Alvington News

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The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group have been making excellent progress on what has proved a major task, please go to page two for important information on this subject.

The Playing Field Committee have also made some progress with plans for a Pavilion and general improvements, see page three for an update.

Both of the above items are the subject of an OPEN DAY at the Memorial Hall on September 9th.

The Parish Council have also ordered village signs to direct people to the Church, Memorial Hall and the Sports Field (please note the change from "Playing" Field) which should be installed shortly. We have also approved the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed in the old telephone kiosk. Funding for this has been partly provided by a grant from the District Council and at the moment the balance will be paid for from the Parish Council reserve fund. However, a villager has very kindly volunteered to do a sponsored sky dive in the New Year to replenish the reserve, look out for more news on this in the future. Upon installation of the defibrillator, training will be provided for all interested villagers.

On another note, we have also completed negotiations with Two Rivers Housing to take over the responsibility for care of the allotments and play area off Garlands Road on a 5 year lease at a cost of £1 p.a. This should enable us to ensure this area is adequately cared for in the future. A group of residents, under the guidance of the Parish Council, plan further improvements to the play area.

Finally, we recently had a request from John Wintour that he be removed from the position of Snow Warden. We wish to thank John for his commitment in the past to this role and his support on the Emergency Team. This leaves a big hole in our support team(s) and I would ask that you consider whether you could volunteer to help your neighbours should an emergency arise or maybe you could help Roger Lewis should we have more heavy snow this winter. Please contact either Alan Haslam or Meg Humphries should you wish to know more about these important roles.

NDP Steering Group / Sports Field Committee

Please see details of the upcoming OPEN DAY on Page Two.

Date for your Diary

Laraine George at 11 Clanna Lane will be holding a coffee and cake day on **Friday 16th November 10:00am—5:00pm**.

Andrew, our local postman, will be bringing his selection of cards.

Michelle will also be there with her glassware

and glass Christmas decorations.

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

All welcome!

Andrew will also be at the Globe with his cards on: 4th September, 16th October and 27th November.

Please Note:

A number of updates/corrections have been made to the contact information on the back page of this newsletter!

Coffee Morning

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

Walking Group

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

All will be welcome.

Preparing for an Emergency

The response team comprises of:
Coordinator: Alan Haslam, 01594 529837
Deputy: VACANT
If anyone (should an emergency arise) be

If anyone (should an emergency arise) be willing to give support and help in any way please give your details to Alan.

You can also visit our website at www.alvingtonvillage.org



Alvington Past, Present and Future

On 23rd February 2016 the Parish of Alvington was designated as a Neighbourhood Area and is undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan; Alvington Past, Present and Future.

A Neighbourhood Plan...

- · Needs the community to have their say in the future of their area.
- Can influence where new development is located, and the design, layout and materials used.
- Can help to ensure that new development is sympathetic to the surrounding area and meets the needs of the local community.
- Is a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth
 of an area. It may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for
 improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for
 specific kinds of development.
 - Relates to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues.
 - May deal with a wide range of issues (like housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance in a local area.
 - Must positively and sustainably seek to meet the development needs of their area – it will not stop development.
 - Is a legal document with the same status as the Local Plan once it has undergone examination and referendum.

For more information: http://alvingtonvillage.org/neighbourhood/ http://locality.org.uk/projects/building-community/

The NDP Steering Group and the Parish Council need your input on the first draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan!

Please put the above date in your diary and plan to attend

The Steering Group have been working very hard to produce a Character Assessment, Character Appraisal, and ultimately a Development Plan for Alvington on your behalf.

The input received at the last open day has helped us to understand the concerns and desires of the village population but we need you to tell us if we have translated this input correctly.

We wish to ensure that the plan correctly reflects the desires of the village before it is finalised.

More information on www.alvingtonvillage.org (scroll down to Neighbourhood Development Plan)

A Date for your Diary!

BLACKSMITHS ARMS

22nd. September

"Coffee Morning"
In aid of Macmillan Cancer
Support

12:30 + evening

Another Date for your Diary!

Remembrance Concert - 3rd. November

On the 3rd November at 6:00 p.m. Alvington Church are hosting a Remembrance Concert with The Forest of Dean Male Voice Choir, Take Six and readings/poems from WW1.

This is going to be a very moving evening remembering in particular 39 men who lost their lives between the three villages in the Great War.

Proceeds from the evening will be sent to SSAFA:
Soldier, Sailor, Airman Families Association.

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, exists to relieve need, suffering and distress amongst the Armed Forces, veterans and their families in order to support their independence and dignity.

Our bell ringers will be ringing the bells half muffled in remembrance.

Sports Field (Playing Field) Update

The Sports Field Committee has secured funding from the Alvington Wind Turbine Fund (REACR) to employ an architect to draft plans for a pavilion for presentation to villagers at the NDP event on 9th September. Liddells & Associates, Architects of Chepstow, were selected following a competition presenting a combination of value for money, price and evidence of experience in undertaking a large number of similar projects.

Draft options have been presented and the Committee have selected a preferred option, comprising a hall with sufficient space for one badminton court, changing rooms for two teams, officials and a female changing room in line with sports association requirements, a kitchen, stores, a w/c which can be accessed from outside for use by those using the field and a small office, accommodated in a single storey brick construction. The Committee consider the proposed plans to be a sensible way forward.

In addition the Committee have submitted a further funding request to REACR to fund planning permission fees following the consultation event and once the Parish Council has formally accepted the plans.

The Committee has also supported a grant application to Forest of Dean District Council submitted by Alvington Cricket Club to fund fence repairs, tree cutting to allow widening of the football pitch, if necessary, to better comply with league requirements and a small expansion of the car park to better accommodate two teams worth of cars, and potentially the installation of a gate for the car park; the Committee has noted nocturnal use of the car park which we would wish to deter prior to building a pavilion.

The Committee has also undertaken repairs to the football posts and the trim trail. Finally, the manufacturer of the defective play equipment which has been taken down have indicated their willingness to give the Council a refund if we return the product to them in Northern Ireland. If any villagers know of any logistics companies or hauliers who could accommodate a partial load on a run to Northern Ireland, for a reasonable fee, please could you inform the clerk at alvingtonclerk@outlook.com.







Zumba & Belly Dancing at the Memorial Hall

Monday 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm Zumba - Jo 8:00 pm to 9:15 pm Belly Dancing - Rikki Wednesday 9:30 am to 10:30 am Zumba - Jane Thursday 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Belly Dancing - Rikki Friday 9:30 am to 10:30 am Zumba - Jane 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Zumba - Jo

For Rikki Tel: 845573 For Jane Tel: 564305

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Parish Council

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.

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE & COMMUNITY OFFICERS

Non Emergency Number: 101

Street Wardens:

Tel: 01594 810000

Neighbourhood Watch: Forest of Dean: Chrissie Parkes.

Tel: 01452 753784

Snow Wardens:

Roger Lewis Tel: 01594 529422

& One Vacancy

Flood Warden: Vacant

Community Well Being Agent:

Richard Skinner 01594 812447

Village Hall Bookings:

Terry Jones (Treasurer) Tel: 01594 529287

Some useful Telephone Numbers

National Rail Enquiries: 0345 7484950 Travel Line: 0871 2002233

Airports:

0871 3344444 Bristol: Cardiff: 01446 711111 Gatwick: 0344 8920322 Heathrow: 0844 3351801

Bonfire/Noise/Nuisance Complaints:

F. of Dean District Council 01594 810000

Gloucestershire County Council:

01452 425000

Forest of Dean District Council:

01594 810000

NHS Dentists: 0300 3301348

NHS Direct/Out of Hours Tel: 111

Lydney Doctors:

Severnbanks Surgery 01594 845715 The Lydney Practice 01594 842167

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