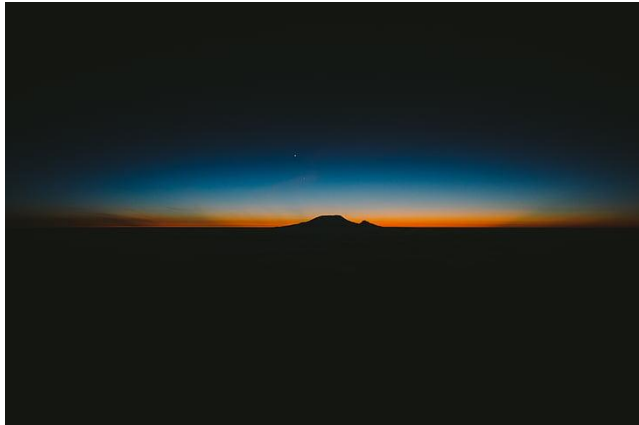


PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2022

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

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The pale light skimmed the horizon, promising the new day. I concentrated on my footsteps, feeling my way as I strained to see what lay ahead. Even in the dark, I could see the stone had been moved. I froze... then ran. - Mary Magdalene

Easter: The Greatest Story Ever Told; The Greatest Story Ever Lived.

We – you and I – are invited to join the story

Do you know who Jesus is? Do you know how He lived a human life but was also God? How He reveals God's love to us?

At Easter we celebrate how Jesus overcame death by rising to life again. But the joy and wonder of this unique event are all the more poignant when we remember the pain and horror that Jesus faced as he went to His death on Good Friday.

In the lines page one, I've imagined the thoughts of Mary Magdalen as she approached Jesus' tomb on the first Easter Sunday, grief-stricken at his death but about to discover He was now alive! Easter reminds us that we have a God who has walked the worst of life as well as the best and that He still walks with us now.

Many of us have been deeply moved by the war in Ukraine and the humanitarian need to welcome, shelter and provide for Ukrainians during this horrific time. We have watched the news with abhorrence and possibly also fear. If you'd find prayer helpful, St Mary's Alne and St Stephen's Aldwark are open during the day and have specific areas and resources to help us pray, especially for Ukraine. Also, the Church of England has a 'toolbox of resources' you may find helpful: to find it, go to the Church of England website and search Ukraine.

During Lent in some of our churches in Alne Parish, we've been reading *God on Mute* by Pete Greig. Here Pete reminds us that in Jesus we have a God who lived every facet of humanity – the worst and best of life – and in doing so has shown us how He relates to us in every situation we face. Easter is not the end of the story!

Our leadership team in the Diocese of York is using the phrase, *Living Christ's Story*. This is because Christians believe Jesus is still alive. Having ascended to heaven, He's not walking around on earth any more: instead, He has sent the Holy Spirit to be God with us now.

And we are invited to join in this story – to continue living the love of God revealed in Jesus to the world. It's a story full of pain and challenge, just as Jesus' earthly existence was, but it's also one with hope and joy at its centre. It is, quite simply, the best story to be part of!

Our Archbishop and diocesan leadership team are encouraging us to think about what *Living Christ's Story* looks like today in our communities, villages and churches.

You're invited to be part of this journey. Please get in touch with either myself: rev.deborah.coyne@gmail.com or the church office: office@abchurches.org.uk to share with us your hopes and dreams for our local churches in the years to come. Maybe you'd like something for younger families. Or something quiet and reflective. Maybe you'd like to meet others at a similar stage of life. Or perhaps you'd like to know more about what Christians believe and who Jesus is.

You're also invited to join us for our Easter services across the parish as we celebrate this momentous moment in history. We would love to see you!

Happy Easter from St Mary's Alne, St Michael's Tollerton and St Stephen's Aldwark to you and all you love, wherever they may be.

Grace and peace,

Debbie (Vicar)

News from Alne Church

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

There is an area in St Mary's dedicated to quiet contemplation and prayers for the situation in Ukraine. Please feel free to pop in and use the prayers provided and/or leave your own prayer.

Bell ringing and clock winding vacancies

As the young volunteers who have rung the bells and wound the church clock on a regular basis as part of Duke of Edinburgh awards have all now moved off to university or other new phases of their lives, there is a vacancy for someone to help out with these tasks in the church. Clock winding is done weekly, though bell ringing is only occasionally needed for weddings and other special services. Anyone interested in helping with either of these things should contact Sharon Oliver on 07778 158770 or at mandsoliver@btinternet.com.

Future of the Churches in the Parish

A meeting took place on 22nd March with the Area Dean and Area Lay Dean as part of the consultation process currently taking place across the York Diocese – 'Living Christ's Story'. Hopes and aspirations for the future were welcomed and discussed.

A key part of keeping St Mary's open in the future as a functioning church is clearly dependent on getting more engagement with the community as a whole, as future success will very much be dependent on the involvement of a wider group of local people than is currently the case. There is more to come on this theme in the coming months, but please pass on any helpful thoughts and ideas to Sharon using the contact details above.

Parish Records

Weddings

19th March 2022 - Sophie Wright and Thomas Stripe

Baptisms

13th March 2022 - Martha Tree

Memorial Service

25th March – Mary Tym

Alne Parish Council

Galegarth, Gale Garth, Gale Road and Back Lane

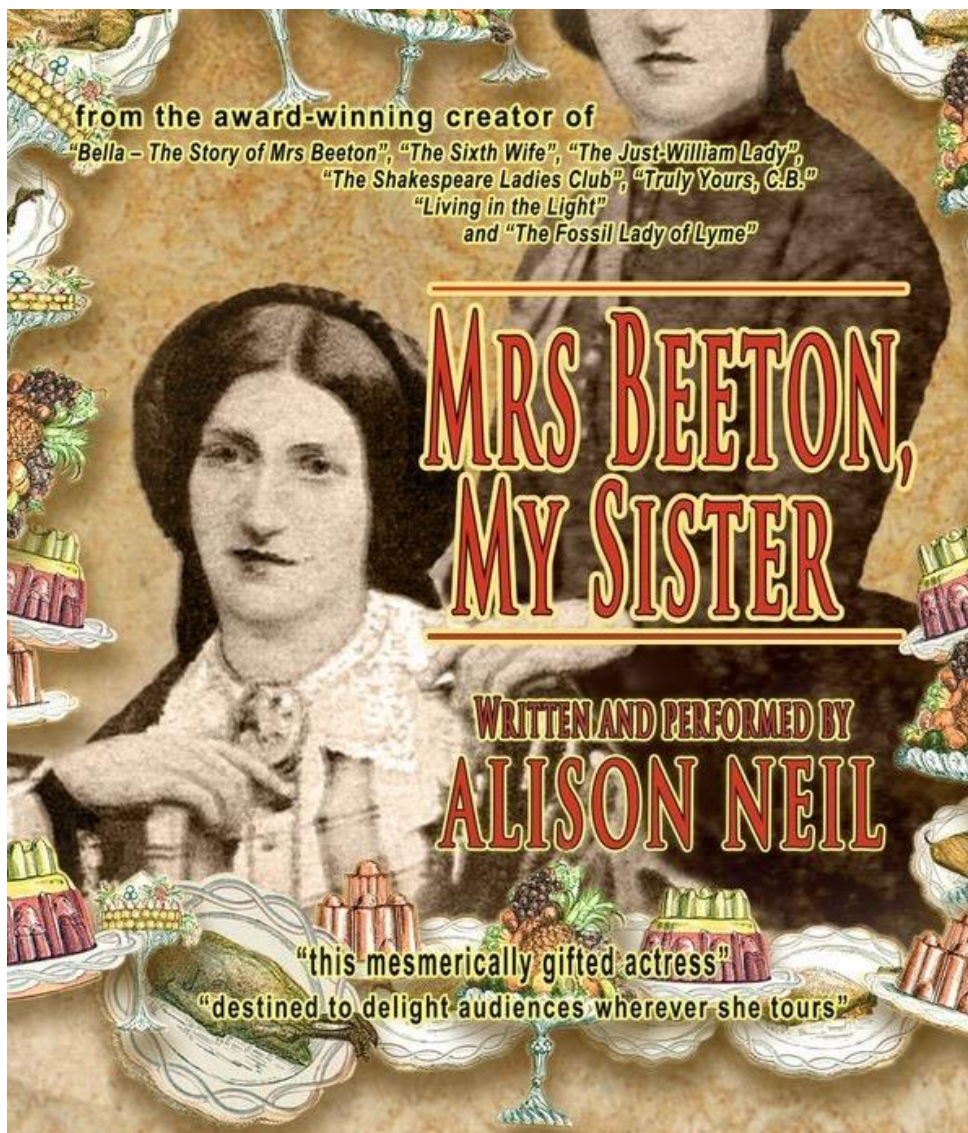
A research project on the development of the Gale Garth estate in the 1960s and the renaming of Back Lane to Gale Road in the 1970s has been carried out. This can be found by going to Alne village home page and clicking on the link given in the entry for 6th March.

“The Coronavirus Plague in Alne”

The 7th (and final?) chapter of the personal diary of the last two years has been published and includes a timeline of the significant events since early 2020 – how many of which we have forgotten! This can be found by going the Alne Village home page and clicking on the link given in the entry for 23rd March.

County and Parish Elections

Elections for the new North Yorkshire Council and local Parish Councils take place on Thursday 5th May. Information can be found on the relevant village notice boards.



ALNE VILLAGE HALL & ALNE WI present a theatrical evening. Mrs. Beeton, My Sister. Written and performed by Alison Neil.
Alne Village Hall **28th May 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. start.**
Advance tickets only and will be available soon £10.

Alne WI Meeting 9th March in Alne Village Hall

Joan Baram, President, welcomed members and visitors. After some brief notices and business items Joan welcomed local artist, Jenny Dalleywater, to lead the evening's activity on 'Scratchboard Art.'

Scratchboard art is a way of creating a picture using a sharp tool to engrave on a special board with a black surface layer and white under layer.

WI member Jenny is a keen scratchboard artist; she explained the process and showed us some of her own work, which was very detailed and accomplished, we were impressed.



Jenny provided each of us with a small board and sharp engraving knife and then invited us 'to have a go' and create a simple picture. Some of us were a little unsure, but under Jenny's guidance we settled to the task.

The room became very quiet apart from the gentle sound of scratching as we became engrossed in the task and enjoyed spending time being creative.



The results were awesome

We ended the evening with social chat tea and cakes, provided by Sue Ward, Nancy Burch and Gill Charlton. The almond and buttercream gluten free sponge cake was particularly awesome

The next Alne WI meeting is on **13th April 2022 at 7.30p.m.** in the Village Hall. We are going to try **Bhangra Blaze** – a type of traditional Indian folk dancing / exercise that can be done standing or sitting. It's great fun and has uplifting music.

Visitors are very welcome, maybe bring a friend - cost £3.50

You might want to wear something comfortable or even get into the spirit and wear Indian style dress.

The Pearson and Others Charitable Trust

The Pearson Trust is a small local charity which was established in 1882 to help people in need who live in the parishes of Aldwark, Alne, Flawith, Tholthorpe, Tollerton and Youlton. The charity makes grants to residents of these villages who are perhaps struggling to meet their everyday living costs or who have a particular need. This might include help to pay for essential household items or repairs, fuel bills, healthcare, or clothing and equipment for a baby or children and young people who are in education or training. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

The trustees are particularly keen to help people who are experiencing financial difficulties caused by the pandemic or the rising cost of household essentials.

The charity also makes grants to local organisations for charitable activities which benefit people in need living in these villages. Organisations must have a bank account and a constitution.

Applications can be made at any time using the appropriate application form which can be downloaded at the Alne and Tollerton websites:

www.alnevillage.co.uk/the-pearson-trust or www.tollerton.net/the-pearson-trust

To find out more about the charity and how to apply, please contact the Chair, Colin Stroud on 01347 838780 or by e-mailing strouds2@btinternet.com



Alne Oil Co-operative

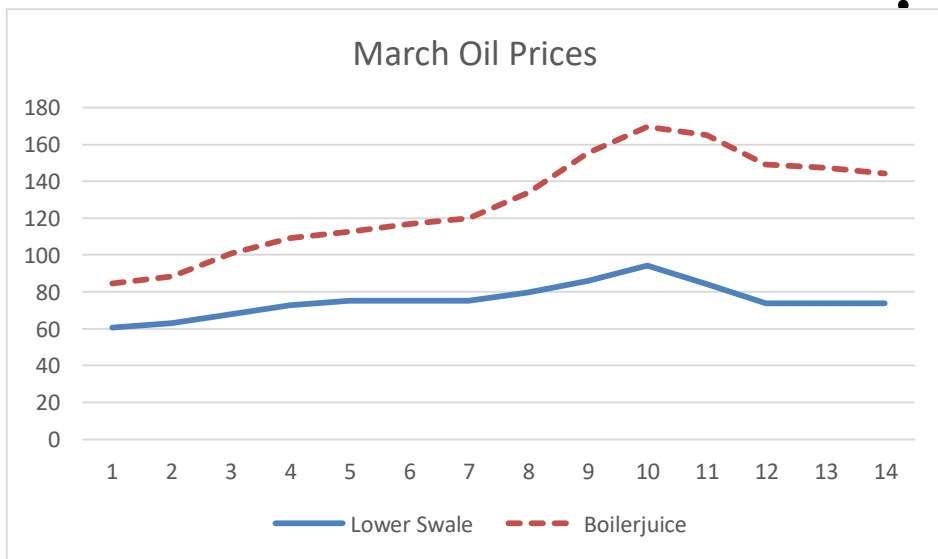
Alne Heating Oil Co-operative

The Alne Oil Co-operative is a founder member of the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Co-operatives. Collectively, nearly 1,000 Syndicate members purchased 1,789,488 litres of fuel oil in 2021.

With the dreadful events taking place in Ukraine, there has been an inevitable increase in the price of oil on the global market. This has resulted in increased prices for petrol, diesel and, of course, domestic heating oil.

The retail fuel oil market has reacted to ensure that they do not get caught by the steep and unpredictable increase in the price of oil between the order and delivery dates by adding a significant contingency to the price per litre.

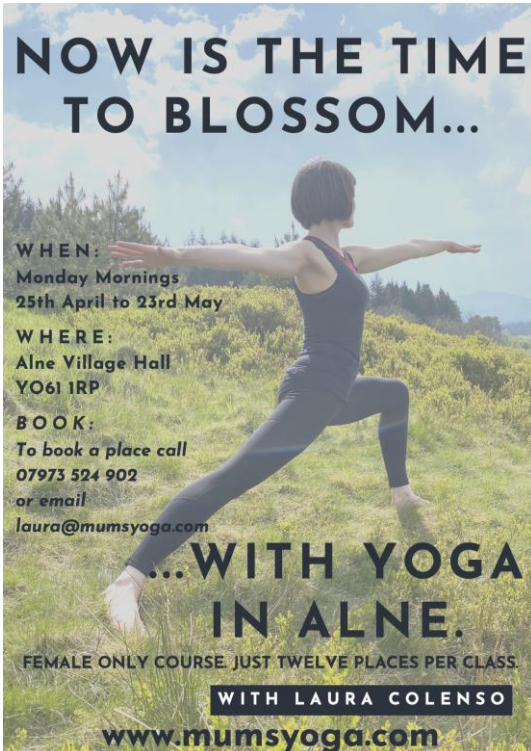
Our agreement with the supplier is fundamentally different inasmuch as it ties the price members pay to the commodity (ex-refinery) price for the fuel oil plus a fixed, agreed amount per litre to cover their overheads, delivery charges and profit.



The results can be seen on the graph, where the comparison is between the Syndicate price (solid line) and the daily price quoted on the Boilerjuice website (dashed line). The Boilerjuice price reflects the lowest average price for heating oil in England. (Prices include VAT @ 5%)

The highest price shown on the Boilerjuice website is 80% above the highest price Syndicate members paid.

Membership is open to all — if you live in or around Alne and want to know more about the Co-operative, please e-mail alne@swaleoil.org.uk or visit the Oil Co-operative pages on the Alne Village website.



**NOW IS THE TIME
TO BLOSSOM...**

WHEN:
Monday Mornings
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ALNE STREET FAYRE

Sunday 19th June 2022 12 - 4.30pm

Bands • Bar • Street Entertainers • Stalls • BBQ & Much more

TOMBOLA PRIZES NEEDED

Its once again come to that time in the year when we kindly ask you to rummage through your cupboards and donate some items for the annual Tombola.

A bottle of wine, soft drinks, sweets and those unwanted Xmas or Birthday presents etc, would be ideal please.

Please drop them in at Fir Tree House, Monk Green or 3 Gale Garth.

This is the main fundraiser event of Alne Show, so we would really appreciate as many prizes as possible to make this year's tombola a success and maintain the facilities within the village.

Huge Thanks

Diane Hunter and Jacqui Buteux

Saturday June 4th **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**



Craft Day **at** **St Michael's Church**

**We will be celebrating
the many crafters and artists in Tollerton
with displays of their work in the church.**

- We will have 2 areas for display,**
1) for those wishing to sell their work
2) for items to be displayed only

**Do you make, sew, paint, quilt, carve, knit
or create anything we can display?**
Would you like come and sell your work? (*No charge*)
Children's work is welcome too!

Please contact us as soon as possible.

email: welcometotollerton@gmail.com

or phone Michèle 01347 838469

Coming soon



St Michael's church Tollerton website.

For all the information
you need about the church's activities

www.stmichaelstollerton.co.uk

ANGLICAN SERVICES

APRIL 2022

Venue	3 rd April	10 th April Palm Sunday	17 th April Easter Day	24 th April
Aldwark	10.30 a.m. Baptism			
Alne		10.30a.m. Holy Communion	10.30a.m Holy Communion	10.30a.m Joint Anglican Methodist Service
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Holy Communion	10.30a.m. Morning Worship

METHODIST SERVICES

The Rev Elizabeth Cushion is the Methodist Minister for the villages around Easingwold.

Elizabeth can be contacted on 01347 821460. You are welcome at all of the village services listed below.

APRIL 2022

Date	Time	Venue	Service Details
3 rd April	10.30a.m.	Huby	Thompson
10 th April	3.00p.m.	Alne	E Cushion
17 th April	3.00p.m.	Tholthorpe	E Cushion
24 th April	10.30p.m.	Alne	Thompson

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St. Michael's Tollerton

Arthur Harland 01347 823575 e-mail janeatwoodyedge@yahoo.co.uk

Alison Dowson 01347 838138 e-mail amcd2350@gmail.com

The Methodist Minister for the villages around Easingwold is The Rev Elizabeth Cushion (Tel: 01347 821460)