

Website News Archive : 2021



- 03-Jan-2021: Does anyone know the official name and/or manufacturer of the jigsaw pictured on the right? Last seen in the Telephone Box Library. Let us know through the Contact Page, please, if so, so we can add it to our list of jigsaws completed!
- 05-Jan-2021: A project is underway to restore and improve the "BMX track" at the north end of the APLA car park. This initiative is being led by Izzy Rochester. If you would like to be involved, please contact her on izzyrochester1980@gmail.com
- 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](#),
- 08-Jan-2021: We have been made aware of the first Covid-19 vaccination of an "ordinary" Alne resident having taken place today. i.e. not a health professional nor in a care home. Can anyone claim earlier? If so, please let us know through the Contact page.
- 11-Jan-2021: Coronavirus exercise walk - no car required! 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 en route and you will have covered exactly three miles and seen 95% of Alne village.
- 13-Jan-2021: Alne featured on a repeat of Escape to the Country on BBC1 this afternoon. Watch it on iPlayer (06:00 to 16:00) and you will also pass the property on the walk described below!
- 18-Jan-2021: I hear, on good authority, that all those over 80 registered at Easingwold and Tollerton surgeries will have been vaccinated (if they want) by this coming Saturday.
- 21-Jan-2021 Clearance Sale. Part-used tennis balls. Suitable for children or dogs. £1 per 4-ball can. 838265 or 6 Hallgarth. Proceeds to APLA (UK Charity 516566).
- 22-Jan-2021 The road between Alne and Tollerton is flooded and impassable to cars at the mill. Also Ella Bridge. The Avenue bridge is currently passable with care, although not as bad as December, 2015, pictured right with the vehicle, or the even higher one in November, 2000.
- 08-Feb-2021 The 2021 Street Fayre has been postponed to Sunday 05-September. The Street Fayre Committee believe that this will give a much better chance of having a full and successful event and, at long last, giving the community a chance to celebrate. The Street Fayre raises funds



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for the Alne Park recreation area. Click on the Street Fayre photo below to go straight to the Alne Street Fayre website.

- 10-Feb-2021: [Click here to see the February Parish Newsletter \(in full colour!\)](#)
- 11-Feb-2021: Congratulations to Eddie (Dave) Edwards who has been elected by Alne Parish Council to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. He replaces David Willis who has left the village and who we thank for his four-and-half years of service on the Parish Council.
- 15-Feb-2021: Your editor has been keeping a diary of the Coronavirus plague in Alne and how it compares to earlier such events. This will doubtless form the basis for an article in a future edition of Alne Annals. Chapter 1, covering March to May 2020 can be seen on the Alne Annals page or by [clicking here](#).
- 25-Feb-2021: Chapter 2 of the Alne Coronavirus Plague diary can be read by [clicking here](#). See the entry for 15-Feb for Chapter 1.
- 03-Mar-2021: [Click here to see the March Parish Newsletter \(in full colour!\)](#)
- 07-Mar-2021 Chapter 3 of the Alne Coronavirus plague diary can be read by [clicking here](#). See the entries for 15 and 25 Feb for chapters 1 and 2.
- 10-Mar-2021 Yorkshire Water are at long last back in the Main Street repairing the road. We understand that the road will be closed for at least a week.

Alne Open Gardens Sunday 27th
June 12 noon - 5 pm

This will be the 2nd Alne Open Gardens afternoon. All profits go towards Village Hall improvements. If you would like to include your garden in this enjoyable village community event please contact David Lepper by phone 01347 838114 or email: d.lepper27@btinternet.com



- 22-Mar-2021 Community projects help required post 29-March.
- Restore and improve the "BMX track" on the APLA field. Contact Izzy on izzyrochester1980@gmail.com
- Litter pick on Forest Lane. 09:30 on Sunday 04-April. Contact David on d.lepper27@btinternet.com or 838114
- Restore and improve the telephone box library. Contact Sue Laycock on 07984-402084, 838664 or sue@laycock1.plus.com
- 10-Apr-2021 [Click here to see the April Parish Newsletter \(in full colour!\)](#)
- 13-Apr-2021 Catch-22 Fish and Chips will be visiting Alne on Friday 16-April and fortnightly thereafter. 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the Village Hall.
- 17-Apr-2021: There will be some road closures to the south of Alne w/c 26-April. Highways say Youlton Lane, the roadside notices say The Avenue. It is unclear whether it is one, the other or both!

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- 02-May-2021: Rosemary Kitchman has written A Brief History of The Maltings in Alne. [Click here to read it.](#)
- 07-May-2021: Congratulations to Colin Fletcher who has been co-opted to serve as an Alne Parish Councillor, He replaces David Lepper who has stood down and who we thank for his two years of service.
- 07-May-2021: Alne Parish Council has been advised by NYCC that replacement of the Kyle footbridge in Alne is their top priority within Hambleton District. We will update this information when funding has been secured and we have a start date.
- 16-May-2021: Reminder that the inaugural organisation meeting for the 2021 Street Fayre is this Thursday (20-May). For details, [click here](#). If you are new to the village, this is a good fun group to join.
- 17-May-2021: Chapter 4 of the diary of the Coronavirus Plague in Alne (covering 2021 to date) can now be read by [clicking here](#).
- 05-Jun-2021: [Click here to view the June Parish Newsletter \(in full colour\).](#)
- 10-Jun-2021 Yellow Lines: After more than two years of discussion, negotiation and consultation, the yellow lines at the Village Hall corner have been installed. This has been a project initiated by Alne Parish Council and Alne Primary School and has involved the police, the Highways department and the County Council who have been responsible for the public consultation. We do hope that everyone will obey the law and reduce the danger at this corner.
- 15-Jun-2021: Alne Village Indexed Map Update: The indexed map of houses in Alne is being updated and we need information on any errors, additions or changes. [Click here](#) for full information and to find draft new maps. Deadline for receipt of new info is Sunday 25-July.
- 19-Jun-2021: Alne Village Speed Surveys: You may have noticed that Alne Parish Council has been carrying out speed checks around the village over the last seven weeks. These will continue at different locations and times and a report on the evidence and conclusions will be made back to Alne Parish Council in due course. No individual data from these surveys is being shared outside Alne Parish Council.
- 19-Jun-2021: Missing bridge: Alne Parish Council has been in contact again with NYCC Footpaths about the missing bridge over the Kyle and the dangerous and unacceptable diversion along the main road. We are assured again that we are the top priority in Hambleton District although we understand that the recent collapse of a footbridge in Thirsk may take a higher priority as it is much more heavily used. Alne Parish Council has no direct responsibility for footpaths and bridges although we will of course continue to press our case.
- 24-Jun-2021: Mains water is disrupted throughout the village as a result of a burst in the Forest Lane/Maltings Court area.
- 26-Jun-2021: The Street Fayre Competitions are now open. See: <https://www.alnestreetfayre.co.uk/draft-competitions.html>
- 30-Jun-2021: [Click here to see the July/August Parish Newsletter \(in full colour!\)](#)
- 17-Jul-2021: Lost an iPhone on the playground? Contact us through the Contact page. Success!
- 27-Jul-2021: Junior tennis coaching is now live. [Click here for details.](#)

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- 05-Aug-2021: Yorkshire Water have advised us that they are carrying out a survey of the sewerage system along Main Street (with a view to replacement??). Traffic lights will be in place for one week from Monday 09-August. The sporadic road closure in Tollerton will continue until the end of August.
- 17-Aug-2021: We have been advised that the Yorkshire Water works described below will now start in Main Street later this week. There will probably be traffic lights to control traffic but, while the road closure continues in Tollerton, we are short of other options!
- 26-Aug-2021 The first post-lockdown meeting of Alne WI is on Wednesday 08-Sep. [Click here for details.](#)
- 29-Aug-2021: [Click here to see the September Parish Newsletter \(in full colour\).](#)
- 10-Sep-2021: At the request of Alne Parish Council, the collection point for the Easingwold District Food Bank has been re-instituted at Spring Cottage. Same place as it was during the lockdowns, on the north side of Main Street, two houses to the east of the main X-roads. Our thanks to the McCraes who lend their enthusiasm, their concern and their garden for this very worthwhile project.
- 14-Sep-2021: Alne Tennis Club 2022 offer. Join now and get the rest of 2021 absolutely free. [Click here for details.](#)
- 26-Sep-2021: [Click here to see the October Parish newsletter \(in full colour!\)](#)
- 27-Sep-2021: Running Track in Alne? Alne Parish Leisure Association (APLA), the charity that runs the leisure and sports facilities on the main playing field, are looking at the possibility of installing a wheelchair-accessible 500-metre running track around the perimeter of the park. Current thoughts are that this would be along the lines of the successful track recently installed at Millfield in Easingwold.
- Would you be a user of this facility? Would you help to make it happen? We believe that APLA can fund this with the help of relevant grants but we will still need a small enthusiastic working group to take this project forward and bring it to fruition. If you are interested in using such a facility and/or helping to make it happen, please register your interest by calling 838265, by emailing Robert at brech28@btinternet.com, or by using the Contact facility on this website. Thank you.
- 30-Sep-2021: Defibrillator training. The first post-Covid training session on the Alne defibrillator will take place on Tuesday 19-October at 8:00pm in the Village Hall. Contact Parish Councillor Eddie Edwards on 07583-377276 or daviedwards8@gmail.com to book a place. First come, first served.
- 08-Oct-2021: Chapter 5 of the diary of the Coronavirus Plague in Alne (covering May to September 2021) can now be read by clicking [here](#). Earlier chapters can be found [here](#).
- 20-Oct-2021: Chris Bond's personal story of his channel swim (in support of which many of you have donated) can be found by clicking [here](#).
- 21-Oct-2021: Alne Village Speed Surveys. The report and conclusions on the speed surveys that have been carried out over the past few months can be found by clicking [here](#). Alne Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

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01-Nov-2021: Defibrillator training. Further to the training recently given in the Village Hall, further aids are available. There is a helpful YouTube video to be found by clicking [here](#). There are also online sessions available from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service on:
1st December at 2pm; 1st December at 7pm; 4th December at 10am. You can register for any one of the sessions free of charge by clicking [here](#).



14-Nov-2021: Lamp posts. The lamp post outside the Village Hall has been repaired. The two failures in Hallgarth have been reported. The one at the bottom of Monk Green is the subject of discussion by HDC/NYCC as to where a replacement should be situated - preferably where it won't be knocked over again!

25-Nov-2021: [Click here](#) to see the November Parish Newsletter (in full colour).

25-Nov-2021: Work is underway to replace the broken glass in the station noticeboard but it is high-quality safety glass and there is some difficulty in obtaining a replacement sheet. Not sure we can blame Covid or the Suez Canal but our usual suppliers have disappeared. Now replaced thanks to Baz Oxtoby

18-Dec-2021: How well do we understand the Covid statistics? Chapter 6 of The Coronavirus Plague in Alne is a Christmas edition which looks at some of these and other surprising observations. [Click here](#) to read it. Earlier chapters can be found [here](#).

23-Dec-2021 Depth Gauge Thanks to Alne Parish Council, there is now no need to guess as to which flood was the higher. A new depth gauge has been erected on the west side of the Avenue bridge and shows the height of the water in metres above normal. Our thanks to the landowner for his permission and advice, to Councillor John Newton for his fabrication and to Councillor Eddie Edwards and Allium Organics for their assistance in its installation.

24-Dec-2021: The Christingle service was back in St Mary's Church after missing 2020. It was fully booked and 100 souls took a full part in this traditional start to the Christmas festivities.

29-Dec-2021: Figure of eight walk. Start at the central notice boards, head east down Main Street and along the pavement to the Alne Station notice board. Return as far as Gale Road, turn right and then go into Alne Park and right round the internal perimeter, Back down Mitchell Lane, straight over into Monk Green, and up the Avenue to Alne Cross. Return down the Avenue, Church Wind and Main Street to the central notice boards start point. Add a 100-yard excursion down Jack Hole or Back Lane and you will have covered exactly three miles, seen 95% of Alne village and remained relatively unmuddy.