

Alvington News

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We will remember them...



The Parish Council held a ceremony to commemorate the men from Alvington who died either during or after the First World War.

The village of Alvington had 56 men and boys who volunteered to serve their country. Of these men, eleven died during or shortly after the war, or never came home to their loved ones.

Nine of these men are commemorated on a plaque in the church. There are however headstones in the church yard to two further soldiers of the First World War as well as headstones to Servicemen of the Second World War. Alvington had a percentage loss of 19.6% almost double the national average of 10%.

The ceremony was advertised throughout the village and mentioned in the Newsletter. A few of the villagers attended and the Parish Council would like to thank them for their support on the day. It was rather sad that none of the younger members of the village did not attend.

The Ceremony was opened by Councillor Gary Collier who thanked everyone for attending and was followed by a short service held by the Rev Tony Jones who emphasized that we were all there to acknowledge the sacrifice these men made.

During the service the bugler, Mr Ken McDonald gave a superb rendering of "The Last Post" and "Reveille", both very poignant pieces of music and rallying calls to Servicemen.

There was also a display of several articles from this conflict as well as three volumes of information concerning the men involved and the environment they endured as well as the names of the casualties from our sister Parishes of Alburyton and Woolaston.

These volumes are to be displayed throughout the village for all to read in order to appreciate the stories of these men. For example, there were five Joseph brothers of whom three died, one had to have a leg amputated and the other survived safely.

Following the service plaques were placed on the walls in the Village Hall with the names of all the soldiers concerned. Along with these are replica medals and the bronze plaque that was awarded to all families who lost fathers, sons or brothers.

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Speed Check in Alvington

In an effort to get speed figures for vehicles using the A48 through Alvington, a group of volunteer pensioners underwent training by the police and subsequently during July and August this year carried out a series of speed checks (with radar gun and accessories provided by the police) at three locations within the village. This was all to gather evidence to back up a request for a pedestrian crossing in Alvington. The police, but especially the Highways Department are proving difficult to convince that it would not be a luxury, but is in fact essential for the safety of all residents. What we did not expect was the high level of verbal and physical gesture abuse from the drivers. A reasonable percentage of which were parishioners. The table below shows the results

Date/Time	Location	35-40	41-45	46-50	Comments Reg number	TOTAL
17 July 1715-1745	1	23	6	10		39
25 JULY 1640-1740	1	125	171	10		306
31 JULY 1630-1730	1	83	85	4		172
4 AUG 1530-1645	2	9				9
6 AUG 0810-0910	1	41	30	11		82
7 AUG 1700--1830	1	72	103	50		225
8 AUG 0800-0900	2	45	12			57
					Grand Total	890
TOTAL TIME 6 HOURS 15 MINS= 375 MINS					890 VEHICLES IN 6 HRS 15 MINS	AV 142 VEHICLES PER HOUR AT PEAK TIMES

Locations: 1 Swan Hill. 2 Blacksmiths Arms. 3 Globe Hill.

Road Closure

The A48 through Alvington, from the garage to the Old Swan Inn will be closed to traffic from October 27th until November 2nd (inclusive) for major road resurfacing. The road closure notice does not state time of closure or opening on these days

Big Cricket Club fundraising event

On Saturday 16th August the all day event went extremely well with the weather being very kind. Our thanks to all involved.

All events were well appreciated (especially the waxing) with the cricket games being great fun and very entertaining.

Best Kept Garden Competition

This event was cancelled as there was only one entry

Have you a business or enterprise that you would like to advertise in our Newsletter? Tel: 528420

Clanna Kitchen

This is the series of recipes from Clanna

Quick Cassoulet

Cumberland sausages 6
 Chicken thighs (de-skinned and de-boned) 6
 Fry the sausages and chicken, cut into mouth-size pieces.
 Large onion (sliced)
 Smoky bacon 8 rashers
 Fry gently together and cut bacon into pieces.
 Baked Beans 2 x 415 grams. or Cannellini Beans 2 x 400 grams. drained
 Chopped Tomatoes 2 x 440 grams.
 Dijon mustard 1 tablespoon
 Garlic (optional) 2 cloves
 Thyme (optional) 1 teaspoon
 Black pepper (optional) ½ teaspoon

Put everything into a casserole dish and mix together.

Red wine 5 oz.

Add to casserole. Cook for 30 minutes at 350F or 175C.

Wholemeal bread 2 slices

Crumble into fine crumbs, sprinkle over the casserole and put under the grill until lightly toasted.

This serves 4 people.



Look out there's a Boar about

The family of wild boar, mentioned in our summer issue has developed to the point that tracks have been seen in the maze fields that surround the West and South side of the village and has been seen recently adjacent to the Clanna Park homes.

Be vigilant with these animals and take no risks. Please be careful if you are walking these fields. If anyone sees this family group please let me know so they can be monitored.

St Andrew's Church

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

Vicar: Anthony Jones, Telephone: 529387

Church Warden: Clarice Partington, Telephone: 529287

Sing with The Springfield Singers



The Springfield Singers were founded in 1976 by Jean Morgan. They have taken part in Competitions throughout the Forest of Dean, many of which they were awarded first prize. Over the years the Choir has given concerts in a variety of venues, helping to raise money for several charities.

The Choir have undergone many changes; Conductors, Accompanists and new members. The biggest change came about 4 years ago when we moved from Springfield Chapel in Lydney, to Woolaston Primary School.

The Choir rehearses every Tuesday evening from 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm. We have a varied

repertoire ranging from Classical to Pop, songs from the shows to folk and jazz.

The highlight of 2013 was our trip to St David's Hall Cardiff, where we became "The Blue Sky Singers"- the backing group for the Tribute Band ELO AGAIN. This was an experience the Choir will never forget. So successful were we, that we had a return invitation this year in 'September' as a backing group to another Tribute band.

We are always looking for new members, so if you enjoy singing and would like to join us at Woolaston Primary School on Tuesday evenings 7.45pm to 9:30pm, you will be made most welcome.

It is not essential to be able to read music, as we learn the music in rehearsals.

Come and give it a try, we have fun both in rehearsals and at concerts.

For more details please contact Lesley Wreford on 01594 529468 or by email at:-

Lesley@thespringfieldsingers.co.uk

Look out for future events in the next issue of our Newsletter



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COUNTY COUNCIL

Patrick Molyneux.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

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Street Wardens:

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Coordinator: Gary Collier,

01594 528420

Deputy: John Wintour, 01594 529234

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