

Alne Village Website News Archive : 2013

02-Jan-2013: Many thanks to all of you who have responded to the surveys relating to the Beta version of this website. We are taking the website slowly for the moment, preferring to keep it simple, and ensuring that it works and that the information is accurate. But ideas for the future include more photos, listing of local businesses and/or services, tourist info including walks and cycle rides ([link now included](#)), minutes of organisations other than the Parish Council, Royal Mail collection times ([now included](#)) etc

11-Jan-2013: Maintenance work on the cherry trees along Main Street will be starting in January. The trees were planted in 1952 and some are coming to their natural end of life. The Parish Council will be planting eleven new cherry trees, as replacement for four that have to be felled.

14-Jan-2013: Further to the film show on Friday night, the Yorkshire Film Archive have found the missing content shot in Alne in Aug-1950. This can be viewed at the following link (noting that the Alne content runs from 01:15 to 05:30). If you can identify any of the people or places involved, please let us know through the AlneVillage website contact page (identifying where you are in the film by reference to the time bar xx:yy).

[OUT AND ABOUT IN YORKSHIRE](#) (1950)

http://www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com/film/out-and-about-yorkshire?destination=search%2Fapachesolr_search%2Falne%3Fmode%3Dquick%26solrsort%3Dscore%2520desc%252C%2520sis_cck_field_film_id%2520asc%26filters%3Dtype%253Ayfa_film%26highlight%3Dalne&highlight=alne

15-Jan-2013: The cherry trees have now been planted (see 11th Jan below), thank you to all those generous people who helped. Also, thank you to the willing helpers who brushed up the leaves around the village hall.

17-Jan-2013: The path clearing between Alne and Alne Station, scheduled for Saturday 19th, has been POSTPONED, because it seems there will be lots of snow. Please check the calendar for the new date.

29-Jan-2013: We are delighted to announce that the Village Hall has been successful in securing a grant from HDC, which will start the ball rolling to renovate and upgrade the village hall over the coming year. So watch this space!

01-Feb-2013: The new Historical Postcard of the Month is now on our History page. And, if you want to see the official answers to Jess House's Christmas Towns and Cities Quiz, [click here](#).

06-Feb-2013: The ~~agenda~~ draft minutes for the Parish Council meeting on Monday 11-Feb are now on the Parish Council page.

12-Feb-2013: *'Every project needs a driver'* and *'Life is a journey, not a destination'* were two pieces of advice offered by Alne Parish Council Chairman, Robert Brech, on his being awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of York, for services to the University and York Science Park. David Hockney was the star attraction at the ceremony in York Minster, marking the start of the University's 50th anniversary celebrations.

03-Mar-2013: The hedges on the playing fields have been cut, and we need to clear the cuttings and brush. Please come and help, the more the merrier, on Sunday morning - 3rd

March at 9:30. Please note that the playing field is run entirely through the ceaseless efforts of you lovely people volunteering a bit of your time - for this we thank you! [Thank you to Gudrun, Fizzy, Robert, Alison, Suzi, Duncan, Alex and Iain for a sterling piece of work.](#)

- 04-Mar-2013:** To encourage use of our website, we are offering a £20 Tollerton Stores voucher. All you need to do to enter is to answer five simple questions (all the answers are on the website), and put the website onto your Favourites Bar. [Click here for the Quiz.](#)
- 18-Mar-2013:** Congratulations to all of you who entered the website quiz - everyone got all the right answers. Sara Bowland, Station Road, was the lucky winner drawn out of the hat to receive the £20 Tollerton Stores voucher.
- 31-Mar-2013:** TREASURER WANTED - ALNE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP : Our current Treasurer will be stepping down in September/October this year after seeing us safely through our new build project and we would like to thank Nigel for all the hard work, support and counsel he has provided over the past 3 years. As with most charities this is a key role for us and we are looking for someone, ideally with a business/accountancy background to take on this role. If you would like to know more please contact Rebecca (838120) or Nigel (838445) for a no obligation chat.
- 31-Mar-2013:** ALNE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP NEW BUILD & NEW OPENING TIMES :We are very pleased to announce that from Monday 15 April, Alne Pre-school Playgroup will be operating from their new premises within the grounds of Alne Primary School. Along with the new building we are able to offer extended opening hours and will now be open from 8.00am to 6.00pm, 5 days a week during term time and holiday time. We will be running a Breakfast Club from 8.00am to 8.45am and this will be open to children aged 2 to 11 years. Our holiday provision will also be available to children up to 11 years old on the days that Kool Club is not offering any holiday provision at Alne Primary School. If you would like further details or to make a booking please contact Dawn on 01347 830011 or email at alneplaygroup@live.com. We are very grateful for all the support we have received that has enabled us to bring this project to fruition. We hope that local families will benefit from the extended services we are now able to provide. The fundraising goes on and we are now raising money to develop our outdoor play space and gardens.
- 01-April-2013:** The new Historical Postcard of the Month is now on the History page.
- 15-April-2013:** We have added the facility for Alne residents to publicise details of any charity fund-raising that they are doing. See under Community Groups.
- 27-April-2013:** Another local charity fund-raiser has been added to the Charity page.
- 30-April-2013:** The new Historical Postcard of the Month is now on the History page.
- 11-May-2013:** Have you noticed the new windows in the village hall? A generous grant from Hambleton District Council allowed us to replace two of the existing windows with windows that can be opened at the top. This will ensure that we can properly ventilate the hall during those hot and sunny days!
- 14-May-2013:** There is a six-week weight and fitness course starting in Alne Village Hall on 23-May. [Click here for details.](#)
- 15-May-2013:** Have you noticed the newly refurbished benches in the village and Alne Station? At last we can take a pleasant rest without getting mucky.

- 21-May-2013:** Less than three weeks to go to Alne's famous Street Fayre. It takes place this year on Sunday 09-June from 12:00 to 4:30pm. Rated by *The Times* as one of the UK's Top 20 Family Days Out, it has all the attractions and entertainments you could want. Adults £4, children free, parking free. See www.alnestreetfayre.co.uk for full details.
- 08-June-2013:** The new historical postcard of the month is now on the History page. Apologies for the delay in the presentation of this postcard, Alne Street Fayre was taking priority.
- 14-June-2013:** Alne Street Fayre last Sunday was a great success with perfect weather, a record attendance and expected to be a record profit. All comments received were positive and the Fayre lived up to its reputation as a great family day out - the photo alongside shows some of the 2013 crowd. Thanks are due to our army of volunteers and to Mr & Mrs Whiteley for the use of their land, without which the Fayre would not be possible. The profit from the Fayre goes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Alne playground, skatepark and recreation field - the new Pirate Ship is an example of where the money is spent.
- 09-Jul-2013:** The new Jul/Aug Historical postcard of the Month is now on the History page.
- 06-Aug-2013:** New in Community Groups:- FREE TO A GOOD HOME. If you want to include items in this section, please send the information through the Contact Page
- 07-Aug-2013:** News from Alne Hall. Clare Pelham Chief Executive Officer for Leonard Cheshire Disability joined residents, family, friends, staff; volunteers; neighbours and some of the companies that have helped to get the Sensory Activity Garden project to where we are now. Seen here with Anni Rainbow, one of the residents, the plaque was unveiled to launch the project on 31-July. Thankfully, the rain held off until after the celebrations.
- 31-July is of special significance to the charity as it is the anniversary of the death of Leonard Cheshire 21 years ago. Leonard Cheshire would be so pleased with this project which is improving the facilities for our residents.
- The project was started in March this year when Martin Wintermeyer was asked to take up this massive challenge. He applied to Vodaphone World of Difference who gave him a grant to work in the home for four months. To date we have a garden design by Michael Addis; clearance of debris off the walls by R.A.F Linton on Ouse; trees, bushes cleared by Gerry Kemp; clearance of the whole garden area coordinated by NetWork Rail's Norrie Will with their sub-contractors AMCO, Wrights of Crockey Hill, C.P.M. Strensall, and P&T Contracts. J.N.P carried out the survey of the walls and ESG completed the soil analysis. The plaque was designed and made by joinery specialist Mick & Paul Dowson of Tollerton. Thank you to Jim Wood for allowing us to use his ground for parking the staff cars from June 10th when the work started.
- Our thanks go to everyone who has worked so hard to get us to where we are now. Next phase is the technical side - plans to be drawn up and then planning permission has to be gained. We hope this is not too long.
- 08-Aug-2013:** NYCC has published its proposals for a reduction in street-lighting between the hours of midnight and 05:00. Alne Parish Council has reviewed the proposals, believe they are generally reasonable, and have made a couple of minor suggestions. You can view the NYCC interactive map at www.northyorks.gov.uk/streetlighting
- 16-Aug-2013:** NYCC has published its proposals for a reduction in bus subsidies from April-2014. The only effect in Alne, as far as we can see, is the proposed cutting of the

18:30 bus service 29A from York - Alne - Easingwold. For more detail, see <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=25543&p=0>

And remember to look at Community Groups:- FREE TO A GOOD HOME. If you want to include your own items in this section, please send the information through the Contact Page.

- 01-Sept-2013:** To kick off the extensive village hall renovation programme, asbestos ceiling tiles were removed by a dedicated company, thanks to a generous grant from Awards For All.
- 02-Oct-2013:** The October Historical Postcard of the Month has been posted on the History page.
- 02-Oct-2013:** The agenda for the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 08-October is now to be found on the Parish Council page.
- 07-Oct-2013:** The ceilings and lights are now back in the Village Hall; we replaced lights with more energy efficient LEDs and the toilets have motion sensors for the lights, and a new fire alarm system has been installed. At last, there is also plenty of insulation above the new ceilings. More to happen soon.
- 12-Oct-2013:** Have you noticed the newly refurbished Village Hall notice board? Isn't it beautiful? Thank you to Ben Davies for his great craftsmanship and to an anonymous donor for covering the cost.
- 18-Oct-2013:** Are you looking for an unusual Christmas present for someone? The amusing and quirky memoirs of Robert Brech, Chairman of Alne Parish Council and Club Captain of Alne Tennis Club, have been privately published, with all proceeds going to charity. Access the Charity fundraising page by clicking [here](#).
- 23-Oct-2013:** There are plenty of apples in the orchard at the top of the APLA field. Please feel free to pick some if you wish.
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- 28-Nov-2013:** The Agenda for the next meeting of Alne Parish Council is now on the Parish Council page.
- 22-Nov-2013:** The RAF have held a briefing on the move next month of the Yorkshire Universities' Air Squadron from Church Fenton to Linton-on-Ouse. Click [here](#) for further details.
- 12-Nov-2013:** Tollerton Post Office is looking for two young people to take over the Alne newspaper delivery from Jan-2014 on a rota basis, working one week in two. Contact Phil Lancaster on 838436 or philtollerton@yahoo.com if you are interested. ~~These posts have now been filled.~~
- 04-Dec-2013:** The Village Hall has been awarded a grant from Biffa which allows us to upgrade the kitchen in the hall. Work is progressing really well and it looks great!

- 06-Dec-2013:** Fred Gill's Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Alne, at 1:30pm on Wednesday 11-December. At Fred's request, please wear casual and colourful clothing. Family flowers only. Donations *in lieu* may be made to Abbey Care Home Residents' Fund. The actual cremation service will be a private family affair the day before.
- 24-Dec-2013:** The popular Christingle service will be held at 4:00pm in Alne church. **226 people attended.**
- 26-Dec-2013:** The annual Dads (aka Alne Arthritics) versus Lads football match on the Alne recreation field ended in a 1-1 draw with Jonny Brown opening the scoring for the Lads and Peter Berry adding a later equaliser. The Lads team is shown below with referee Brian Kenny.

