

PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2023

**for the villages of Aldwark, Alne, Flawith,
Tholthorpe, Tollerton and Youlton**

There is now a vacancy for the Priest in Charge of the Alne Parish. Please contact the church wardens as the first point of contact – a full list of wardens is provided on page 12 of this Parish Newsletter.



Questionnaire outcomes

Many thanks to those who returned the Parish questionnaire, either online or on paper. The 105 responses have given the PCC a lot of very useful information that is currently being fully analysed.

This information will then be shared more widely so our communities can build on the comments and ideas received for the use of our churches.

Those who left contact details will be contacted shortly so we can discuss their ideas and suggestions further.

News from Aine Church

The annual Christingle service on Christmas Eve resulted in a very full church of about 147 adults and children, with a total collection of £265.85, half of which went to the Children's Society.

It was also lovely to have Aine school services in church throughout December, with some enthusiastic singing and nativity performances.

CHURCH DONATIONS AT ST MARY'S

Please note that there is now a donation QR code on the pew shelves in church and in the collection bowl by the main door so phones can be used to scan the code and donate by debit or credit card rather than having to bring cash to services or other events.

This is securely managed by SumUp and transferred directly to the church following collection.

The QR code will soon be available on the noticeboard and on the 'Church Near You' online entry for St Mary's. In the meantime, please also find it here should you wish to set up a link to your payment card in advance as, once done, you only need to choose an amount to donate each time:



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Very many thanks to those who filled the 25 shoe boxes collected in Aine. Those who included a tracker code should hear more very shortly about the destination of their donation.

Parish Records

Burial: 15th December 2022 - George Burkill
Interment: 16th January 2023 - Sonja Jordan

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall News & Dates for your Diary



Upcoming events

We are hoping to offer a whole range of events in 2023 to bring the community together. In order to do this, we need your help. If you would like to join our team of volunteers who run the Village Hall please get in touch, we could really do with the help and if you are new to the village, it is a great way to get to know people. Alternatively, if you would just like to get involved in organising an event or running the bar, that would also be wonderful, so please let us know.

Here is what is coming up in the next 3 months.....

Saturday 4th February at 7.00p.m. - Quiz Night

This is our first quiz night since early 2019. Come and join us for a fun evening and test your wits against your friends and neighbours. Doors open at 7.00pm and there will be the usual bar available. Entrance is £3 on the door.

Saturday 11th February - Miles and the Chain Gang

Doors Open at 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m.

Friday 17th March at 7.00p.m. - Pub Night

Our "Spring" pub night. Come and join us for a chat with your friends and neighbours.

Sunday 26th March – Ninebarrow

Doors Open at 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m.

We do hope you can join us.

Alne WI Meeting Wednesday 11th January 2023

Joan (President on the left of the photo, Secretary Di on the right hand side) started the meeting by wishing everyone Happy New year, with the immediate, resounding response of Happy New year. We then sang Jerusalem to mark the start of our WI new year. Joan advised us The Salvation Army Homeless Shelter had been delighted with our cash donation. Joan on our behalf had also taken makeup bags which she had filled with donations of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, makeup etc., which was much appreciated. Joan was then introduced to the



Captain who laughingly asked “what about the men? They like chocolate?”. Joan loves a challenge, overnight she raised £40 by that evening asking men in the Black Horse & around Tollerton for donations. Joan duly delivered enough chocolate bars for every man to have one placed beside their Salvation Army dinner. (It will be on all our radars next year).

Well done & thank you Madam President. Joan advised that Helen Ormerod was standing down as Treasurer after doing the most marvellous job for the last 9 years. Then followed a small amount of WI business by Joan & Di. We were reminded to apply for any of the federation run courses that had been advertised (lots of members are applying for the AXE THROWING!).

This evenings speakers:

Carole & Pauline of: Raskelf & Aldwark, Hedgehog Haven, Hospital & Rehabilitation (Carole Wilson 07895 962659)

An interesting, informative talk followed, given by Carole Wilson, who explained that it was through her Mum Julie and her grandmother that her involvement with Hedgehog Haven started. Her grandmother looked out of her sheltered accommodation and wondered what was moving on the grass outside her window, whereupon Julie discovered an injured hedgehog, which she took home and nursed back to health, the start of Hedgehog Haven. As a family over the years they have looked after many, many hedgehogs, becoming part of The British Hedgehog Preservation Society and as time has passed Carole and her husband have taken on what her mother and father started. Carole gave us lots of interesting facts;



hedgehogs spines are made out of hair, they have 2 litters a year, they leave the nest after 7 weeks, cats and dogs do not get lice or fleas from hedgehogs (hedgehog fleas are specific to them). A member asked about "hedgehog houses?". Carole explained why some advertised houses are not suitable as the hedgehog gets their spines stuck in them. They recommended looking or contacting www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/ who have information sheets, on Hedgehog Homes. People are always getting in touch to ask for help or to bring poorly, lost, hedgehogs into Carole who tries to nurses them back to health with the help of local vets when necessary. Carole introduced us to Pauline who helps with the aftercare of TLC and the release of the hedgehogs back to the wild. Again Pauline and her husband became involved by finding a poorly hedgehog on the disused Linton airstrip, took it to Carole and enquiring about the hedgehog led

Pauline to become a volunteer. These enthusiastic dedicated ladies (& husbands) do this voluntarily. If you need help/information or would like to make a donation of hedgehog food etc. please contact Carole on the phone number on page 5.

We then had supper, hostesses Helen & Maria (which included the special treat of home made authentic focaccia bread & Italian apple cake made by Maria & included Helen's amazing hedgehog).



The supper maybe tea/coffee, a biscuit or cake, the very special part of the evening is the coming together of everyone, chattering and enjoying each other's company.

Next meeting: AGM (Voting for the committee)& FUN GAME NIGHT
Next meeting **Wednesday 8th February at 7.30p.m.** (second Wednesday of every month)
Hostesses. The Committee
Visitors (£3.50] always given a warm welcome

Alne Village website

A reminder that the Alne Village website has all the information you might need regarding Alne and its activities. There is also a calendar of upcoming village activities. New for 2023 is a complete revision of the History section which makes it easier to find relevant articles. This also includes a historical list of all the parish councillors from 1913 to 2022. Find it all at <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/>

Alne Open Gardens Sunday 25th June 2023 - Noon -5pm

Thank you to those that have already volunteered to include your gardens in our next event. We now have a good spread of about a dozen gardens around the village. Over a third are new gardens that will not have previously been seen, but we also have some favourites that have featured in both the previous events, so overall the prospect of a pleasant mix.

If anyone else wants to put their garden forward for inclusion please get in touch with me over the next month, as I will be firming up the draft Programme for the day. I would be happy to come round and visit your garden and explain what will be involved and give you a copy of the previous 2 Programmes.

If there are ideas for any additional attractions that might be hosted in one of the gardens, from live music to plant sales or craft stalls then please get in touch with me to discuss and agree. We want to try and add value and entertain visitors.

I will shortly be setting up an e-mail group for all those directly involved to share information and updates.

David Lepper - Alne Open Gardens Coordinator

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Road Closure for Alne Street Fayre

The proposed road closures for Alne Street Fayre on **Sunday 11th June** are the same as usual and are shown on the map on the Parish Council notice board in the centre of the village. If you have any comments, please contact Suzi Rix, Alne Street Fayre, on 07767 848317 or alnestreetfayre@btinternet.com by Saturday 11th February. Thank you.

River Kyle Depth Gauge

A new record depth was recorded at Alne on 16th January at 1.88 metres above normal. This is the highest since the gauge was installed in December 2021 and exceeds the previous high of 1.78 in February 2022.



Our first concert of 2023 is **York band Miles and the Chain Gang on Saturday 11th February**. A bit of a different kind of musical offering for you to enjoy. The 4 piece band play a varied mixture of Soul, Rock, Blues and

Singer Songwriter vibes. Some of their own original songs with a variety of covers you will know ranging from Johnny Cash, the Rolling Stones, Steve Miller, Joni Mitchell and Bob Dylan. The band formed in York in 2018. Miles Salter is band leader and songwriter. His original songs are influenced by Van



Morrison, Bruce Springsteen and Del Amitri, with an accent on good hooks and engaging lyrics. "The show goes through various styles of music....but at the end, we love it when people dance." says Miles. I can confirm from seeing them play at Helmsley Arts Centre last summer that they perform a fun exuberant set with passion and also enjoy interaction with the audience. They will love to see you get up from your seats and dance, or at least sing along to well known choruses and tap your feet. The audience at Helmsley was not familiar with the band but were won round by their full on lively entertaining show.

Tickets are a very reasonable £12 available from:

<https://buytickets.at/alnmusicclub/801952>

Dorset duo Ninebarrow will be performing for us on Sunday 26th March, tickets are £16 plus a booking fee of 43p or £18 on the door. They certainly have a loyal fan base as 42 advance tickets have already been sold from: <https://ninebarrow.co.uk>. More details about this event will be included in the next Newsletter but they put on an excellent enjoyable concert so they may well sell out, so it will be advisable to book your tickets soon to reserve a seat for this popular event. This is their only northern date on their spring tour.

Sarah McQuaid is a classy singer songwriter based near Lands End, Cornwall who has released 6 acclaimed albums. A talented multi-instrumentalist with one of the most instantly recognisable voices in current music.... "Shades of Joni Mitchell in a jam with Karen Carpenter and Lana Del Rey". She will be performing in concert for us on **Friday 5th May**.

Tickets will be £14 in advance or £15 on the door. Available from:

<https://buytickets.at/alnmusicclub/835198>

We continue to strive to achieve a varied high quality programme of live music in our cosy community run village hall for your entertainment. It will be lovely to see more local people coming along and enjoying these concerts," If you don't use them you may be in danger of losing them", so please do give us a try. All events start at 7.30p.m., with doors open from 7.00p.m. and a good value for money bar available for your refreshment. Any profits made from this programme of events go towards Village Hall improvements.

David Lepper

Alne Music Club Promoter

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Alne Heating Oil Co-operative

The Government are pursuing many initiatives to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels. This includes kerosene (domestic heating oil). Much of the published information indicates a “heat pumps first” approach, such that it is proposed that the sale of oil-fired boilers will be banned from 2026, to be replaced by air or ground source heat pumps. Whilst heat pumps are a perfectly workable solution for new builds, or properties undergoing a major rebuild, they do not work to well as a retrofit to existing installations. It can be done, though usually only with extensive and very expensive upgrades to the system. Future Ready Fuel, a collaboration between OFTEC and UKIFDA, published a detailed response to the Government’s Heat Pumps First approach, and can be found on the Future Ready Fuel website.

An alternative is to use a more environmentally friendly fuel - hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) - that can be used with existing systems. HVO is produced from waste materials and can cut boiler exhaust emissions by over 80%. Boiler conversion costs are a few hundred pounds. However, HVO is currently taxed as a road fuel, so is not competitive with kerosene.

Before Christmas, a group of coordinators from the Lower Swale Syndicate met with Kevin Hollinrake MP. The meeting was to share our concerns regarding the apparent enforced conversion to heat pumps and the opportunities offered by adopting HVO for domestic heating. The meeting went well and we were assured that there was still much work to be done before policy could be established. With 1.7 million homes off-grid in the UK, a number of options are on the table and there would be no snap decisions.

On 11th January 2023, George Eustice, MP for Camborne and Redruth, introduced a Bill under the Ten Minute Rule to reduce the price of HVO to that of parity with kerosene. The Bill was passed for a second reading on Friday, 3rd March. The first reading is available on BBC iPlayer (search George Eustice Ten Minute Rule Bill) and a transcript may be viewed in Hansard.

The reduction of the reliance on fossil fuels is a subject that affects us all, for many reasons. We, the coordinators, are in communication with Kevin Hollinrake and others, and will aim to stay on top of the debate and contribute where appropriate. The Facebook pages for the Alne Oil Co-operative and the Brafferton Oil Co-operative will be updated as new information comes available. Please consider following either of both.

If you have any comments or questions, please share them on Facebook or, if you prefer, e-mail: alne@swaleoil.org.uk

ANGLICAN SERVICES

FEBRUARY

Venue	5 th Feb	12 th Feb	19 th Feb	26 th Feb
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Holy Communion			
Alne		10.30a.m. Holy Communion		10.30a.m Joint Parish Service with Archdeacon Sam
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Holy Communion	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	

METHODIST SERVICES for Villages Together

Revd David Bidnell is the Methodist Minister for the villages around Easingwold.

David can be contacted on 01904 345429. You are welcome at all of the village services listed below

FEBRUARY

Date/Venue	Alne	Huby	Husthwaite	Stillington	Tholthorpe
5 February 10.30a.m.		Ruth Duck Café Service			
12 February 3.00p.m.	Marion Moverley at Alne Hall		10.30		
19 February 10.30a.m.				David Bidnell Holy Communion	
26 February 3.00p.m.			10.30		John Freeman

Contact Details:

There is now a vacancy for the Priest in Charge of the Alne Parish.

Please Contact the Church wardens / Co-ordinators in the first instance.

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