls to choose their representatives in Tendring District Council, and in some town and parish councils too, on Thursday, 4th May.

This year, some things will be different:

Voter ID The government has introduced new security measures which means voters will have to show photo ID at the polling station.

Acceptable ID will include a passport, photo driving licence and a national concessionary bus pass – including expired documents provided they still look like you. The full list will be available on the back of the poll card. If you do not have any of the photo ID required then you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, which will be posted to you.

Full details of this national process are available at www.voterauthority-certificate.service.gov.uk. You must be registered to vote before you can apply. Being on the electoral register may also be helpful when you want to get credit for things such as a mortgage or loan.

The easiest way to register is to go online. Visit www.gov.uk/registertovote - please note that paying council tax does not automatically add you to the electoral register.

To vote in the May elections, you must be registered by the end of 17 April.

Poll cards: A poll card will be sent to all registered electors at the end of March. These will now be A4 sized and delivered in an envelope.

The poll card is still for information purposes and not a requirement for voting.

Polling stations will be open 7am to 10pm on Thursday, 4 May 2023; however, if you would prefer you can apply for a postal or proxy vote.

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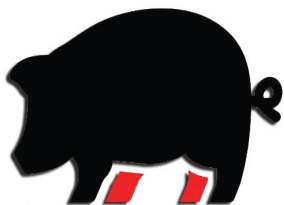


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Once again, we were able to welcome the Year 6 children from Alresford Primary School to entertain with Christmas Carols, help with the free raffle and serving of the teas and coffees whilst chatting to the guests.

On the menu was a selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls and of course mince pies. Each guest also received a small gift 'cracker' and a free lucky number for the raffle.



The afternoon was finished off with a communal singsong with words displayed Karaoke style on a large screen and accompanying music via the hall sound system.

As all years we have lost some friends in the last year, but we remember them all with a smile.

This would not happen without the work and time of our wonderful volunteers who work in the kitchen, organise the tables, give lifts, make up the free gifts, put together the music and collect the food. A special thanks to Jeanette who co-ordinates all the invitations and names to give as many of our over 75's the opportunity to come to the party.

As one guest told me 'This is my favourite time of the year, meeting old friends, the children are lovely and the atmosphere is so heart-warming, something that everyone should experience. Thank you so much'.

Well, we totally endorse that.
Russell AFOG

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Alresford Community Donations Update

We are pleased to say we received so many wonderful donations towards making up shoeboxes for children in need this Christmas. With your help we were able to send a total of 39 shoeboxes, 22 girls and 17 boys.

We would like to once again thank Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club, and Essex Cleaning Services for supporting the initiative. St Andrews Church, Alresford Post Office, Alresford Spar, Alresford Doctors Surgery and both Alresford Pre and Primary School for supporting by hosting drop off boxes.

Please do follow our Facebook page 'Operation Christmas Child - Alresford Community Donations', where we will update as soon as we are informed which country the boxes ended up.

We also plan to run the initiative again next year, so if throughout the year you come across any suitable donations, please do hang onto them for us, or message our Facebook page.

Thanks again everyone.
Sophie and Tia.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Christmas Hampers were assembled in December and hand delivered to eleven households in the village. They were very well received and the recipients were extremely touched to know that Alresford Community was thinking about them at Christmas time.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors, Councillor Frank Belgrove, Councillor Ann Wiggins, Scott Ridgers – Alresford Colne Rangers FC and the kind generosity of an anonymous donor and two kind ladies who bought items for the hampers.
Becky and Tim King.

