

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## October 2024

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

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The Anglican minister for the villages in the Parish of Alne is Revd. Lucy Brencher. Revd. Lucy can be contacted by telephone on 07940 514492 or by e-mail at [revlucybrencher@gmail.com](mailto:revlucybrencher@gmail.com).



Hi everyone! I'm excited to write this article, as it means that I've started my new role as vicar to the 'West Galtres' churches. My name is Lucy and I'm married to Paul. We have three children and a dog, so hopefully you will see me out and about. Prior to this role I served as vicar in the parishes of Acaster Malbis, Appleton Roebuck and Acaster Selby, with an additional focus of growing new younger worshipping communities; this involved ministry with families and schools (Messy Church, Outdoor Church, Sunday at 3.00pm), and church for 20s-40s in a neighbouring group of churches. Outside of work, I like walking, reading and spending time with friends. I used to play the piano, and I'd love to pick this up again.

I'm looking forward to living over in Skelton and sharing in the life and work of our family of six churches in the Easingwold deanery. My hope for the 'West Galtres' churches, is that they will continue to grow as life-giving hubs where we encounter God's love, his hope and his peace. I'll be privileged to work alongside lay and ordained people who help with Sunday worship and I hope to gather new groups of people to explore creative ways midweek to love and serve in our villages. I hope to lead a process of working closer together and sharing our resources, ideas and gifts.

If you would like to come back into your local church, to see how things are, or to come to church for the first time, take advantage of the fact that you won't be the only newbie and join me! Hopefully there'll be many opportunities for us to connect, and together we can explore faith and hope and God's amazing love.

Blessings,  
Rev'd Lucy

## **News from Aine Church**

### **Harvest Services**

The church harvest service this year will be on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at the slightly earlier time of 10.00am**. This will be followed by the school harvest service on the morning of **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – we are grateful to Outwood Primary Academy for moving the date that had already been shared with parents to allow for repair works to the tower beams to begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

It also allows for all donations to the Easingwold food bank to be transported immediately after the school service. At this time, the food bank have a lot of beans and soups, but would welcome most other things, including tinned / packaged meals, cereals and toiletries.

Services will then revert to the usual pattern of **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10.30a.m. during November and December**.

## It's Shoebox Time!

Samaritan's Purse 2024 Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal aims to bring hope and joy to children in need around the world.

The shoeboxes can be filled with fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. You can personalize the box by adding a handwritten note or photograph of you and your family.

By sending a shoebox gift with Operation Christmas child you will be sharing God's love and showing a child they are special and thought of.

Shoeboxes with instructions will be available from the end of October. Thank you for your support

For more info: [terryjennifershoeboxappeal@gmail.com](mailto:terryjennifershoeboxappeal@gmail.com)

## Christmas Angels

We will again be supporting both the Samaritans Purse shoe box appeal for children overseas and the Salvation Army Christmas Angel appeal for needy children in the York area.

Further information on the donation process for both will be available in the November newsletter, but please bear these in mind when doing your Christmas shopping if you feel able to support one or both.

## Dennis Myers Memorial Bench

We understand that there have been some difficulties in landing on the JustGiving page for the above which was featured in the September Newsletter and is now on the home page of the Alne Village website.

Apologies for this, the official link is <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/dennismyers>



## Alne WI Meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Alne WI pulled all the stops out on Wednesday evening, 11<sup>th</sup> September, with local lady Linda Taylor, giving us an incredibly detailed and comprehensive talk on the History of Alne which went back years and years and years. Being an open meeting with friends and family joining us, we had a full house who were all eager to hear what Linda was going to tell us. We are so lucky to have people in the village who have this knowledge and Linda regaled us with many tales of life in Alne, telling us about the residents and properties and how things have evolved. It was thoroughly enjoyable and a fascinating insight into life in our beautiful village.



Linda also had a wonderful display of photos which illustrated much of what she said and it was so interesting to see life as it was then.

It was a mammoth feat to set the hall up and we thank Helen for her Herculean efforts and we had a lovely supper provided by Sue, Nancy, Annie, Kath and Jenny.





We have a lot of exciting events planned on the run up to Christmas, including a fabulous concert at the Galtres Centre with a very talented and entertaining lady called Nicola Mills. This is open to all and will be an amazing evening.

The Forest of Galtres group of WI's are holding a Carol Concert to be held at Brandsby Church and we have our popular Christmas dinner being held at The George on **11<sup>th</sup> December**.

If you would like to be part of our ever growing WI, please email Di Hunter on [secretaryalnewi@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryalnewi@gmail.com), call 07568 067589 or pop along as a visitor (£4 entrance) to our next meeting at Alne Village Hall on **9<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7.30p.m.** You will be made very welcome.

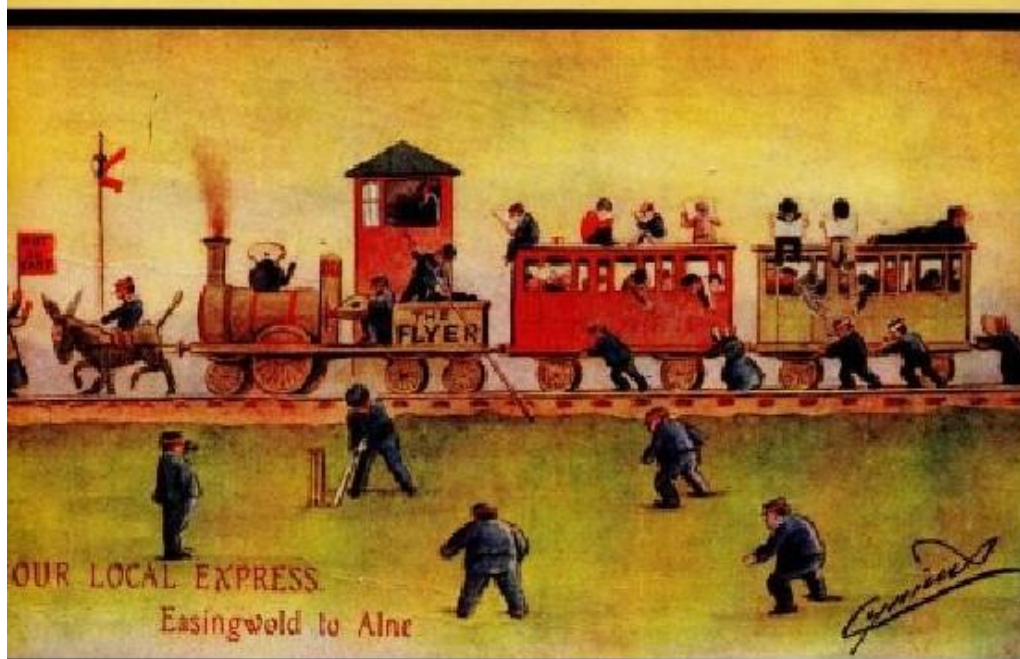
### **Sunday Newspapers in Alne**

While newspapers are generally in decline, Sunday newspapers can be a pleasure to while away the winter months. There is a group scheme in Alne where your newspaper is delivered to the church each Sunday morning. Your only requirement is to do the group run to Towlers in Easingwold once every few weeks. The more folk involved, the longer spell between pick-ups!

If you want to join the group, contact Robert on [brech28@btinternet.com](mailto:brech28@btinternet.com) or send a message through the contact page of the Alne Village website <https://www.alnevillage.co.uk/>



# DAVID NEWTON'S ALNE ANNALS



Robert Brech 2024

The 2024 edition of Alne Annals is two-and-a-half times as big as the original and contains many more photographs. It is not a history and it is not a chronology, but it is a collection of tales from many authors and publications from many sources. It thus forms a fascinating insight into the village and parish of Alne, its people and its pastimes over the years.

New for this edition:

- Nearly 100 more pages of Alne archives.
- Award-winning author Charity Norman's memories of her childhood in Alne in the 1960s.
- Many more maps and photos.
- The Story of Gale Garth and Gale Road.
- The Coronavirus Plague in Alne, 2020-2022 and its comparison to earlier plagues.
- Dating the pre-WW1 photos of Alne Station.
- Six histories of interesting Alne houses.
- A miscellany of anecdotes, interesting dates (when was the village pond filled in?) and notes from the Parish Council Minutes over the years.
- And much, much more.

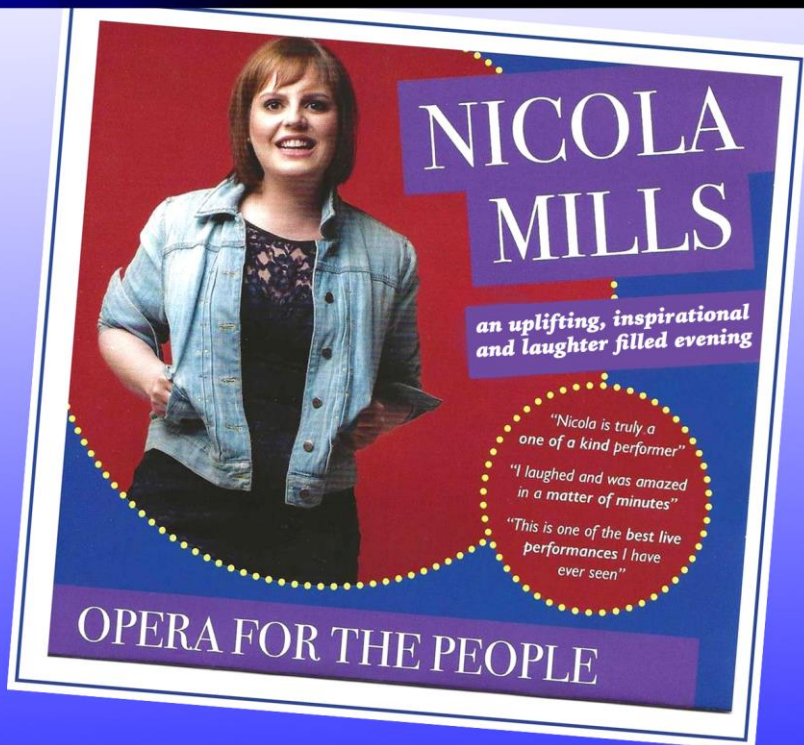
£20. Pay online to Co-op Bank, APLA, 08-92-99, 67195084 with your name as the reference, and send a confirming e-mail to Robert at [brech28@btinternet.com](mailto:brech28@btinternet.com) stating your delivery address.

Or cash/cheque (payable to "APLA") to 6 Hallgarth, Alne YO61 1RN. Free hand delivery or pick-up in Alne.

Add £4.50 for UK postage and packing.

Proceeds to the APLA recreation ground

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AN EVENING OF  
INSPIRATIONAL MUSICAL ADVENTURES**



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*"Nicola is truly a  
one of a kind performer"*

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performances I have  
ever seen"*

**OPERA FOR THE PEOPLE**

**From Classics to Pop, Light Opera to Musicals  
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**1st November Galtres Centre, Easingwold  
7.30pm Bar open from 7pm  
Tickets £10 available from  
The Galtres Centre - 01347 822472**



## **St Michael's Church**

If you have walked past St Michael's Church in Tollerton this summer, you might have wondered why the grass is long and the "weeds" are growing.

The church decided that it was time we did our bit to counter the ever-diminishing greenspaces around us and so we have let the grass grow, with paths cut in and benches set so villagers can wander around and sit awhile if they wish. We started with about 24 species of plants already growing and look forward to seeing more of them now their heads are not chopped off the minute the poke them above the grass.

Many insects lay their eggs on grasses and native plants and we have already seen a few tiny grass moths which would not have been there when the grass was short. You probably don't need us to tell you that bees, butterflies, moths and even wasps have been badly reduced in numbers this year.

We took advice from Alwyn and Tom at the Forest of Flowers in Huby and they will come to scarify the grass and sow their own wildflower seeds in due course. Before this happens, we need to cut the grass for winter and gather up all the cuttings and would appreciate any help anyone can offer doing this.

**CAN YOU COME AND HELP  
ON SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER from 10.00a.m.?**  
Coffee and cake provided! (Numbers would be appreciated.)

Can you bring (and use) a strimmer or scythe? Or help gather up the clippings?

Please contact: [david@davidbeverley.co.uk](mailto:david@davidbeverley.co.uk)

## **HOT SPOT IN TOLLERTON**

We are looking forward to welcoming our village friends back to  
**HOT SPOT**

**St Michael's Church, Tollerton**

Restarting on

**7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Never been? Come and enjoy our light lunches, meet new people or chat with your pals!

### **Aldwark Dates for your Diary:**

**Aldwark Christmas Fair - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
In **St Stephens, Aldwark 10.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.**

A rich array of craft stalls, Christmas gifts and tombola.  
Mulled wine, coffee and nibbles.  
In aid of the Church and Village Funds.  
A great start to the Christmas Season!

### **Aldwark Village Golf Day**

A massive thanks to Andy Follington and his team who organised the annual golf day at Aldwark Manor Estates on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. After a rainy blustery morning the sun shone on the players who had a glorious afternoon's golf, took part in a great raffle and competed for the usual golfing prizes. Spirits were high and well over £1,000 was raised on the day, which will be spent on essential church maintenance and other village projects.

## ANGLICAN SERVICES

### October

Venue	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct
<b>Aldwark</b>			10.30a.m. Harvest Celebration and Baptism	
<b>Alne</b>	10.00a.m. Harvest Celebration			10.30a.m. Holy Communion
<b>Tollerton</b>	10.30a.m. Morning Worship/Harvest	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	1030a.m. Holy Communion	10.30a.m. Morning Worship

## METHODIST SERVICES for Villages Together

Rev'd David Bidnell is the Methodist Minister for villages around Easingwold.

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



### October

Community Café – Huby Methodist Church **10.00a.m.-12 noon Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Coffee, cake and conversation.

## APPLE FEST

To be held on **18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6.30pm** In Stillington Village Hall.  
A celebration of the Apple with a 2 course apple themed meal, activities and speaker. Tickets £9 person available from Stillington Post Office (**until Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**).

## October Services

Venue Date	Alne @ Alne Hall	Huby	Tholthorpe	Other
6 October 10.30am				David Bidnell United Service Sutton Parish Church Harvest Festival
13 October 3.00pm	Andrew Foster Harvest Service			
20 October 10.30am		Local Arrangement Café Service		
27 October 3.00pm			John Schofield Holy Communion	

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