

Website News Archive : 2019

02-Jan-2019: 262 souls attended the Christingle in St Mary's church on Christmas Eve, the second highest total on record. At the equally-popular pop-up pub afterwards in the Village Hall, tribute was paid to John Teasdale on his completion of 31 years of service on Alne Parish Council. He is pictured (on the left) receiving RHS membership, a gift voucher and a framed plaque from the Parish Council chairman. First elected in 1987, John stood down in 2018 and has now moved to Tadcaster to be nearer his family. [Photo courtesy of Sandra Raper]



14-Jan-2019: The January mid-month conundrum. A rather disorganised man lives in Manhattan and has girlfriends in The Bronx and Brooklyn. He visits one of them each weekend but he can't decide which one he prefers so he goes to the subway and gets on the first train that arrives. Trains come in both directions at 10-minute intervals. Over time, he finds that he is spending 90% of his weekends in Brooklyn and only 10% in The Bronx. Why is this? Answer on 31-January - no prizes apart from proud satisfaction! [Read the answer here.](#)

23-Jan-2019: The seventh instalment of Lee Walker's history of local men who went to war in WW1 is now available. Click here to read the story of Henry Galloway. See the tab for History/WW1 for earlier instalments.

26-Jan-2019: Another milestone for the Village Hall renovation project - painting works have just been completed, of entrance hall, toilets and bits and pieces in the main hall. Looks great! Thanks to Dan and his crew.

28-Jan-2019: Make a date in your diary for this year's annual litter pick around the village. Sunday 03-March from 09:00 to 11:00. Meet at the Village Hall and help to take pride in your village. Just bring gloves, everything else will be provided.

03-Feb-2019: Click here to read the February Parish Newsletter (in full colour).

04-Feb-2019: To celebrate 50 years since the Apollo 11 moon landing, the theme of the competitions at this year's Street Fayre on 09-June will be 'Outer Space'. As well as moon and space-themed competitions and displays, there will be a Street Fayre stall selling children's space books and other space-themed goodies. If anyone is having a clear out and would like to donate second-hand children's books (space topics only!) then do please get in touch with Helen on 838582 or cellohelen@gmail.com



06-Feb-2019: The sludge-gulper, which was operating at the east end of Main Street for much of last night, was dealing with a blocked sewer, the crew being hampered by their inability to open the relevant manhole covers! The cause has now been identified as a collapsed sewer outside Holly Bank and repair works are in hand. Any queries should be addressed to Yorkshire Water.

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- 07-Feb-2019: Main Street will be closed next week for new sewer connection works outside Spring Cottage. The diversion will be through Mitchell Lane and Gale Road.
- 13-Feb-2019: A proposal to locate an anaerobic digester in Tollerton is being discussed. Tollerton Parish Council and many residents are objecting. Click here for a brief summary and a map of the area likely to be affected by additional traffic movements. As you will see, this is also an issue for Alne. If you wish to make comments, the attachment tells you where to lodge them. We believe that NYCC are discussing this within the next couple of weeks so an early response is recommended. **This application has now been refused by HDC..**
- 14-Feb-2019: The February mid-month conundrum. A man was born in March but celebrates his birthday in September. He married, quite legally, his sister but died a bachelor. How can this be? Answer at the end of the month.
- 22-Feb-2019: See the picture alongside for the amazing Les Parapluies d'Alne and click here to read all about it.
- 22-Feb-2019: A working party from the Parish Council and the Primary School are considering options for reducing the morning and afternoon danger and congestion at the Village Hall corner. Should we have a kiss-and-drop zone, should we have a one-way system, should we have yellow lines etc? If you have any ideas or suggestions at this early stage, please contact Parish Councillor John Newton (mayfieldnewton@gmail.com or 838688), or School Governor Dennis Myers (838552 or dennismyers5@btinternet.com)
- 28-Feb-2019: Click here to read the March Parish Newsletter (in full colour).
- 03-Mar-2019: Many thanks to the volunteers that turned out this morning for the annual Alne litter-pick. Fifteen big sacks of rubbish were collected from the surrounding roads and ditches and everywhere now looks much better.
- 11-Mar-2019: Pub for sale. The Bluebell Country Inn is an Alne Community Asset which means that, when it is put up for sale, the Community has the right to try to buy it within a designated time period. The Parish Council has been notified of the intent to sell the freehold, with the existing tenant having a short tenure left on the existing lease, and we are therefore looking at the establishment of a Working Group to see if such a purchase by the Community would be feasible. There would be a fair amount of work, sounding out the market, laying out a business case, checking the legalities, seeking finance and grants, negotiating with the vendors etc etc. If you would be enthusiastic and interested in joining such a Working Group, please contact the Parish Council Clerk (clerk@alneparishcouncil.uk) as soon as possible but no later than 10-April.
- 21-Mar-2019: An update on the restoration of the village verges can be read here.
- 30-Mar-2019: Click here to read the 16-page April Parish Newsletter (in full colour!)



04-Apr-2019: The elections on 02-May for Alne Parish Council will be uncontested. The following will therefore take office for the coming four years: Robert Brech, David Walker, David Willis, John Newton, David Lepper.

13-Apr-2019: The April mid-month conundrum: A man goes into a tobacconist for his plug of tobacco.
"That will be £2" says the shopkeeper.
"Oh, I think I can do that exactly", says the man, fishing in his pocket in which there are a lot of coins.
But he finds that he cannot make exactly £2 with any combination of the coins in his pocket.
What is the maximum amount that he can have in coin in his pocket? [Courtesy: Rebecca Flaherty] The answer is here.

20-Apr-2019: Given the long dry spell, it is no surprise that the strips of new turf bordering the new setts in the Main Street are beginning to look jaded and dry. It would be a great help if house-owners bordering the street could keep the strips of new turf watered until they have fully bedded in. Thank you for your assistance.

13-May-2019: The May mid-month conundrum. Which are the Northernmost, Easternmost, Southernmost and Westernmost states of the USA?

21-May-2019: Click here to see the May Parish Newsletter (in full colour) and apologies that it is rather late.

24-May-2019: We were sorry to learn of the death of David Whiteley last week and we send our condolences to Ann and her family at this sad time. There will be a Memorial Service at Alne Church at 2:00 pm on Wednesday 29th May.

27-May-2019: Looking for things to do at half-term? The 2019 Street Fayre space-themed competitions can be found here.

28-May-2019: Click here to open the June Parish Newsletter (in full colour)

13-Jun-2019: Advance notice that planning officials from Hambleton District Council will be coming to Alne to answer questions about planning policy and how some of their recent decisions were reached. Tentative date is 6:30pm on Monday 12-August. More details to follow.



18-Jun-2019: Excitement in the village this afternoon when an oil tanker fell into a sink hole in the main street outside Hill Top Cottages. See photos to the left. There were differing views as to whether it should be pulled out forward or backwards. While the tanker driver, police, materials hazard expert and Highways debated the pros and cons, concerned villagers offered cups of tea and Mars bars.



21-Jun-2019: Information about The Pearson Trust, a small local charity started in 1882 has now been added to the website. You can find out all about it by clicking here.

27-Jun-2019: A serendipitous visit to York station today found your editor with The Scarborough Spa Express entering Platform 5 en route from Carnforth to Scarborough. Enjoy the picture alongside!



03-Jul-2019: Click here to see the July/August Parish Newsletter (in full colour!)

11-Jul-2019: The July mid-month conundrum. Now that school holidays are nearly upon us, here is a slightly harder one. A prize will be drawn among correct answers submitted through the contact page by 31-August.

A diner pays a bill of £30 to the waiter. When the waiter gives the £30 to the cashier, the cashier realises that the diner has been overcharged £5. She gives £5 to the waiter to refund to the diner. However, the waiter is dishonest, and he tells the diner that he has been overcharged £3, and only refunds him £3, keeping the other £2 for himself.

Now, the diner has paid £27, the waiter has kept £2. Where is the remaining £1 of the original £30?

21-Jul-2019: The meeting with HDC planning officials is now confirmed for Monday 12-August from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Alne Village Hall, See entry for 13-June below. An agenda will be published shortly.

26-Jul-2019: Further improvements to the Alne verges will be taking place shortly. Removal of the unsightly stumps of cherry trees will be taking place on Friday 02-August and a further round of crocus planting is being planned for the autumn. Please click here for further detail.

31-Jul-2019: There is a parking ban in Main Street from 05:00 until 18:00 tomorrow, Thursday. Please feel free to use the APLA recreation field car park while surface dressing of the road is in progress.

02-Aug-2019: The agenda for the meeting with HDC on planning matters (18:30 on 12-Aug in Alne Village Hall) has now been agreed. Click here to read it.

13-Sep-2019: The September conundrum is in three parts:

1. The Jones family has two children. I have seen one of them, which was a boy. What is the chance that the other is also a boy?

2. The Smith family has two children, the elder of which is a boy. What is the chance that the other is also a boy?

3. Are the answers to these two questions the same?

No cash prize this month but honour and kudos to correct answers submitted through the Contact page by 30-Sep.

16-Sep-2019: The draft Minutes of the Public Meeting regarding planning matters held on 12-August, have now been made available. Click here to view them.

04-Oct-2019: Another round of crocus bulb planting in the village will take place on Saturday 19-October. Meet at the Village Hall at 09:45 (RWC aficionados, feel free to come at

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10:15) and bring a small trowel or bulb planter if you have one. Many hands make light work! So, please come along and bring the children.

04-Oct-2019:

The October Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be accessed [here](#).

04-Oct-2019:

The answer to the September conundrum can be found [here](#).

20-Oct-2019:

Above right is an interesting historical poster, promoting an excursion by rail to Pickering on Easter Monday, 1939 (which fell on 10-April). The train would have left Alne in a northerly direction, branched off to the east after Raskelf and meandered through the places mentioned before arriving at Pickering. The adult 3rd class return fare from Alne to Pickering was three shillings and two pence. Equivalent to about £10.13 in today's money. Little did they know what was around the corner in five months' time!

L.N.E.R. No. R 794
HALF-DAY EXCURSION
ALNE COXWOLD
Ampleforth Gilling Nunnington
Helmsley Nawton Kirbymoorside and PICKERING
EASTER MONDAY

	3rd RETURN									
	Alne	Coxwold	Ampleforth	Gilling	Nunnington	Helmsley	Nawton	Kirbymoorside	Pickering	
LEEDS (City) dep	11 35	11 35	11 35	11 35	11 35	11 35	11 35	11 35	11 35	11 35
YORK	12 15	12 15	12 15	12 15	12 15	12 15	12 15	12 15	12 15	12 15
ALNE	12 30	12 30	12 30	12 30	12 30	12 30	12 30	12 30	12 30	12 30
COXWOLD ...	12 45	12 45	12 45	12 45	12 45	12 45	12 45	12 45	12 45	12 45
Arrival times	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
	12 29	12 45	12 56	1 0	1 10	1 17	1 24	1 31	1 44	

RETURN DEPARTURE TIMES
 Pickering dep 7 20 pm Gilling dep 8 0 pm York arr 8 50 pm
 Kirbymoorside -- 7 20 pm Ampleforth -- 8 5 pm
 Nawton -- 7 40 pm Coxwold -- 8 15 pm
 Helmsley -- 7 45 pm Alne -- 8 30 pm
 Nunnington -- 7 50 pm

RETURN ARRIVAL TIMES
 Pickering arr 8 50 pm
 Leeds (City) -- 9 27 pm

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 Leeds tickets can also be obtained at Hornforth, Headingley and Cross Gates Stations.

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THE HERALD OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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Monthly Return Tickets are available by these trains
CONDITIONS OF ISSUE
 Day, Half-day and Evening tickets are bound subject to the conditions applicable to tickets of these descriptions as shown in the Company's time tables.
 Children under three years of age, Free; three years and under fourteen, Half-price.
 For LUGGAGE ALLOWANCES see time tables. 206—Pass. & Gen. Ltd Leeds—5/00
 LEEDS April 1939

28-Oct-2019:

This is a red-letter day. The final work on the pavements at the east end of the village has brought to a successful end the project to restore the ancient village verges. You can read the full history of this three-and-a-half-year project by [clicking here](#).

30-Oct-2019:

[Click here](#) to see the November Parish Newsletter (in full colour!)

12-Nov-2019:

There is a planning application to build a poultry unit on land across the railway from the end of Sandy Lane. Your Parish Council is in favour of agricultural employment in the area but is against damage to the environment and has raised a number of questions and observations. These, and other relevant comments can be seen by going to the HDC planning portal and using reference 19/02116/FUL. You can also post your own observations there.

22-Nov-2019:

Questions have been asked about when the old pond at the east end of the village was filled in (see photo). A short historical project has found the answer, which can be read [here](#). Any further detail is always appreciated, particularly from people who can remember the mid-sixties in the village.



30-Nov-2019:

[Click here](#) to see the December/January Parish newsletter (in full colour).

06-Dec-2019:

The December website conundrum can be found by [clicking here](#). As befits the holiday season, this one is slightly harder and a small prize will be offered to the first correct solution drawn out of the hat. Entries to be submitted through the Contact page by Twelfth Night!

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- 16-Dec-2019: Don't forget our Free to a Good Home page which you can reach by clicking [here](#). A couple of cine film projectors have recently been listed and might be of great interest to those who have photography as a hobby.
- 19-Dec-2019: Back Lane will be closed 07-10 January for the installation of a new electricity supply. It is unclear how residents will be affected but you can get an update on this by calling Northern Powergrid 24/24 on 0800-011-3332.