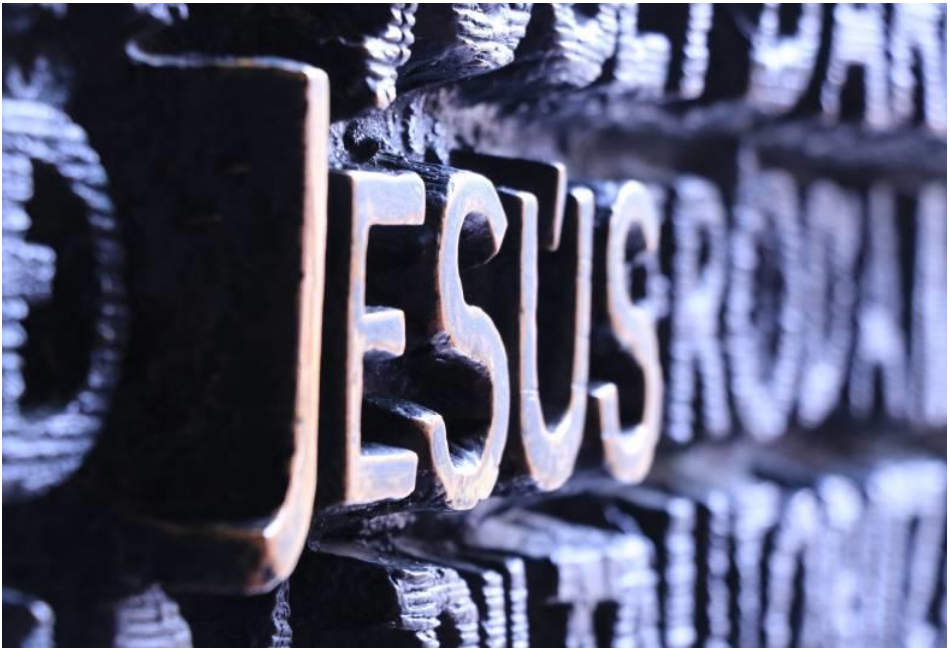


PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 2024

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

Please contact the church wardens as the first point of contact – a full list of wardens is provided on page 16 of this Parish Newsletter.



On Tuesday 20th February Archbishop Stephen gave the Pause for Thought on [BBC Radio 2's breakfast show](#) with Zoe Ball. This follows in full.

One of the bits of my work I enjoy the most is going into schools.

There's usually a Q&A with the children and, if I'm honest, the questions are usually quite predictable.

'How old are you?'

I use my Nanna's answer: As old as my tongue and a little bit older than my teeth.

'How much do you earn?'

More than a postman and less than the prime minister?

Which football team do you support?

Spurs. I tell them I know about suffering. Though things are looking up this season.

'What exactly do you do?'

Well, this is a hard one, but I usually say that I'm a voice and a face for the Christian faith in the north. And I'm the vicar for the vicars. I explain that it's my job to care for them.

But last week, I was visiting a Church of England Infant School in Pocklington, having said this, a boy of probably only six or seven, put up his hand and asked me something that no one in school had ever asked me before.

'Who cares for you?' he said.

It was a beautifully kind question. I could've hugged him. Because my job, like many jobs, can sometimes be tough and sometimes be lonely and is always challenging. Even him asking the question felt like being cared for.

So I told him that I had a great team who work with me and cared for me.

And I had a family who loved me.

But of course, I also told him that God cared for me and this was the great message of the Christian faith, that in Jesus, God comes to us to love us and care for us. And I said I hoped that he had people to care for him, and that he knew about God's love.

And so Zoe and all of you listening at home or on your way to work, whoever you are, wherever you are I hope that you have colleagues who care for you and a family who loves you. But even if you don't, which sadly is the case for many people today, I simply would like to remind you that you have a God who is on your side. And maybe you could add to your Tuesday To Do List today, to ask that same question 'Who cares for you?' to someone you know today.

You can listen again on [BBC Sounds](#).

News from Alne Church

Plans are in progress for a special **Mother's Day service on Sunday 10th March at 10.30a.m.** More details to follow in the next newsletter, but please get it in diaries if you wish to attend what will be a shorter family-focused service.

Please note that the monthly coffee mornings in St Mary's are being paused until further notice.

Parish Records

Interment of Ashes:

2nd February - Olive Davey

Alne Annual Litter Pick

The annual litter pick will take place on **Saturday 16th March promptly at 10.00a.m.** at the Village Hall. Having no coronation this year, we can move back to the traditional March date when the verges are still clear of new growth and the litter more readily visible. Please come along and take part in this fun community event. Kit will be provided but maybe bring your own gloves.

Alne Parish Council

Aine Recreation Ground – A Progress Report

There has been quite a lot of progress since the APLA Trustees embarked on a programme of remedial work and Project-focussed innovations for the Recreation Ground.

Repairs and renewals within the Play Area are nearly complete. The Zip-Wire has been repaired and a new safety mat under the Carousel has been fitted. A new BEE springer is there for the younger children and new tyres on the trim trail for older ones.

The See-Saw has two new seats and the Willow Tree area has been made into a secret hideaway. We have yet to replace the Wind Chimes but a generous grant from the Pearson Trust has helped us on

our way and we expect to have a quite exciting new feature within the next two months.



All the woodwork still needs painting and we will be starting that process with a painting party scheduled for **Saturday 9th March**. If you are interested in joining in then please contact Debbie Bell (debbiebell58@gmail.com) or Hannah Pilling (hannah.parmley@gmail.com).

The football group have agreed a suitable size and location for a Junior Football Pitch and we will shortly be arranging a ground levelling and then purchasing new mini goalposts and nets.

The rabbit fencing has been repaired and the Orchard Area has been given a facelift by a professional tree surgeon. 600 bluebells have been planted (thank-you 1st Kyle Scout Troop) and fingers crossed for a show this April.

If you have not been to the Orchard lately it is well worth a visit – although of course still a work in progress.

The new, but currently marooned, container has been purchased and we hope to have it in its final resting place by April when the ground is firmer.

About £16,000 has been spent so far on items prioritised as essential or desirable with perhaps a further £5,000 to go. This money comes entirely from the profits made by the annual Street Fayre so supporting this brings direct benefit to residents of Alne and the surrounding parishes.

Turning to the bigger projects. We are fortunate to have received a grant of £20,000 from the National Lottery towards the cost of a Space Net for the Play Area. Because we chose a 5-metre-high structure we have had to obtain planning permission and that has introduced a slight delay.

However, we will shortly be in a position to confirm a supply and installation contract for £27,000 with the balance coming from APLA funds. With a fair wind we hope to have the Space Net up before the day of the Street Fayre.

We have already received £10,000 from the Friends of St Monica's towards the costs of the Access Trail project. The outcome of a bid from the Rural Capital Fund (Levelling up) will come shortly and we are hopeful of success. If so, that should make the Trail project viable.

Finally, we have a bid in to the FCC Communities Fund for a substantial sum to support a complete refurbishment of the Multi-use Games Area (MUGA). We do not expect a response from them until April as they do not meet until mid-March.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the above please contact Ian McCrae who can be found at mccrae500@yahoo.co.uk

Alne WI Meeting Wednesday 14th February 2024

Joan (President) had to bang her gavel quite hard this month to start the meeting, as it was already a very lively evening as the guest speaker had brought a wonderful selection of plants & bulbs with her, which were available to buy after the talk and everyone was having a preliminary look & chatter.



Some of our members with guest speaker Sarah Hopps (holding the knitted daffodil).

The £1 ticket monthly raffle prize was very appealing too as we came in.

Helen one of the evening's hostesses, hoping her raffle ticket wins.

Joan then immediately warmly welcomed everyone attending this open meeting. Apologies were given from members unable to attend. Joan informed us of a letter from the Hearing Dogs Charity, thanking everyone for the £120 donation raised.

Diana (Secretary) reminded us of the Spring Council Meeting, which is being held in Scarborough & enthusiastically explained a little about the event, encouraging everyone what an interesting, enjoyable day it is and highly recommended members to attend.



Joan & Diana then invited member Laura Henson to share with us the fact her WI membership had got her 15% discount on hearing aids @ Boots, a great savings and a discount not really advertised. Thank you Laura.

Joan announced future outings being researched which will be announced next meeting and Christmas Dinner has been booked at The George, Easingwold. Nancy & Maggie spoke about the 'wonderful Olive Davey's' memorial service. Diana shared with us that Marion had a wonderful 90th Birthday. Joan then introduced the evening's speaker.

Sarah Hopps - Gardening

"What is the meaning of gardening? the laying out and care of a plot of ground devoted partially or wholly to the growing of plants such as flowers, herbs, or vegetables."



Sarah's highly entertaining, knowledgeable, enthusiastic, joyful, down to "earth" talk and slide show, explained why it is so very much more! Sarah shared her journey of gardening and her passion for nature and plants, starting as a child in the Dales, living the freedom of that time to roam the wild meadows & woods. Fondly reminiscing about winning the class prize in Infant School for spotting the most different plants & trees that term, a Ladybird Flowers in Spring book, at the princely sum of 1 shilling and sixpence. Nature study walks with her first teacher Miss Helen Whyte, walking along the A170 to survey Bridges! Sarah went on to become a teacher herself and not until she had children of her own and had stopped working did she find the time and desire to start propagating plants for her own garden and selling the ones she did not need. Her first foray was not a huge success as she chose "Lady's Mantle" (to some a weed!) and a prolific self seeder! Definitely not a big seller. Not deterred Sarah continued and eventually owned her own nursery just outside of Thirsk, spent 10 years doing a gardening show on Radio York and still does hosting around famous gardens for Deidre Brown Coaches (now Murgatroyd Coaches). Sarah regaled us with wonderful anecdotes, slides and finished with a Q & A session. An excellent speaker and an added bonus to be able buy the plants. Sarah is once again delighted to be judging at the Harrogate Spring Flower Show. A fantastic speaker.

Maggie gave a heartfelt vote of thanks.

We followed with Social time supper provided by hostesses Helen, Maria and Mandy

Next meeting: **Wednesday, 13th March 7.30p.m.** (second Wednesday of the month)

Speaker: Joanne Aston "Awkward women in Ancient Greek Drama"

Competition: Theatre Programme

Hall Set Up - Jenny Dallywater & Margaret Gibby

Hostesses - Karen Rogers & Debbie Bell

Visitors (£4) always given a warm welcome

Annual Tollerton Litter Pick

Date: **Saturday 23rd March 2024**

Meet: Village Hall

Time: 10.00a.m.

Attire: Stout shoes / boots / wellingtons, warm clothing and waterproofs.

Litter picking kits will be provided.

Tea / coffee / soft drinks and biscuits in Tollerton Village Hall on completion

Tollerton War Memorial Institute (Village Hall) Information

Important Announcement

Rachael Challister-Whitbread has been appointed as the new Chair of Tollerton War Memorial Institute (TWMI) Committee. The TWMI committee members hope the residents of Tollerton will join them in welcoming Rachael and wish her every success in the role.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the TWMI committee or you would like to book the Hall for a private event, please email: tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com

Events for 2024

Thanks to all who attended the Brunch on **Sunday 18th February**, a great success as always.

Sunday 7th April – Tollerton Duck Race

Ducks will be on sale early March, further details on Village Hall Notice Board & Facebook page. Hot drinks and cakes will be available, on the day, from the Hill Top pop-up café.

Saturday 13th April – ‘Incognito’ perform at the Village Hall

Support a local duo, which will be playing music of the 50's to 80s Pop, Rock & Roll and more. There will be a fully licenced Bar. Tickets available from Petra Hilton, at the Tearoom Holly Cottage Farm Tollerton. Early Bird ticket £10, until March 13th then £12. Proceeds from Bar going to Village Hall funds.

Saturday & Sunday 17th-18th August- Build-a-Boat Competition

The UK's only regatta without water! To enter FREE please email: tollertonvillagehall75@gmail.com. Location maps will be available for a small (tiny) fee. Refreshments at the Village Hall on Sunday afternoon.

Saturday 19th October – Snake Davis

Snake Davis returns by popular demand this time ‘The Classic Sax Tour’ his 5piece band performing a myriad of classics including Baker Street, Careless Whisper, Yakety Yak and many more. Further information regarding ticket sales to follow.

Sunday 10th November- Remembrance Parade & Brunch

Join our local Scouts at the Village Green to commemorate Remembrance Day and a get together for a butty and a cuppa at the Hall.

Saturday 7th December- Christmas at the Hall

More lights, more treats & more baubles plus a visit from Santa. Kickstart the festive season with a bit of carol singing, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies. This year hopefully with a seasonal craft fair.



Alne Heating Oil Co-operative

Alne Heating Oil Co-operative is a founder member of the Lower Swale Syndicate. The LSOS consists of nine volunteer-run co-operatives. Collectively we have nearly 1,000 members living in some thirty settlements local to Easingwold and buy around 1.5 million litres of heating oil annually.

As a price benchmark, we use the daily heating oil prices published by Boilerjuice. Boilerjuice say that they take the lowest price from each postcode district in their network for 1,000 litres* of heating oil and use this information to plot the average heating oil price for England. Whilst this doesn't necessarily reflect local rates which may, of course, be higher, it does provide a useful indicator as to the savings members are making by being part of the LSOS.

** Please note that members of the LSOS can order the minimum quantity of 500 litres at the LSOS, whereas most suppliers charge a premium for deliveries of less than 1,000 litres.*

The chart opposite compares the price paid by LSOS members with the Boilerjuice price.

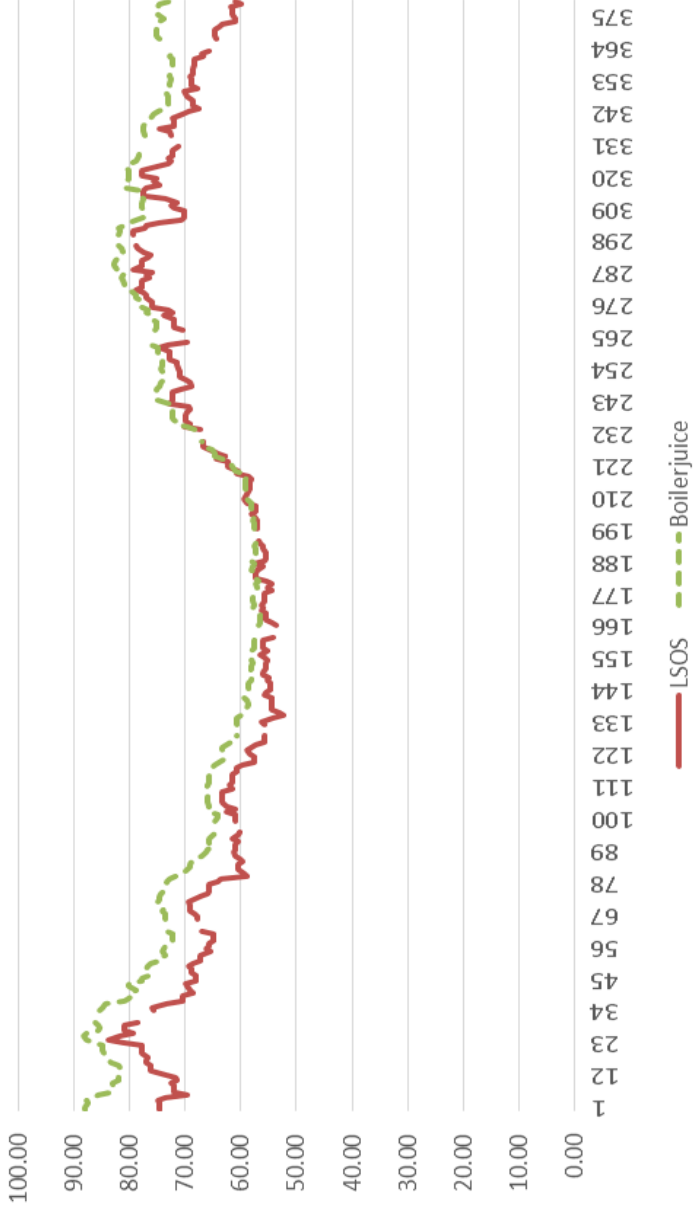
Taking an average across the whole year, members saved 4.73p/litre (6.7%) against the Boilerjuice price. On 06 January 2023, the Syndicate price was 18.7% lower than Boilerjuice, saving 16p/litre.

Membership of the Alne Heating Oil Co-operative is open to households in and around Alne.

If you want to join, please send an e-mailto: alne@swaleoil.org.uk

Data supplied by Tate Fuels, checked by LSOS Coordinators. All prices include VAT @ 5%.

Price comparison 2023



DANCES AND REFLECTIONS

Music for Solo Cello

Alne Village Hall

Sun 24th March

3.00-4.30pm

Including:

Bach: Suite 1 for Solo Cello in G Major

Cassado: Suite for Solo Cello; Phillip Glass: Orbit

Reena Esmail: Varsha; Carter Brey: Tango Para Ilaria

Cello - Helen Dawson

Adults £8/Children FREE

On the door, or in advance from Helen

In support of Alne Village Hall

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Easingwold District Community Care Association

Registered Charity 1172534

Call EDCCA on

01347 822875

or our 24/7 message line

0772 44 44 750

Our service:

- We deliver to Easingwold and our many surrounding villages.
- If you wish, we can discuss further help and offer confidential support over the telephone during lockdown.
- Our food packages contain tinned and dry goods for 3-5 days supply. We include UHT milk, bread and spread as well as toiletries. We can also try to supply fresh fruit and vegetables.



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<https://edcca.org.uk>

ANGLICAN SERVICES

March

Venue	3 rd March	10 th March	17 th March	24 th March	31 st Mar
Aldwark	10.30a.m. Baptism			10.00a.m. Palm Sunday walk 11.00a.m. Holy Communion	At Alne
Alne		10.30a.m. Holy Communion		At Aldwark	10.30a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Communion
Tollerton	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Morning Worship	10.30a.m. Holy Communion	At Aldwark	At Alne

At 2.00p.m. on 29th March (Good Friday) there will be a meditation on the Last Hour on the Cross at St. Michael's Church, Tollerton.

METHODIST SERVICES for Villages

Together

Revd David Bidnell is the Methodist Minister for villages around Easingwold.



David can be contacted on 01904 345429. You are welcome at all of the village services listed below

March

Date/ Venue	Alne @ Alne Hall	Huby @ Methodist Chapel	Husthwaite	Tholthorpe @ Methodist Chapel
3 March 10.30a.m.		David Bidnell Holy Communion		
10 March 3.00p.m.	Marion Moverley		10.30a.m.	
17 March 10.30a.m.		John Hayward Café Service		
24 March 3.00p.m. Palm Sunday				David Bidnell Holy Communion
Good Friday	Walk of Witness 2.00 p.m. start at Sutton			
31 March 10.30a.m.		Elaine Thompson Café Service		
7 April 10.30a.m.	Own Arrangements			

Husthwaite services in the Parish Church on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

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