

Alne Village Website News Archive : 2015

- 06-Jan-2015:** The latest update on the Alne Hall sensory garden is now on their page. See Amenities/Leonard Cheshire.
- 30-Jan-2015:** The February Parish Newsletter is [here](#) and [here](#).
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- 05-Feb-2015:** The dates for our popular Alf market have now been finalised - please note them in your diary: 7th March, 26th September and 28th November. Brunch is sorted!
- 25-Feb-2015:** Thank you to the working party, organised by David Campbell, that has cleared the growth from the footpath from Alne Station to Tillicum Cottages and made it wider and safer. All we need now is for someone from the other end of the village to organise the same for the footpath up The Avenue!
- 27-Feb-2015:** The March Parish Newsletter (in full colour!) is [here](#)
- 02-Mar-2015:** And a big thank you to John Teasdale and his working party who have already cleared 3/4 of the footpath up The Avenue - *and to Gudrun Gaudian and Fizzi Medley who finished it off*. Who says community spirit is dead!
- 11-Mar-2015:** The appeal for the restoration of Alne Church is making good progress. Click [here](#) to see the full pamphlet.
- 12-Mar-2015:** The Village Hall AGM will take place on Monday 13th April at 8pm; a small group of dedicated volunteers is looking after this community asset, come and hear what's happening, and please, please give a bit of your time to join in!
- 12-Mar-2015:** Details of 2015 junior tennis coaching at Alne have now been posted. Click [here](#) to go straight there.
- 23-Mar-2015:** The new History Item of the Quarter has now been published on the History page. If you have ever played for or against Alne Arthritics, you will not want to miss this!
- 24-Mar-2015:** Thank you to the kind persons who picked up litter along Thirlcroft Lane and Back Lane. Looks much nicer now!
- 25-Mar-2015:** The latest Alne Hall sensory garden update can be found [here](#).
- 27-Mar-2015:** The April Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be found [here](#).
- 13-Apr-2015:** Major renovation and upgrade work is starting in the Village hall today - lasting for a couple of weeks.
- 23-Apr-2015:** The May Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be found [here](#).
- 27-Apr-2015:** The get-together in the pub on the last Friday in the month has been supplemented by a Friday get-together in the middle of the month in Alne Cricket Pavilion. See the calendar page for details. All are welcome - come to both.

- 04-May-2015:** There will be no Parish Council election on Thursday as the existing five councillors have nobly stood for the five available seats. Click [here](#) for the make-up of Alne Parish Council.
- 07-May-2015:** Many thanks to everyone who bought ducks on Election Day - we sold £327, a record. The previous best (£245) was in 2011 when we had the PR referendum. Your ducks will race on Street Fayre Day (Sunday 07-June) and will help to raise funds for the Alne recreation ground and sports field.
- 11-May-2015:** Thank you to all those wonderful people who came along on Saturday to help with the painting of the village hall. We did about half of it; anybody got time for another session towards the end of the month?
- 22-May-2015:** The Alne Hall Sensory Garden May update is now available. Click [here](#) to go straight there.
- 23-May-2015:** The competitions for the 2015 Street Fayre have been published. Click [here](#) to go straight there.
- 23-May-2015:** The June Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be found [here](#).
- 19-Jun-2015:** Advance information that Forest Lane railway bridge will be fully or partially closed from 27-July to 23-October. More info can be found at <http://roadworks.org/?tm31748>
- 20-Jun-2015:** It is exactly a year since we started counting visits to this website. 12,400 visits in 365 days works out at 34 visits each and every day. Or 1,000 visits every month. Please tell your friends about our Alne Village website.
- 23-Jun-2015:** It has been suggested that the Parish Council place a bench in the orchard at the top of the APLA playing field. Does anyone have a reasonably-solid garden bench that they would like to donate for this?
- 26-Jun-2015:** The July Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be found [here](#).
- 01-Jul-2015** [2015 Alne Street Fayre](#)

A brilliant sunny day ensured another great success for Alne Street Fayre. 2,300 people (close to an all-time record) poured through the gates to enjoy four great music stages together with teas, BBQ, and, of course, the ever-popular bar.

The wide-ranging selection of trade and craft stalls sold everything from antique books through baskets and bird boxes to jewellery and toffee, with a few dog biscuits, gifts, plants and soaps in between.

Children were catered for with excellent rides, including a massive giant slide which had even the *aficionados* nervously clutching their stomachs. The usual range of competitions were supplemented by tennis and cricket speed gun trials which had the adults queuing up and attempting (usually in vain) to beat the juniors. Nature-lovers could enjoy the Birds of Prey and the Reptile House.

Many, many favourable comments were received both on social media and verbally and the 2015 Street Fayre fully lived up to its position as one of *The Times'* Top 20 UK Family Days Out.

Alne Street Fayre is the annual fund-raising activity for Alne Parish Leisure Association (APLA, registered charity no 516566) which runs the sports, leisure

and play facilities on the Alne recreation field. While these facilities cost a lot to maintain, insure and improve each and every year, APLA has also been able to make a substantial grant last year to Alne Cricket Club for their new nets project and is planning a significant grant this year to Alne Village Hall's renovation project.

Alne Street Fayre in 2016 is on Sunday 12-June.

- 12-Jul-2015:** A new adult choir will be starting in September! Would you like to join? Organised and run by Helen, choir practice will be in the village hall. For more info please contact Helen on 838582 or cellohelen@gmail.com
- 08-Aug-2015:** Choir update - see 12-Jul. Rehearsals will be Thursdays, 7.30pm until 8.45pm, starting on 10th September.
- 22-Aug-2015:** The Alne Tennis Gentlemen's Singles was won by Josh Hunt who beat Charlie Price 6-4 in the final. It was noteworthy that all four semi-finalists were under 20, while none of the older generation survived the Round-Robin stages.
- 29-Aug-2015:** Anne McIntosh, our former MP who was deselected by her constituency party, has been awarded a life peerage. Both this, and her decision not to stand as an independent candidate at the recent election, were correctly predicted at the Alne Parish Council meeting last February.
- 01-Sep-2015:** Lee Walker's fourth instalment of local men who went to WW1 is now on the History page. The subject is Horace Bowes and the article can also be accessed [here](#).
- 01-Sep-2015:** The September Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be found [here](#).
- 13-Oct-2015:** The October Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be accessed [here](#).
- 14-Oct-2015:** Easingwold Library are looking for more volunteers. They are holding an open morning this Saturday (17-Oct) from 10:00 - 12:30. Please pop along, get information and ask questions.
- 15-Oct-2015:** The Alne (Forest Lane) and Shipton (Sidings) bridges over the railway should be opened again from 23-Oct. But the bridges in Warehill lane, Tollerton, and Chapman's Lane, Shipton (near what was Mr North's garage), will then both close from 26-Oct to 26-Feb.
- 20-Oct-2015:** The Alne Hall sensory garden has been completed and dedicated. Click [here](#) for details.
- 25-Oct-2015:** The date is notable for the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt. And the November Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be accessed [here](#).
- 05-Nov-2015:** A Siamese cat went missing in Jack Hole last Friday (30-Oct). Please check outhouses in the area. The very-worried owners can be contacted on 838813. Thank you.
- 11-Nov-2015:** The 2016 programme for Alne WI has been published. Click [here](#) to go straight there.
- 12-Nov-2015:** Check out the new look village hall: refurbished floor, painting of walls and ceiling completed, and beautifully landscaped back yard! Next: the old kitchen.....

- 20-Nov-2015:** The December/January issue of the Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be accessed [here](#).
- 24-Nov-2015:** Well, we knew we had good local interest and participation from the Hovingham Tennis League area, but we didn't realise that we had gone international. We have been contacted by schoolchildren in Albany, New York State, who compliment Alne on its environmental policies. The teacher says: "*The children asked what I meant by "Reuse" in Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and I explained the different ways in which one could re-use items. A couple of the children did some web searches at home and found this page about re-using items to make things like furniture that they brought in for me to see - <https://billyoh.com/garden-furniture/> " . They are excited about bringing this to the UK and we are pleased to accommodate them.*
- 03-Dec-2015:** Tonight was the world premiere performance of Alne Singers who performed an excellent concert of Christmas and associated music in Alne Village Hall. This was much enjoyed (along with the mince pies and Christmas drinks) by a large and enthusiastic audience. See the Alne Singers official photo above. Helen Dawson (in blue on the right) is the leader and conductor. Send a message through the website Contact Page if you are interested in joining - no experience or voice required, just a desire to enjoy yourself and have fun - they start singing again (Thursday evenings) in January.
- 07-Dec-2015:** Another couple of new 4- drawer filing cabinets have become available. See Free to a Good Home under the Community Groups tab. **All now gone.**
- 12-Dec-2015:** It is exactly six months to the 2016 Alne Street Fayre on Sunday 12-June. This is the day that the Queen is officially celebrating her 90th birthday so we are proud to present the Street Fayre in her honour. There will be Queen-themed events and competitions, as you would expect!
- 18-Dec-2015:** Hambleton is listed by the Daily Mail as the top place to live in the whole of the country north of the midlands. See the table at the end of this article:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/property/article-3364043/The-50-best-places-live-UK-Hampshire-district-retains-spot-impressive-fifth-year-row.html>
- 20-Dec-2015:** The Sunday Times published an article about a Jewish gentleman who came to Alne last year to spend his first real Christmas and who was much impressed by his hosts and his surroundings. To read the article, click [here](#).
- 25-Dec-2015:** Happy Christmas to all our readers! And you are respectfully reminded not to dump Christmas trees on the old pond area. They should be cut up and put in green bins for 15-January.
- 26-Dec-2015:** The heavy rain over the last 24 hours produced some unusual pictures. Shown below are the recreation field, the river Kyle and the main crossroads.
- 28-Dec-2015:** The latest photo shows the Avenue Bridge this morning with the unhappy result for someone whose car was not as floodworthy as he thought! When he waded out, the water was well up to his thighs. Compare the current level of the Kyle with the photo on the History tab which shows the position in November 2000.

