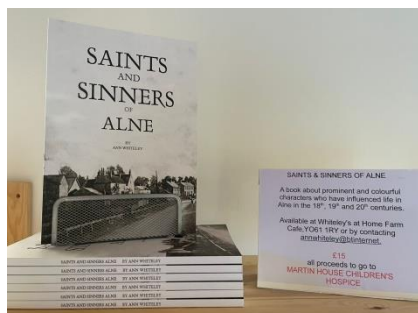


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04-Jan-2024: 2.95 metres above normal is the highest reading so far on the depth gauge, installed in the river in December-2021.



Ann Whiteley's father (whose own grandfather lived in Fairhaven, Main Street) was a great story-teller who enjoyed relating tales of the 'goings on' in Alne in the early 20th century and even more so when Ann married farmer David Whiteley and came to live at Home Farm in Alne. Ann's interest in the local history was born and over a period of sixty years she has collected



photographs and information about the village and its inhabitants.

Saints & Sinners is a cornucopia of colourful characters who have lived in Alne in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries together with a smattering of local history to give the background to their circumstances and perhaps to explain to a certain extent their behaviour. Buy it in Whiteley's cafe, details in the photo.

08-Jan-2024 ALNE PARISH LEISURE ASSOCIATION. RENOVATION of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS FOR WORK

The APLA Trustees intend to embark on a major project to renovate the existing MUGA which is situated within our Recreation Ground. The work is subject to our receipt of grant aided funds and a decision is expected by April 2024. In anticipation of this grant the Trustees are inviting interested parties to bid for the work which will consist of the following elements

The removal of the existing fencing and boards and their safe disposal offsite  
The construction of a new Rebound Rigid Weldmesh Panel Fence System (with bounceback) on the original site  
The renovation of the existing surface through cleaning, repainting and relining.

Details regarding the work of APLA, the Alne Recreation Ground and the different renovation projects that are envisaged can be found on the Alne Village Web Site [www.alnevillage.co.uk](http://www.alnevillage.co.uk)

Further details of the proposed works and the timescales involved can be obtained by contacting: Ian McCrae, Projects Coordinator. 07703 400040 or [mccrae500@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mccrae500@yahoo.co.uk)

Initial expressions of interest should be received by February 8th 2024

23-Jan-2024: The end of March is the final final last chance to add your historical information to the 2024 edition of Alne Annals. Do you have a postcard or photo collection which Robert could look at and see if there are new views and/or insights which could be used. Or interesting histories of your grandparents or house in Alne? If so, please contact Robert on 07724-185661 or [brech28@btinternet.com](mailto:brech28@btinternet.com)

23-Jan-2024: It looks like we will be into March before Aldwark Bridge reopens. And the recent floods have saturated the ground at the site of the new footbridge over the Kyle and there will be an inevitable delay to this as well.

06-Feb-2024: [Click here to read the February Parish Newsletter \(in full colour!\)](#)

16-Feb-2024: The Annual Alne litterpick will take place on Saturday 16-March promptly at 10:00am 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.

17-Feb-2024: Aldwark Bridge has reopened today. Traffic lights are allegedly expected in May. No further news on the Kyle footbridge - wait for the water level to subside!

23-Feb-2024: Alne Recreation Ground – Update

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 March 9th. If you are interested in joining in then please contact Debbie Bell ( [debbiebell58@gmail.com](mailto:debbiebell58@gmail.com) ) or Hannah Pilling ( [hannah.parmley@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mccrae500@yahoo.co.uk)

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- 17-Mar-2024 Junior tennis coaching is available in Alne again this Easter holidays. It is at Alne on Monday 25-March. See the poster alongside [not repeated in the archive] and contact Hannah for further information on hannah.parmley@gmail.com