

Website News Archive : 2020

07-Jan-2020: The well-known photo of Alne Station on the right has hitherto been of unknown date except that it was pre-1918. A research project has now identified it much more closely as 1906-1909 and you can read all about it (and some other historical photos) by clicking here,



09-Jan-2020: If you want to know why APLA does not allow dogs on the recreation field, the answer can be found here. It is regretted that some folk are just not to be trusted.

18-Jan-2020: The phantom arm-twister who keeps rotating the newly-refurbished signpost at the X-roads by the notice boards is wrong if they think it is pointing incorrectly. Historical photos show that "Local Traffic Only" is to point down towards the Village Hall and this is agreed as correct by NYCC Highways. Most local people will go whichever way they prefer but directing strangers away from the lethal Village Hall corner can only be the safe course.

22-Jan-2020: Alne Street Fayre has discussed with North Yorkshire County Council their proposals for the road closures in Alne on Sunday, 7th June 2020. The plan, which takes into account the safety considerations proposed by NYCC, is the same as 2019 and is posted on the Alne Parish Council notice board. Comments by Friday 07-Feb, please.

27-Jan-2020: St Mary's Church, Alne, is seeking a Treasurer starting this Spring. The work is flexible and entails one to two hours per week. Full handover will be arranged by the outgoing Treasurer. For further details please contact Peter Cove (838346) or Carol Glen (838016) or Amanda Thornton (830123).

27-Feb-2020: Click here to see the March Parish Newsletter (in full colour!)

29-Feb-2020: The footpath alongside the River Kyle from the Avenue bridge has been closed and is unlikely to be re-opened until late-August. This is because the wooden bridge downstream has been swept away.

14-Mar-2020: Found, Volvo and Isuzu car keys at Alne Cross. Contact Robert on 838265.

15-Mar-2020: Let's Get Connected has recently been published. It is a comprehensive directory of all activities, organisations, clubs and social groups across the Easingwold district. Copies can be obtained from Easingwold Library.

16-Mar-2020: Coronavirus. An Alne Village support group is being set up by the enthusiastic Alne Street Fayre committee with the support of Alne Parish Council to ensure that all vulnerable people in Alne get support from named volunteers over the coming weeks. The village will be split into defined areas and each area will have two or three volunteers who are prepared to be on call and do shopping, collect prescriptions etc as requested. This will ensure an organised and co-ordinated approach and will ensure that no one gets missed. In the first instance, we need volunteers from outside the at-risk groups (i.e. not pregnant, not over-70 and without underlying health issues). Please contact David Edwards, who has agreed to be the central co-ordinator, on 833269, 07583-377276 or daviedwards8@gmail.com to offer your services. More details will be posted here as we move forward.

- 18-Mar-2020: The group litter-pick on Saturday has been cancelled on government advice. But, no matter, you can do your own individual litter-pick on your own daily walk. Just borrow a litter-picker from Alne Croft, Main Street (838265). Thank you.
- 20-Mar-2020: Coronavirus. There has been a massive response to the call for volunteers for the Alne Village support group, with a total of 41 volunteers already signed up. Alne Village and Alne Station have been split into seven areas, each with its own team leader and team of volunteers. Everyone in Alne should be receiving a leaflet through the door telling you who your support team is and how to contact it if the need arises. If you are a vulnerable person and have not received such a leaflet by Sunday evening, please contact co-ordinator David Edwards - contact details given in the item for 16-March below.
- 27-Mar-2020: Coronavirus. Robert Brech has started writing a history of the current "plague" in Alne and this will doubtless feature in a future edition of Alne Annals. If you have stories of self-isolation or anecdotes or just want to give vent to your feelings, please send them through the Contact page of this website or directly to brech28@btinternet.com. It will be assumed, unless you state to the contrary, that you are content for such contributions to be included in the history. If you want to read about the 1604 plague in Alne and how many parallels can be drawn with today's situation, click here for some extracts from the current edition of Alne Annals.
- 29-Mar-2020: Coronavirus exercise walk. Start at the notice boards, head down Monk Green and up to Alne Cross. Return down the Avenue, Church Wind, Main Street, Mitchell Lane, right round the internal perimeter of Alne Park, then Gale Road and down the footpath to Alne Station notice board. Return back to the central notice boards. Add a 100-yard excursion down Jack Hole or Back Lane and you will have covered exactly three miles and seen 95% of Alne village.
- 31-Mar-2020: [Click here to see the April Parish Newsletter \(in full colour!\)](#)
- 02-Apr-2020: Coronavirus exercise. If you want to combine your exercise with some bending and something useful, there are a lot of fallen branches and brush in the woodland at the top of the APLA recreation field. Just pick them up and put them on the bonfire that is easily seen in the clearing at the top NW corner of the field. And thank you.
- 02-Apr-2020: Easingwold Food Bank serves the surrounding villages (including Alne) and would welcome any donations of groceries, toiletries or cleaning products. No fresh food thanks. A collection point (just a large black bin!) has been set up in the front drive at Spring Cottage, Main Street, Alne (old Mrs Dunnington's house). From there we will take donations to the Food Bank.
- 02-Apr-2020: Coronavirus Diary: Are you parents with primary school children? We would dearly like a typical daily diary (just one day) of what you are doing and the joys and frustrations that occur. For Alne Annals in the future - see the entry for 27-March.
- 18-Apr-2020: In light of the current situation caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, it is with some sadness that, after careful consideration, the decision has been taken to cancel the 2020 Alne Street Fayre. The good news is that a new date has been set for Sunday 13th June 2021. We hope that you will look forward with added anticipation to next year's event.
- 18-Apr-2020: The defibrillator outside the Village Hall has been repaired and should no longer alarm unnecessarily. You will occasionally hear the alarm on a Saturday morning when it is being tested. A new training session on the use of the defibrillator will be organised as soon as it is safe to do so,

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19-Apr-2020: Alne Music Club will promote future concerts at the Village Hall. A Facebook Group Page has now been created; please become a member to be kept updated. A grant application has been made to the Calor Community Fund to acquire a sound system and stage lighting with a Crowdfunding campaign. Can you please support by "Liking" this Facebook Page, or email d.lepper27@btinternet.com or ring 838114.

21-Apr-2020: Many thanks to all those who have already contributed to the Easingwold Area Food Bank (see item for 02-April). Four large carloads of food have already been taken from Alne and the collection point will remain open in Alne for the foreseeable future.

22-April-2020: For some uplifting news, a corn bunting has been spotted locally, as shown in the live photo on the left. The RSPB advise that they are now probably the scarcest farmland bird in England. We seem to have at least a couple of pairs in Alne. *Photo courtesy: David Lepper*



27-Apr-2020: And now a hare. seen only 10 metres away on the footpath to the east of the railway line. *Photo Courtesy David Lepper*



01-May-2020: See the poster for the Alne Sunflower Growing Competition. Seeds and pots available from Monday 04-May.

04-May-2020: The May Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be seen by clicking [here](#). If you want a hard-copy, there are some in the red telephone box.

05-May-2020: A reminder that the green bin and recycling collections are on Thursday this week.

16-May-2020: There is a magnificent Black Poplar tree to the east of the railway. This tree, pictured left, is on private land but can be seen after crossing the tracks at the end of Sandy Lane. It is close to the site of the new poultry farm and Alne Parish Council have placed a Tree Preservation Order on this specimen to ensure its safety. Black Poplars are nationally scarce and locally very rare and while this tree needs a bit of care and attention, we are fortunate to have one in our vicinity. *Photo courtesy David Lepper.*



25-May-2020: Yet another planning application has been made for houses to be built in Alne outside the development limit. This one is for "Outline application (all matters reserved) for the construction of 3 detached dwellings with garages - Land Adjacent Oak Busks Back Lane Alne". If you want to see the detail and/or comment, go onto the Hambleton District Council website, and put the application number 20/00936/OUT into the planning search box.

01-Jun-2020: Alne Parish Council has looked at the possibility of private reinstatement of the bridge on the footpath between Alne and Tollerton. But the bridge is across two sets of private land and the Parish Council would be acting outside the law if it condoned unilateral action to replace the bridge, not to mention considerable cost and potential liability. The replacement is the responsibility of NYCC who will replace it free of charge and at their liability. Alne Parish Council will once again remind NYCC to do this.

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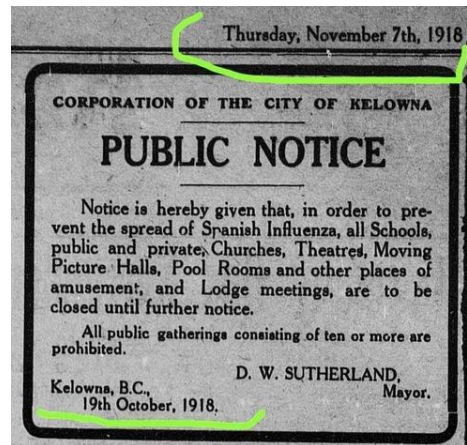
08-Jun-2020: Aldwark Bridge will be closed to all traffic (including pedestrians) from 15-23 June for deck replacement.

08-Jun-2020: The June Parish newsletter (in full colour) can be seen by clicking here.

10-Jun-2020: Rotary York Ainsty is asking for volunteers to help make 3,000 washable face masks which are given away free for local charities. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this project, please see the details on the poster alongside [deleted]. Local queries to David Robinson at d.robinson436@btinternet.com

19-Jun-2020: Flying operations at RAF Linton-on-Ouse will re-start from 22-June with the Universities' Air Squadron using the single-propeller Tutor aircraft. This will last until December-2020 when the base finally closes. There will also be six Hawk jet aircraft operating from 03-July to 20-July and these will produce extra noise.

23-Jun-2020: Railway enthusiasts will be interested to learn that your editor has picked up a copy of the itinerary of the Branch Line Society's tour of Alne, Easingwold and the lines through Gilling to Kirkbymoorside and Malton which took place on 02-June-1957. There are photos and a commentary on this event in Alne Annals pages 132/133. Click here if you want to read the detailed itinerary. It has been transferred from foolscap so you may need to increase your pdf zoom.



29-Jun-2020: The Alders Caravan Park and Farm Shop in Alne will re-open on 04-July as permitted by HM Government. There will be full compliance with all the necessary precautions and guidance and you can read the details here.

History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

04-Jul-2020: Alne WI have been busy during Lockdown. Click here to see what they have been doing.

This is Timeless....

11-Jul-2020: The Parish Newsletter (in full colour) for July and August can be viewed here.

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



27-Jul-2020: An interesting comparison can be made between today and 1918 by viewing the photos alongside. [Photos courtesy Peter Cove]

03-Aug-2020: Over the last few years, there have been numerous complaints about the dangers and congestion at the Village Hall corner particularly during school drop-off and pick-up hours. Your Parish Council has agreed with the school and NYCC Highways to help solve the problem with yellow lines on the corner and separate bus parking arrangements. A process is in train to agree the details and a public consultation is being organised by NYCC. It is hoped that all Alne residents will support these proposals as being in the best interests and safety of all concerned. It should be noted that the timescale of this process is likely to be protracted but that it is not within the control of Alne Parish

06-Aug-2020: Those of you who made masks for the Rotary Club appeal will be interested in the press release (click here) which tells the story of how 4,000 masks were made by local volunteers.

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19-Aug-2020: As you may know, a diary is being written about the coronavirus plague in Alne and the parallels with the plague of 1604. This will feature as a chapter in a future edition of Alne Annals. If there are A-Level students with a story to tell (sad or glad), please contact us through the Contact page. You can be anonymous or named as you wish.

03-Sep-2020: Alne Music Club still has a booking for Becky Mills on Saturday 07-November. If you are interested in attending and want to know what arrangements are in place, please see the Alne Music Club Facebook page or contact David Lepper on 838114.

04-Sep-2020: The September Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be viewed by clicking here.

04-Sep-2020: The full Harvest Moon over Alne early yesterday morning. [Photo courtesy David Lepper]



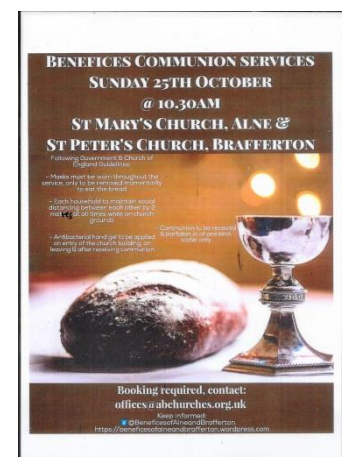
08-Sep-2020: Allium Energy have applied for planning permission to erect a new portal-framed building, within the existing Material Recovery Facility, to house a combined heat/power operation [CHP]. The CHP plant is an expansion of the existing bio-mass activities on site and will generate Heat and Power from forest residues and refuse-derived fuel. The green power and heat from the CHP will be exported to Forest Poultry and York Handmade Brick, making both operations Carbon Negative and truly sustainable in energy terms. For details of the proposal, see NYCC NY/2020/0117/FUL.

14-Sep-2020: The road out of Alne to the east is closed owing to a collapsed sewer. We have no information as to how long this will be in effect. Re-opened 01-Oct and the missing roadside setts have also been replaced.

06-Oct-2020: Click here to read the October Parish Newsletter (in full colour). Apologies that some of the events have already passed by but we didn't receive it until this morning.

10-Oct-2020: At long last, a service is planned for Alne Church. See the poster alongside and note that booking is required.

26-Oct-2020: North Yorkshire County Council have the responsibility of replacing the footbridge over the River Kyle between Alne and Tollerton that was swept away last February. The good news is that they plan to replace this with a future-proof structure similar to the one that exists on the footpath between Tollerton and Youlton. The bad news is that they do not have funds until next financial year and that it may be 12 months before it is actually done. The possibility of putting the existing bridge back in situ as a short-term measure has been looked at but there are concerns about the state of both the bridge deck and the foundations and the ensuing potential liabilities.



If the absence of this bridge is annoying you, please write to the NYCC Public Rights of Way Officer, Andrew Brown, at andrew.brown@northyorks.gov.uk expressing your concerns. Public opinion might help to get it done sooner rather than later.

26-Oct-2020: Click here for the November Parish Newsletter (in full colour!)

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29-Oct-2020: The Becky Mills Concert on 7th November. at Alne Village Hall has been cancelled. Click here for more information.

06-Nov-2020: Further to the activities of the “phantom arm-twister” referred to on 18-Jan, (click here), NYCC Highways have this week visited the signpost at the central village crossroads and confirmed it is indeed pointing correctly. Historical photos from Google Street View in 2011 and during the Highways re-paint in 2009 are also shown on the left.

14-Nov-2020: Alne Primary School is in desperate need of new IT equipment to help deliver virtual lessons during the pandemic. The Friends of Alne School's target is to raise £2,500 for ten new Google Chrome Books. All proceeds from the concert (see poster on left for how to donate and receive the concert link) will go towards this fundraising drive. If you would like to make a further donation or can help in any other way please contact friendsofalneschool@gmail.com



18-Nov-2020: Free medlars available to make medlar jelly. Click here.

01-Dec-2020: Click here to see the latest Parish Newsletter (in full colour)

10-Dec-2020: See the posters for details of the Christmas Eve Zoom Christingle and all the in-person Christmas church services in the Church of England parish. Note the need to book.

22-Dec-2020: There is a Christmas Eve Zoom Christingle in Alne (see below) but no post-Christingle Alne Village Hall pub. We recommend going outside at 6:00pm on Christmas Eve and ringing a bell (maybe with a glass of mulled wine in the other hand?). See:



<https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/www.bbc.com/news/amp/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-55394253>

Please pass this idea on, particularly to anyone living on their own. Thank you.

30-Dec-2020: Alne will be in the Tier 3 level of restrictions with effect from 00:01 on Thursday 31-December. Click here to see what is allowed and what isn't.



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