

Website News Archive : 2018

03-Jan-2018: Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words #1 can be found here. This series will enliven your day and may re-introduce you to website pages that you haven't visited for a while.

05-Jan-2018: There has been a delay to the work on the verges as NYCC Street Works have insisted on the H&S measures of (a) a doubling of the safety balustrades on the north side of Main St and (b) the putting of a temporary tarmac surface on top of the temporary stone surface on the south side. This has prevented the start of concreting on the western section of Main St which had been planned to start this week. Fortunately we have a fixed-price contract with NYCC!

10-Jan-2018: Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words #2 can be found here.

17-Jan-2018: Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words #3 can be found here.

21-Jan-2018: The Stephensons 29 and 31 service buses through Alne will be taken over by Transdev from tomorrow. And they are running - see photo taken on Monday!

22-Jan-2018: With warmer weather on the way, we would hope for progress on the verges this week. Work will continue on the western section of Main Street where digging out and concreting is still necessary on the northern side. Setts will then be placed on both sides while the road remains closed.



Once this is complete, attention will turn back to the eastern section where most of the concrete bed is in place and the next phase is the placing of setts and their pointing. A road closure is planned for this in February.

23-Jan-2018: The Burns Night supper and ceilidh on Saturday was very enjoyable and it raised in excess of £400 for the school. (Photo courtesy of Peter Hope)



24-Jan-2018: Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words #4 can be found here.

26-Jan-2018: The February Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be accessed here.

27-Jan-2018: Lost your glasses on the dog walk near the playing field? Contact us through the Contact page.

31-Jan-2018: Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words #5 can be found here.

07-Feb-2018: Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words #6 can be found here.

14-Feb-2018: Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words #7 (special lovers' edition for St. Valentine's Day) can be found here.

15-Feb-2018: Has anyone got a photo of an A4 pacific passing through Alne station? For use in the new edition of Alne Annals if we can find one.

17-Feb-2018: Work on the restoration of the verges continues, with the western arm expected to be completed with setts this coming week, and then just awaiting tarmac and earth. Attention will then return to the eastern arm with a road closure planned.

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Once all the new setts are in place, new tarmac will be laid on the edges of the road, at least one metre wide, and the line of setts will be back-filled with earth and seed.



20-Feb-2018:

Today is the day that the verges on the western arm have been completed (see photo) and are just awaiting new tarmac on the road side.

21-Feb-2018:

A new venture is coming to the village from Wednesday 28th Feb. Every Wednesday from 3:00 - 6:00pm, outside the village hall, Farmgate Farmshop will hold a mobile shop, selling free range meats, dairy products, honey, breads, all locally sourced. The farm is just outside Easingwold, at Thornton on the Hill.

21-Feb-2018:

Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words #8 can be seen here.

26-Feb-2018:

Advance notification that Alne is taking part in the Great British Springclean. This is an activity by the community for the community. Please join us at 10:00 next Sunday outside the Village Hall. Thank you.

26-Feb-2018:

Click here for the March Parish Newsletter (in full colour)

28-Feb-2018:

Click here for this week's Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words (#9). And here and here for pithy additions to earlier postings.

03-Mar-2018:

The village clean-up has been postponed until next Saturday.

07-Mar-2018:

Click here for this week's Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words (#10).

10-Mar-2018:

Thank you to all of those who helped with the litter-pick this morning, despite the pouring rain. We collected 15 black bags of rubbish in total.

12-Mar-2018:

If anyone has any information of which idiot did this damage to the new verges, please send it through the contact page. These restored verges are being paid for by all of us in the community and this sort of damage is absolutely mindless and unnecessary. We, the community, need to make a stand.



14-Mar-2018:

Click here for this week's Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words (#11).

21-Mar-2018:

The first day of spring so you might not expect any more Website Winter Wednesday Wise Words. But we finish with a flourish. Click here for the ones that have not been used to date but are still worth thinking about!

27-Mar-2018:

Consideration is being given to having new signs identifying the historic location of the Alne Station community. The rectangular terracotta sign is more historically accurate in regard to what would have said "Alne" on the station platform. The BR 'totem' sign did not come in until after Alne station had closed but, as shown here in LNER blue, might be more recognisable to a younger generation. If you live at Alne Station and have a view, contact Kevin Hunter (who is co-ordinating the residents' response) at kandchunter@btinternet.com If you live



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outside Alne Station and have a view, please send it in via the Contact page.

27-Mar-2018: The April Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be accessed [here](#).

29-Mar-2018: This week should see completion of the setts on the northern side of the eastern arm of the verge restoration. After the Easter break, work will commence on the southern side of the eastern arm where the laying of setts on the already-laid concrete is the next task. Once this is complete, there will be new tarmac laid next to the new setts throughout the village and the newly-laid earth will be levelled and seeded.

30-Mar-2018: A new indexed map of the village has been created (courtesy of author Colin Day) which includes many of the new developments in the village. Find the link to this on the maps page.



17-Apr-2018: The 2018 Street Fayre competitions can now be seen and downloaded from:
<http://www.alnestreetfayre.co.uk/competitions.html>



19-Apr-2018: At last year's Street Fayre we had a lovely display of crochet and knitted bunting. This year we are adding to the woolly collection by creating a timeline from 2018 back to 1918 (to complement the 'Step Back in Time' competitions theme). We are hoping to have a 'signpost' for each decade plus some novelty items to represent different specific years. Examples alongside. If you would like to be involved and contribute, please contact Helen Dawson at 838582 or cellohelen@gmail.com



27-Apr-2018: NYCC is collecting views about the future of its archive service. Take part by going to:
<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/recordofficesurvey>

30-Apr-2018: It is disappointing that we still have no contractors on site, finishing off the verges. Rest assured your Parish Council is continuing to keep pressure on NYCC. If you wish to add your own complaint about the length of time this is taking, feel free to contact Highways at Area2.Thirsk@northyorks.gov.uk

02-May-2018: The May Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be accessed [here](#).

18-May-2018: You will be aware that there is still rectification work to be done on the new verges, plus the remaining topsoil and seeding, the dropped kerbs on either side of Mitchell Lane and the top tarmac surface. The Parish Council is presently unable to obtain firm dates for this apart from the promise that it would all be done by 04-May! If you feel as frustrated as we do, please feel free to ask Highways what is going on at Area2.Thirsk@northyorks.gov.uk

18-May-2018: The 2018 edition of The Alne Annals is now available, An amazing collection of tales, old and new, about Alne and its inhabitants over the years. Contains many old photos. [Click here](#) for further details.

24-May-2018: We have been assured by NYCC Highways that completion and rectification work on the verges will commence next week.

30-May-2018: The latest instalment of Alne people in WW1 can be found [here](#).

30-May-2018: The June Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be accessed [here](#).

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- 14-Jun-2018: Winners of the 2018 Alne Duck Race were: 1st £100 Pippa Hutton with duck No. 423, 2nd £25 Zara Hutchinson with duck No. 480, 3rd £15 Steve Gilholm with duck No. 092, 4th £10 Gary Lowthian with duck No. 1070.
- 29-Jun-2018: The July/August Parish Newsletter (in full colour) can be accessed here.
- 30-Jun-2018: Alne Singers, conducted by Helen Dawson, held a very successful summer concert on Thursday with an enthusiastic audience who preferred listening to Songs for a Summer Evening to watching England B lose at football to Belgium B. Liz Brewer also performed the Yorkshire premiere of her own piano composition evoking the Northumberland countryside where she grew up.
- 30-Jul-2018: A meeting has been held between Alne Parish Council and NYCC Highways to agree the schedule of finishing the restoration of the verges. Read the summary by clicking here
- 01-Aug-2018: John Teasdale has stood down as an Alne Parish Councillor after 31 years. He is the 3rd longest-serving Parish Councillor in Alne history and we thank him for his sterling service. We congratulate John Newton on being co-opted to fill the casual vacancy thus created.
- 15-Aug-2018: Congratulations to Alne A tennis team who have won the Division 1 championship of the Hovingham Mixed Tennis League.
- 31-Aug-2018: Please note that Forest Lane will be closed for one day on Thursday 06-September for repairs to the fencing on the railway bridge approach.
- 01-Sep-2018: The sixth instalment of Alne personnel at war in WW1, featuring George Hoffmeister, is now available from Lee Walker on the History tab. Click here to go straight there.
- 02-Sep-2018: New resident and retired countryman, David Lepper, is masterminding a project to plant 1,500 crocus bulbs in the new verges once they have been seeded, The bulbs have been bought by Alne Parish Council but David would like a few volunteers to assist in the planting in October. Please contact him on 838114 or d.lepper27@btinternet.com
- 06-Oct-2018: The dates for the crocus bulb planting have now been set for Sunday 21-Oct and Sat 27-Oct. Both at 10:00am at the Village Hall. See the item below and the Calendar for more information.
- 08-Oct-2018: Click here to see the final league results for Alne Tennis Club.
- 15-Oct-2018: Advance notice that Gale Road will be closed for maintenance from 20-22 November inclusive.
- 20-Oct-2018: Crocus bulb planting tomorrow. 10:00am promptly at the Village Hall. Bring a small trowel or planter.
- 22-Oct-2018: An excellent turn out of Brownies and volunteers (see



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photos) ensured that all the crocuses were planted in record time. More have been purchased to complete the job and to add daffodils for the old pond area. Next working group is on Saturday (27-Oct) at 10:00am. Meet at the old pond area at the east end of the village. Bring a small trowel or planter. Thank you for your involvement.



30-Oct-2018:

The new verges were seeded in mid-September but, for whatever reason, the seed didn't take.

NYCC have now agreed to lay turf and this work will take place next week. Residents of Main Street are requested not to walk on the new turf until it has fully grown in and to continue to ensure that all vehicles, including delivery drivers, keep off all verges. In the unlikely event of a prolonged dry spell, we will also ask for their help in watering.

07-Nov-2018:

You are cordially invited to the Remembrance Day Service at Alne Church this Sunday, 11-Nov, starting at 10:45am. As you know, this service will take place 100 years after the signing of the Armistice in 1918.

The War Memorial is in the church and has the names of twenty-two men who died in WW1. In addition, two men with links to the area are also commemorated, together with a further eight crew members of an RCAF bomber which crashed in Alne in 1944.

Following the service, there will be an informal wreath-laying on the Commonwealth War Grave of Robert Crosby. Robert served on the Western Front during WW1 but died of influenza in York in Oct-1918.

12-Nov-2018:

Now updated New History item. A photograph of the steam engine boiler explosion that took place at Alne Station in 1877, plus some information on this event, can be seen by clicking here.

26-Nov-2018:

Once more Christmas approaches with all its excitement - and hard work. The Christingle service will be led by Carmel Gittens and will start at 4 pm on Christmas Eve. We are seeking volunteers to make Christingles. Please contact Carol Glen (838016) or Peter Cove (838346).

28-Nov-2018:

Click here to see the December/January Parish Newsletter - in full colour.

14-Dec-2018:

Alne Singers' Christmas Concert was an excellent success last night in front of a large and enthusiastic audience. See photo below.

27-Dec-2018:

Confused about bin collections over New Year? Go to our Links tab and click on Bin Collection Schedule which will take you straight to the HDC bin collection schedule.

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