

# Alvington News

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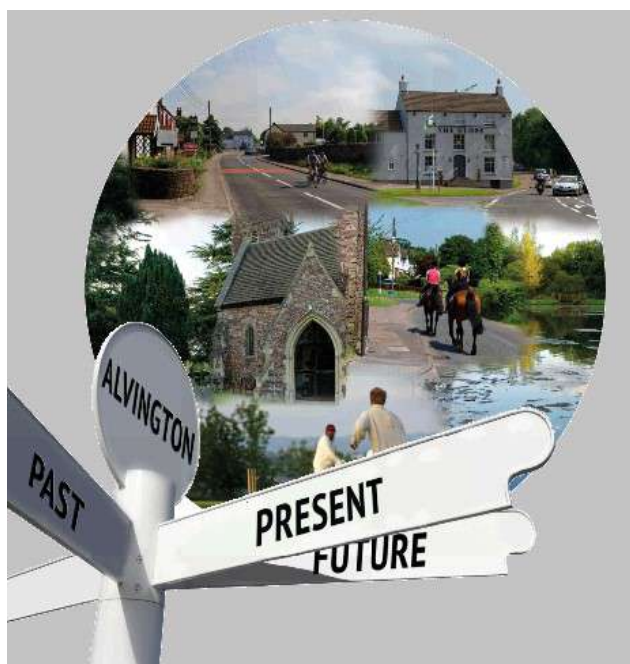
## **Parish Council News**

A lot has occurred since the last Newsletter was published earlier this year. The Alvington Fun Day went ahead and was very well attended and I believe enjoyed by all those who visited the Sports Field that afternoon. It has been decided that we will be running this event again next year putting all we learnt from this first event into making it even better (see report on pages 2 & 3).

Do check out page 5 for our next event on 30th November!

The new play equipment for Garlands Road play area and the Sports Field have been installed (see photos of the official opening on page 2). A gate has been installed at the entrance to the Sports Field car park to restrict access at night, our sincere thanks to Sara Edwards for funding the installation of this gate. The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is nearing completion (see below) and the plans for the new pavilion have now been submitted to the Forest of Dean District Council for planning approval. Finally my congratulations to the Alvington & Woolaston cricket club who achieved 13 wins out of 16 matches to top the table this year and win promotion to Division 1 (see report on page 4).

*Alan Haslam (Parish Council Chairman)*



## **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

The final version of the NDP has now been submitted to the Forest of Dean District Council who must submit this for a 6 week consultation under Regulation 16. An examiner has been selected and we are awaiting details of a pre-examination meeting. Final examination will not occur until after the consultation period is complete.

It is anticipated that some changes may be requested by the examiner and once these have been agreed by all parties the updates will be included into the document.

The last stage before acceptance and inclusion into the planning regulations will be a referendum of Alvington residents organised by the District Council.

**It is important that as many residents as possible vote at this referendum when it is issued!**

### **Coffee Morning**

A coffee morning is held at the Globe Inn at 11:00am every Tuesday.  
All welcome.

Please use the side door before 12:00pm

### **Walking Group**

Alvington Walkers meet outside the Globe Inn at 09:30am every Tuesday.  
All welcome.

***You can also visit our website at [www.alvingtonvillage.org](http://www.alvingtonvillage.org)***

## Alvington Celebrates Summer Fun Day

For the first time in recent years, Alvington came together on the 30<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate a village fun day. With Court Lane decorated with bunting to guide villagers to the Sports Field, large numbers gathered to take part in games, share a drink and help raise money towards our new pavilion.

The organising committee were delighted to see all of Alvington coming together, with the Swan Tea Rooms providing scones, the Blacksmiths Arms running a bar, the Globe contributing raffle prizes, the WI selling cakes, the memorial hall loaning tables, chairs and its bouncy castle, local craftsmen and women selling their wares and the cricket team hosting a Twenty20 against former members from the village. Following the tightly fought match the pitch was opened for anyone to try their hand bowling.



The Fun Day also welcomed all children with a free raffle ticket to be the lucky ribbon-cutter on the new play equipment. This had been successfully installed in time for the Fun Day, with Nick Powell and Chris Shill working with Councillors to spruce up the existing trim trail so all our play equipment was in top-form ready for the Fun Day. Our lucky winner cut the red ribbon and declared the play equipment officially open.

Our new District Councillor, Chris McFarling, joined us to officiate on the children's fancy-dress competition, awarding prizes for first and second places. Chris admitted it was a daunting task choosing between so many good costumes. Many thanks to parents and kids for a strong showing. Keep it up for next year!



Overall we raised an invaluable £900 towards the pavilion, which has allowed us to submit our planning application, and move onto the next stage of the project. The village also acquired a 6mx3m marquee and two camping toilets, which we now hold as assets. These can be hired at reasonable rates for garden parties and other events. Applications should be made to the clerk at [alvingtonclerk@outlook.com](mailto:alvingtonclerk@outlook.com).

The event was a real success, with many villagers asking for it to be repeated next year. The organising Committee will re-convene in October to begin planning, but we would be delighted to have any new volunteers join us. The more of us there are, the less we each need to do! Please get in touch with [Richard.heys3@gmail.com](mailto:Richard.heys3@gmail.com) if you can help. Doesn't matter how much you want to get involved we would love to have you on board.

***Residents are welcome to contribute articles, letters and opinions to the newsletter.***

## Alvington Celebrates Summer Fun Day (continued)

The Councillors would like to thank Sarah Booth, Laura Heys, Eleanor Heys, Terry Shepherd, Anita Mott, Andrew Liddington, Tony and Michelle Ismay, Rachel and Jeroen van Bosheide, Lisa Miles, Andy Jameson, David Talbot from the Blacksmiths, Zoe and team at the Swan Tea Rooms, Carol and Clive Smith for letting us use their electricity, the Wickson family for letting us take electricity through their orchard, Terry Jones and the Memorial Hall Committee, Chris and Jan Shill, Jay Walsh, Sue Rickards and team from the WI, James Love for the loan of the BBQ and all the cricket team and supporters, led by Nick Powell, in making the event possible. Special mention goes to John Wood and our clerk, Meg Humphries, who ensured the toilets were kept spotless.

The Organising Committee would particularly like to thank Sara Edwards and family who donated a very large number of prizes in memory of Charlie Edwards. Sara has also funded the new gates on the sports field, which has also allowed us to get control of anti-social behaviour in the evenings in the car park. The car park now closes at dusk. Volunteers to join the rota to open or shut the gate would be much appreciated and should contact [Richard.heys3@gmail.com](mailto:Richard.heys3@gmail.com) if you can help.



Finally our thanks to John Stinchcombe for being our official photographer for the day.



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## Alvington & Woolaston Cricket Club Win Promotion to Division 1



Back row from left to right:

Terry Nixon (c), Nick Robinson, Josh Brawn, Roger Wakefield, Nathan Meredith, Mark Meakin, Nick Powell

Front row from left to right:

Tyrone Skidmore, Will Martyn, Jack Fielding, Harry Pitcher, Josh Hayes, Gavin Thurston, Julian Fosh

At the end of 2018 you would have been excused for thinking that the future of Alvington and Woolaston Cricket Club (formed in 1984) was an uncertain one. Despite the picturesque setting near the banks of the River Severn, a number of players had left in the previous 12 months, and the facilities had for decades been very basic.

They had finished bottom of Division 2 West of the Cheltenham Gloucester and Forest league with only 2 wins in 15 games. Yet this wasn't a team in hopeless decline. Their Chairman, Nick Powell, was tirelessly committed to the cause of rebuilding, both on and off the field. He had already been working with the Parish Council and the Sports Field Committee for some time on a plan for a superb new multi-purpose Sports Pavilion for the community to be sited at the ground. During last winter he and the new Captain worked hard to recruit new players and attracted past local players to return to the game. This year these players became a team, united in a belief of wanting to play for the Club and within the spirit of cricket that is the particular hallmark of the game.

It proved to be an irresistible force for change. In one season of 16 games, bottom of the table became top and with it promotion to Division 1 with 13 wins. Long serving and new players took 3 places in the top 10 for batting in the league, 5 for bowling and 6 for fielding. An all round great achievement for everyone involved with the Club. New players and supporters who love the game and support the place of village cricket in the local community are always welcome. The Sports Pavilion plans are complete and have been submitted to planning at the District Council.

For all the right reasons, they are now a team looking forward to the future.

Our CONGRATULATIONS to the TEAM on a fantastic result.



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ALVINGTON MEMORIAL HALL

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WILL GO TOWARDS THE PAVILION PROJECT

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### Zumba, Line & Belly Dancing at the Memorial Hall

Monday	7:30pm to 8:45pm	Belly Dancing - Rikki	Tel: 845573
Tuesday	7:00pm to 9:30pm	Line Dancing - Rhys & Ashley	
Thursday	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Belly Dancing - Rikki	
Friday	6:30pm to 7:30pm	Zumba - Jo	Tel: 07799 672071

### Special Dates for your Diary

Laraine George at 11 Clanna Lane will be holding a coffee day on **Friday 1st November 10:00am—5:30pm.**

All proceeds will go to the  
**FOREST AND GLOUCESTER MS SOCIETY.**  
**All welcome!**

**Andrew** will be at the Globe with his cards during coffee mornings on:  
**29th October and 19th November.**

### Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service this year will be held at  
 St. Andrews, Woolaston  
**At 10:45 on Sunday 10th November**

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## taurus crafts events 2019



### Kite day

**13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11am - 4pm**

Come and fly a kite, make a kite, and watch the kite flying demonstrations.



### Holiday activities

**26th Oct - 3rd Nov**

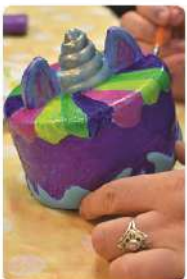
A fun packed program with creative hands-on activities everyday throughout the school holiday.



### Christmas markets

**30<sup>th</sup> Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am - 5pm**

Arts, crafts, gifts toys, food and drink, hundreds of locally-grown fresh cut Christmas Trees create the area's largest Christmas Markets.



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**Parish Council**[www.alvingtonvillage.org](http://www.alvingtonvillage.org)

The council meets at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall on the first Wednesday of every month but not in January and August. Members of the public are always very welcome to attend.

**YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS:****Chairman**Alan Haslam Tel: 01594 529837 E-mail: [haslamhazelwood@btinternet.com](mailto:haslamhazelwood@btinternet.com)**Vice Chairman**Richard Heys Tel: 07967 709722. E-mail: [richard.heys3@gmail.com](mailto:richard.heys3@gmail.com)**Parish Clerk**Meg Humphries Tel: 01594 719245 E-mail: [alvingtonclerk@outlook.com](mailto:alvingtonclerk@outlook.com)**Councillors**Lisa Chidley Tel: 07496 127117. E-mail: [lisajchidley@gmail.com](mailto:lisajchidley@gmail.com)Gail Thompson Tel: 01594 529708. Email: [gail@xsound.demon.co.uk](mailto:gail@xsound.demon.co.uk)Chris Miles Tel: 07787 472656. Email: [chris.miles@icloud.com](mailto:chris.miles@icloud.com)**DISTRICT COUNCIL**Chris McFarling Tel: 01594 531225 Email: [Chris.McFarling@fdean.gov.uk](mailto:Chris.McFarling@fdean.gov.uk)**COUNTY COUNCIL**

Patrick Molyneux. Tel: 01594 529174 or 07802 269057.

Email: [patrick.molyneux@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:patrick.molyneux@gloucestershire.gov.uk)**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (MP)**Mark Harper Tel: 01594 823482 E-mail: [mark.harper.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mark.harper.mp@parliament.uk)**Gloucestershire Police & Community Officers**

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Tel: 01594 810000

**Neighbourhood Watch:**

Forest of Dean: Chrissie Parkes.

Tel: 01452 753784

**Snow Wardens:**

Roger Lewis Tel: 01594 529422

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Vacant - contact Clerk if interested

**Community Wellbeing Agent**

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Richard Skinner Tel: 01594 812447

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Terry Jones (Treasurer)

Tel: 01594 529287

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Deputy: VACANT

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