

Alvington News

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers

Jubilee Celebrations

On behalf of the Alvington Parish Council I would like to take this opportunity of thanking personally all those who helped with the Jubilee day Celebrations.

My special thanks go to the following:

Bobby and John Wintour, Who put in a huge effort before and on the day.

May Thrill, who provided the afternoon's vocal and musical entertainment along with the sound systems.

Severn Ciders, whose late introduction to the event after cancellation by the original bar was a great success.

Jayden and friends, who hopefully enjoyed the experience and I am sure will go on to bigger and better events.

A huge thank you to **The Ragged & old Morris** who were fantastic both in their performance and in their appreciation of the Cider. I hope yours and my path cross again soon and often.

Waggly Tails for their perseverance in a fun dog show

that was plagued by such hot weather taking its toll over what was originally a field of some 20 entries. Nearly all of whom succumbed to the heat and had to go home.

Glos Youth Motocross team who I am told had a great deal of interest in new membership.

Terry Jones for the use, erection and dismantling of the Bouncy Castle.

There were a great many disappointments that marred the day with the very late withdrawal

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A welcome helping hand

Led by a small group of concerned parishioners, a helping hand has been given to one of the parishes residents, who is struggling to keep their head above water. Never asking or bemoaning their lot, emotionally overwhelmed by the donations and promises of help both in produce and fuel to last through the oncoming winter. A very private person. I have been asked by them to express the heart felt thanks to all who have donated groceries and necessities along with fuel - wood and coal - also the promises of continued help.

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of the Model aircraft flying team and the non appearance of as many as 10 stalls/displays on the day. As usual there were the moans and complaints e.g. why was the car park not tarmac? Not enough to do, too spaced out, (for both of the latter please note the previous paragraph).

I have asked Andrew to express my thanks to May Thrill, Severn Ciders and Ragged & Old Morris. Bobby has passed on our thanks to Dean Academy School for the boy's attention and Waggly Tails. I have contacted the BBMF operations officer Flight Lieutenant Parkinson for the air Passover, and expressed my personal thank you.

I sent the following to Flight Lieutenant Antony Parkinson, MBE, RAF.

Dear Sir,

I thank you and your colleagues for the flyover you managed for our village on Sunday 14th July.

Contacted by my colleague Paul Smooker on our behalf, your flyover was appreciated by the many villagers and visitors who

congregated on our sports field. The display was the culmination of our Jubilee Celebration weekend. I hope you can imagine the eager anticipation on the field with loads of national flags laid out; then we heard the unmistakable sound of the Lancaster approach over the far end of the village to suddenly appear over the tree line west of the sports field and straight over us then banking slightly in unison to cross the Severn all within our view. Many of our older residents (especially those who lost husbands, parents and children) were reduced to tears of remembrance and joy at the sight. Please pass on our best wishes and gratitude to the pilots and of course yourself and all colleagues involved.



Best Kept Garden and Best Presented Garden

Alvington parish council have decided to repeat this event next year, 2014 and hopefully carry on into the future. Dates to be announced in the New Year. The event will at least be the same as this year with maybe more categories.

Does Anyone Know?

The old Globe public house is still in a sorry state. There may have been progress internally but not a lot of external progress. It has to be said that currently it is an eyesore. I was told, and this has not been substantiated or confirmed that the project has fallen foul of Health & Safety practices. Can anyone enlighten the Parishioners?

Wind Turbine in Alvington

Having been turned down by the District Council, the planning application has now gone to appeal and is now in the hands of HM Inspectorate

Our Vice Chairman

Our new Parish Councillor Paul Smooker has, at the November Parish Council Meeting been elected as Vice Chairman. His contact details can be found on page four of this newsletter.

Salt Marsh Project

The Parish Council, through this newsletter and its website will publish all correspondence and project data when it is made available.

Is there anyone out there?

Due to lack of support in even getting off the ground, a decision was made at the November Parish Council Meeting not to attempt to hold a pre Christmas village hall free meal and evening event.

For the last two pre Christmas periods we attempted to hold social events with a meal, entertainment and Carol service. Last year we could not issue more than 12 tickets. The phrase, 'Flogging a dead horse' springs to mind.

If anyone has an idea for a function next year and they would be prepared to form a committee or join a group to organise any such events, then please contact any of the Parish councillors.

The A48

Please anticipate holdups in Alvington when the flooding at the bottom of Swan Hill is subject to a survey by the highways agency in the near future.

Right to roam over private land

We must repeat that there is no right to roam over private land. The proliferation of walkers, both with and without dogs has, if anything increased. Be aware that if the owners get fed up with the stream of abusers, then I am told legal action will be taken.

Allowing dog fouling is an offence

Dog fouling continues to be a serious problem not only on our pavements, but also in the Sports field.

Notices have been erected on the fence of the playing field car park notifying perpetrators of the disgusting practice that anyone seen not picking up their dogs faeces will be reported and prosecuted.

There is no excuse or mitigating circumstance. Name and shame.

Clanna Kitchen

*This is the series of recipes
from Clanna*

Christmas Pudding

Plus



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pudding go
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Needed:

- One pack Sweet shortpastry.
- Christmas pudding or puddings.
- Dried fruit soaked in booze!
- One egg, beaten.

Method:

Roll out the pastry into an oblong about a £1coin thick. Keep it square and straight.

Mix pudding with extra dried fruit and suitable booze if you like, but not too wet!

Shape into a roll to fit the pastry.

Moisten the pastry along one long edge with the egg, and put the filling along the other edge.

Roll up and seal both ends and the edge.

This can be wrapped in foil and refrigerated until the next day if needed.

Before baking brush with the egg to glaze it.

Bake on a baking sheet at 200C., for 25 minutes or until browned.

Serve in slices.

Happy Christmas!

**Look out
for future events
in the Spring issue
of our Newsletter**

St Andrew's Church Service

Sunday, 19th January - Holy Communion

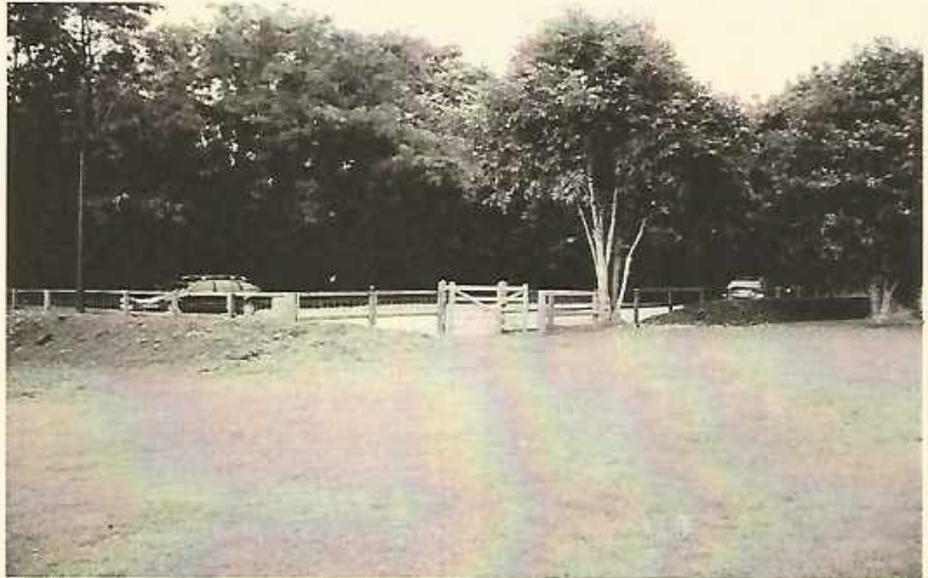
Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Sarah Fenby, Telephone: 842321

Vicar: Anthony Jones, Telephone: 529387

Church Warden: Clarice Partington, Telephone: 529287

Village Playing field

The work was completed on time and is generally regarded as being a great facility and long overdue. Alvington Parish Council wishes to thank the various organisations for their generous grants which made this project so successful.



Lydney Town Junior AFC

Secretary: Mrs S Davis (Secretary) 9 Almond Walk, Lydney
Gloucestershire GL15 5LP. Telephone: Dean 01594 845218

Youth Football in Alvington commenced on Wednesday 11th September. The following are the remaining games for their season:

Sunday, 24th November	One pitch
Sunday, 8th December	One pitch
Sunday, 5th January	One pitch
Sunday, 2nd February	One pitch

Kick off will be at 2.30pm unless stated. There will be more pitches required when the cup draws are competed I will keep you advised of these as soon as I become aware.

This addition to the sporting activities on the playing field is a much welcome attraction and hopefully will continue into the future years. It also produces much needed revenue for the upkeep of this valued village facility.

Paws on Patrol. An initiative from the Street Warden service asking for all dog owners to be the eyes and ears of the community when walking dogs. Please take a couple of minutes to read the posters that are around the village. For further information telephone 01594 810000 or contact any of your parish councillors.

**YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS
PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council meets every month but not in January and August. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Patrick Molyneux.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

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W.P.C. Denise Meredith.
Telephone: 01452 335544

Street Wardens:
Telephone: 01594 812264

Neighbourhood Watch:
Telephone: 01452 335570

SNOW WARDENS

Martin Phillips. Telephone: 823482
and Roger Lewis.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Terry Jones (Treasurer).
Telephone: 529287

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Team member: Martin Phillips,
01594 529249

If anyone (should an emergency arise) would be willing to give support in the Hall whether it be making tea, refreshments or plain consolation and support, please give your telephone number to me for inclusion in my contacts list. *Gary Collier*

Parish Council Finances

The Parish Councils finances for 2012/2013 have been externally audited, with a clean bill of health. All is in order. This report was available for perusal for the statutory time and was advertised on the Village notice board.

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