

# Alcester Town Council



## Spring Newsletter

Issue 57 March 2020

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

My Mayoral year is nearly over, but what a fabulous year Tim and I have had. It has been a real honour and privilege to represent our wonderful town at events not just in Alcester and the surrounding areas but also in France with the Twinning Association. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May Alcester will have a new Mayor, to whom I send my best wishes and hopes for a very successful year.



On the weekend of January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, Alcester held its first Window Wanderland event, with many residents and businesses entering. Myself, Tim, Kathryn (the Deputy Mayor) and Mark, her husband, had the enjoyable task of judging all of the decorated windows. It was very hard to pick a winner because all of the entrants had put in a fantastic effort and produced some stunning windows, but after much deliberation we decided to give first place to a house in Castle Road. I hope many of you went out and looked at the windows and it has inspired you to enter the event next year.

I am sure that many of you will know that Stratford District Council has gained possession of The Greig Hall and Leisure Centre. The Leisure Centre will be run by Everyone Active on behalf of Stratford District Council. Alcester Town Council are in negotiations with Stratford District Council in relation to obtaining a long-term lease on the Greig Hall with a view to bringing it back in to use for the residents of Alcester and the surrounding area.

I am very pleased to tell you that Alcester Town Council was shortlisted for an award in the "Thrive Mental Health Star Awards" awarded by West Midlands Combined

Authority. We were nominated for our work with the mental health charity Lifespace and students of our local Secondary schools. Myself, Vanessa the Town Clerk and Wendy, our Health and Well Being Co-ordinator attended the ceremony which was held at West Bromwich Albion Football Club. We did not win but it was a fantastic achievement to have been nominated.

This year, 2020, we celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. The May Day Bank Holiday, traditionally held on the first Monday, has been moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to mark the day when fighting against Germany came to an end in Europe. Alcester Town Council in conjunction with the Alcester Branch of the Royal British Legion and many other local organisations are working hard to organise events in Alcester to celebrate this historic occasion.

I would like to end my last Mayor's Message by thanking my husband Tim and my family for their support in the past year and also thanks go to my fellow Councillors and all the Council staff for their hard work that has been put in this year especially to Vanessa, the Town Clerk, and Sarah, the Deputy Town Clerk, whose support has been invaluable this year. Lastly a massive thank you to everyone who has supported the events to raise funds for my two Mayoral Charities - Alcester First Responders and Ekica Trust.

*Cllr Gill Forman, Mayor of Alcester*

## Clerks Corner

### Court Leet

The following statement was made by the Mayor at the Town Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020:

“The Town Council has no role or authority over outside bodies in the town and therefore will not be making any comments in relation to the Court Leet.

All Councillors are entitled to their personal opinion in relation to the Court Leet, or indeed any other organisation in the town, but any statements made by Councillors are in their capacity as residents of the town and are not endorsed by the Town Council.”

### Precept 2020-21

The Town Council sets the precept each year in January. The precept is the primary source of income for the Town Council and is a small part of the Council Tax which residents pay to Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

At the Full Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020, the Town Council agreed to request a precept of £279,620 from Stratford on Avon District Council for the year 2020-21. The precept in 2019-20 was £259,832.

The Council has taken steps during the year to review significant expenditure and to make savings where possible but regrettably prices always increase year on year. A major part of the precept goes on staffing costs and increases in the minimum wage just announced for April 2020 and anticipated rises in local government salary scales are outside the Council's control. This year, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has withdrawn the Council Tax support grant to Alcester of £16,890 which has largely resulted in the increased precept this year.

The agreed precept will result in a small increase in the precept charge to Alcester residents (Band D) from £118.64 to £129.17 per annum. This rise is equivalent to 20 pence per week for a Band D Council Taxpayer.

The Town Council uses the precept to run council business and to provide a range of services to residents. These include four allotment sites, four play grounds, the cemetery on Birmingham Road, civic and community events, grants to voluntary organisations, the Health and Wellbeing project, maintenance and upkeep of the Eric Payne Community Centre, maintenance of Priory Meadow, Centenary Field and other open spaces and miscellaneous street furniture such as signs, benches and bins.

*Vanessa Lowe, Town Clerk*

## **Advance Notice- Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 7pm**

Alcester War Memorial Town Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for all the local government electors of the Parish.

It is not a meeting of the Town Council.

Anyone may attend and registered electors of the Parish may speak and vote during the meeting.

The Town Council would like to invite all local voluntary trusts and organisations to attend.

**Please contact Alcester Town Council for more information on:**

**01789 766084 or [clerk@alcester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@alcester-tc.gov.uk)**

## UPDATE ALCESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Plan contains policies on Housing and the Built Environment; Economy; Transport and Infrastructure; Community, Leisure and Well-being and the Natural Environment. When the Plan is adopted, anyone submitting planning applications must comply with the policies in order that future development respects the needs and character of the town. Alcester will also benefit from additional money that developers will have to provide for local infrastructure and facilities.

We are pleased to report that at last the Plan is nearing its completion. Following a comprehensive review by the Independent Examiner, he produced a favourable report in January. The Examiner suggested some minor modifications which the Alcester Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has considered and accepted. The Plan already has considerable weight in the planning determination process but will not have full weight until formally adopted by Stratford on Avon District Council (SDC).

The Examiner recommended that the Plan progress to the next stage which is a local referendum. This should take place soon. If the majority of voters vote in its favour it will be adopted by SDC and its policies will inform planning decisions.

The Steering Group are keen that as many residents as possible vote on the Plan. Please look out for a summary leaflet which will be delivered to your home, together with a polling card from SDC giving details of the voting day and locations to cast your vote.

If you require more information please contact Alcester Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, c/o Alcester Town Council, Globe House, Seggs Lane, Alcester, B49 5DZ, or by email to [administration@alcester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:administration@alcester-tc.gov.uk).

*Wendy Mills, Chair, Alcester Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

I am delighted to report that the repairs to the pavements in Roman Way are now nearing completion. This has taken a long time to happen. However, I hope that the pavements will be in excellent condition for a long time to come.

The roads safety works around Alcester Academy and Captains Hill have been completed. This comprised passive and active speed signage, drop kerbs, 'H' bars over the access to residents' drives and reminders to motorists that they are entering a school area. An extended standing area has been installed around the bus stop on Captains Hill. It was considered to be potentially dangerous due to the narrowness of the pavement.

We are still seeing some speeding around the town although it is improving so thank you all. You may have noticed 20mph roundels painted on the roads in the 20mph zone. This came about as drivers complained that they did not always see the small 20mph zone signs. Another concern raised is, once again, inconsiderate parking. We all see cars or vans parked half on the pavement, half on the road. People with prams and buggies are still being forced into the road which is of course not safe. Please consider other road users when parking.

School Road. This is a busy road especially at school drop off and pick up times. In spite of WCC writing to the coach companies, we are still seeing large (some very large) coaches using the road against their guidance. We have held meetings with all interested parties and believe we have a strategy that can help protect pedestrians, especially from coaches mounting the kerbs.

It is accepted that idling car engines can significantly reduce air quality and create health problems. Many modern cars have an automatic engine stop feature if the car is stationary for a short time. If your car is not fitted with such a system please consider turning your engine off if stationary for more than a few seconds, especially in public places. Stationary idling is actually an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and liable to a £20 spot fine.

*Warwickshire County Cllr Mark Cargill*

## PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last newsletter, the Planning Committee has met 4 times and considered 20 applications. The majority of the applications were approved, reported below are significant issues.

**11<sup>th</sup> November 2019:** Six members of the public attended to express their concerns with respect to **19/02770/FUL- Garage Blocks Alauna Avenue Alcester**. Proposed: Demolition of 30 lock-up garages and construction of five dwellings and associated works. The Planning Committee had the following concerns- overdevelopment, inadequate parking provision including no allocation for visitors, inappropriate terracing effect that does not reflect the vernacular of the area. It was therefore agreed to submit a **HOLDING OBJECTION**. The application was reviewed on 6 January 2020 with amendments and the previous decision of **OBJECTION** was sustained with additional comments as follows: An accurate, detailed and to scale site plan is required, the visual changes are a retrograde step, concerns have been raised by residents in terms of overlooking, inadequate bin storage provision and potential issues of obstruction on bin collection days. Whilst acknowledging that this is not a planning matter, the committee are aware of land ownership issues in terms of the proposal.

### **Conversion of The Swan, Swan Street**

Highbury Design Chartered Architects and, MSC Planning gave an informal presentation on 2 December 2019 on behalf of the property owner for a proposal for the conversion of The Swan, Swan Street. Outline proposal for a mixed-use development was expressed to enhance and invest in the iconic Grade II listed building. The proposal comprises 4x commercial units on the ground floor class A1/A2 or B1 and 7x residential 2/3 bed units on the upper floors. Cllrs had questions about demand for commercial units as there are currently empty shops in the High Street, logistics for the parking provision for mixed use and disabled access to the residential units.

**27 January 2020:**

**SDC Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Part V: Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation** is out for consultation until 21 February 2020.

**The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** is also being changed to an Infrastructure Funding Statement.

**Croft Lane Power Station application** will be coming forward again in March with various changes, but the documentation remains of poor quality. It will go to SDC Planning Committee.

**19/03580/FUL- Oversley Mill Services Alcester Bypass Arrow B49 6PQ.** Proposed: Proposed redevelopment of existing Petrol Filling Station, comprising of a replacement shop/canopy, new pumps/pipework, car/jet wash area, extended car park and new Coffee Drive Thru store. Cllrs had serious concerns regarding the following: Road safety issues- traffic flow of cars and HGVs through an already busy site and lack of provision of disabled bays at Electric charging points. In line with the emerging Referendum version of the Alcester Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy EC 5 (which now carries considerable weight in the planning process), cllrs would like to request an impact assessment of this business from SDC. Cllrs are both surprised and disappointed that there are no solar panels associated with this application considering SDC are currently consulting on the SPD Part V: Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. **OBJECTION.**

*Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess, Chair, Planning Committee*

## ALCESTER YOUTH PROJECT

Alcester Youth Project (AYP) was formed to promote activities in the town for young people who did not belong to other organisations. A key person behind the project was the late Bill Bayley who drove the provision of youth clubs in Alcester over many years.

He and other members of the AYP were responsible for gathering funds for the youth building 'The Depot', which forms part of the Eric Payne Community Centre on the Jubilee Fields. He also drove fundraising to train volunteers to run the youth clubs and to support young people themselves. Many people in the town benefited from the work that Bill did over many years. His legacy continues; AYP remains an advocate for and a fundraiser for activities for young people in the town.

Current Chair, Susan Juned, wants to encourage more people to become involved and support future projects for young people in the town. Contact Susan on [susan.juned@gmail.com](mailto:susan.juned@gmail.com) for more information.

### **No one likes putting their foot in it!**

Dog fouling or dog mess is a nuisance, unsightly, unpleasant and can spread diseases to other animals and people. Dog owners, and dog walkers, have a responsibility to clean up after their dog in public places. Failing to do so can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 or prosecution.

# ALCESTER CHURCHES TOGETHER

*Wish you a very  
Happy Easter 2020*

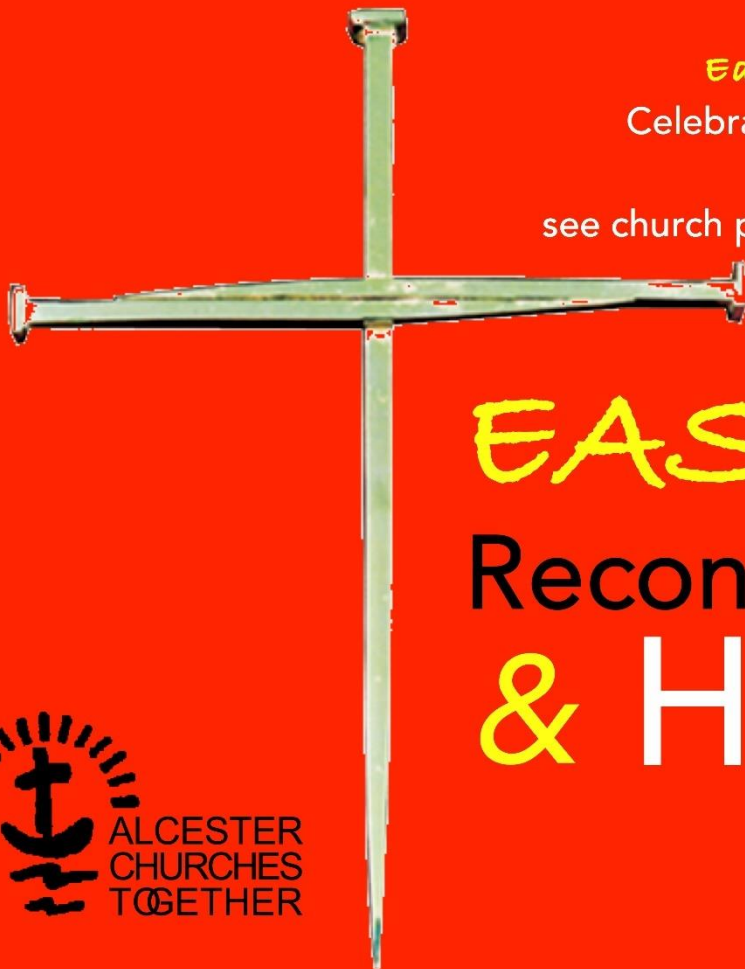
Do come along to the:

*Good Friday Journey* A walk around the town to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us, starting at 10.30 am at Alcester Baptist Church; finishing with Hot Cross Buns at 11.45 am at St Nicholas Church

*Daffodil Cross Open Air Service* 3.00 pm on Easter Saturday on the hillside above the McDonalds Island

*Easter Sunday Services*

Celebrations of the resurrection of Jesus in all churches – see church publicity for service times



**EASTER:**  
Reconciliation  
& **HOPE**



## ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

### Alcester Choir choose another prestigious venue for annual concert



*The Alcester Male Voice Choir pictured at Windsor Castle last summer following a recital in St Georges Chapel*

Tom Jones medley, Nella Fantasia, Myfanwy, Down By The Riverside and many others. The concert will have a distinctly international feel as the choir will be supported on stage by Domonkos Csabay a talented classical pianist from Hungary who is also the choir's resident accompanist and Katary Panpipes who will deliver authentic music from the Andes.

The concert takes place on Saturday May 9th. Tickets cost £20 each and are available from the choir's box office on 07752 563068. Coach travel is also available to the concert from Henley in Arden, Studley, Redditch and Alcester for an additional £10.

Tickets are now available for the Alcester Male Voice Choir's 46th annual concert which will be held in May. The concert has over the last few years been held at various prestigious venues and this year is no exception as the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, which is a world class institution, has been chosen to stage this popular event.

Judith Land BEM, the choir's founder and Director of Music will once again lead the concert and has put together a varied programme which will appeal to all musical tastes. Songs will include a



**Saturday 16th May '20 at 7.30pm.**

**The Mozart Requiem**

and

**Haydn's Nelson Mass**

The choir will be accompanied by an orchestra and professional soloists.

**This Spring Concert will be in St Nicholas Church, Alcester.**

Contact us through Facebook or [events@alcestersingers.co.uk](mailto:events@alcestersingers.co.uk)



## ALCESTER ROMAN MUSEUM

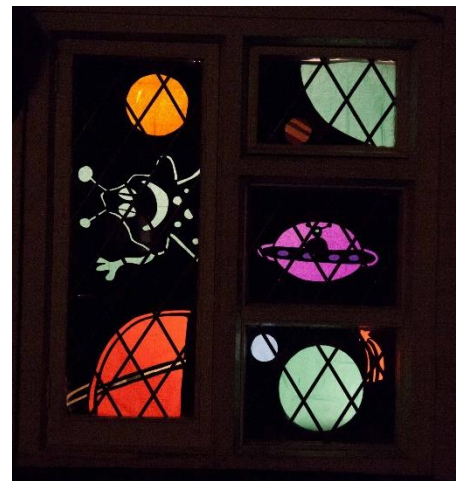
On Saturday 15th August 2020, we will be running a mini Roman Festival at the Roman Alcester Museum with the intention that this will be both fun & educational. There will be numerous exciting activities laid on for children such as corn grinding, coin stamping & marching practice with our very own Roman soldier. In addition, we are expecting a group of Roman re-enactors to entertain us with various demonstrations on a Roman theme, such as craft making & weapon sharpening - they may even "do battle" in our court-yard, subject to weather !

Whilst the Museum will be open between 10.00 & 16.00 on 15th August, announcements will be made nearer the time as to the precise timings that can be expected for all of the activities listed above. Check us out from time to time on our Facebook page "Roman Alcester Heritage Centre".

# BUSINESS & TOURISM- WINDOW WANDERLAND

Great response to our first Window Wanderland! Thank you to Alcester Community Trust for financial support and to all window makers and wanderers alike!

In case you missed them here a few windows. Many others have expressed interest in participating next year...could you be one of them?!



## ALCESTER PARK KIDS - GET INVOLVED

Have you heard about Park Kids? A fun-filled weekly event for kids and their families to enjoy exercise, make new friends and just have a great time. The sessions are fully inclusive community events taking place in parks and green spaces across the UK for the whole family and are the perfect place to keep on running.....and we have one right here in Alcester! Locally based charity Kids Run Free hold their fantastic weekly Park Kids events at Jubilee Fields in Alcester on Saturday mornings and they would love to see more of the community getting involved, either as participants, as volunteer helpers, or even just spectators.

Kids Run Free was founded in 2010 by Martine Verweij and Catherine O'Carroll, who also run Raceways CIC which organises the hugely successful Alcester 10k each year. As a charity, their vision is that every child will become healthier, happier and more confident through running.



“The Government recommends that all children should do 60 minutes of physical activity a day, 30 minutes in school and 30 minutes at home. That is why we set up our Marathon Kids programme in schools. It supports schools to achieve some of these 30 minutes,” explains Martine.

“It can be hard to top up that 30 minutes of exercise at home, but our Park Kids events help children and their families to stay active outside of school. Our weekly event in Alcester is the longest-running Park Kids event in the country and currently has about 25-30 children taking part, ranging in age from one-year olds all the way up to teens. Children can run as

much or as little as they want, receiving rewards to celebrate their achievements and keep them motivated along the way. The event is run by volunteers and we would love to see more members of the Alcester community getting involved with this fantastic event.”

The Alcester Park Kids event takes place from 9.30am to 10.30am every Saturday morning at Jubilee Fields. To find out more and how you can take part or volunteer, visit [www.kidsrunfree.co.uk/parkkids](http://www.kidsrunfree.co.uk/parkkids) or call Christopher Mc Shane on 01926 336628.

## COLLINS WAY PLAY AREA



Collins Way play area is in the need of some tender loving care and Alcester Town Council are looking to replace some of the dated play equipment in this play area. Unfortunately, this will not be a complete makeover all at once, due to the extortionate costs of replacement play equipment, but will be an ongoing project for the Council. If you have any useful suggestions of what new play equipment you would like to see in Collins Way play area or even if you would like to see like for like replacements of the equipment please contact the Chair of Facilities at [tforman.atc@gmail.com](mailto:tforman.atc@gmail.com) with your suggestions. Thank you

*Cllr Tim Forman, Chair Community Facilities*





# VE DAY

75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020



## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VE- DAY

This year 'The Nation' will be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE-Day.

The UK Government has moved the May Bank Holiday to reflect the importance of this day in 2020.

The 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 marked the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II, of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces.

Accordingly, the Royal British Legion with Alcester Town Council and local partners plan a similar event to mark the 75th year on the 8th and 9th of May 2020.

Activities over these two days will include:

**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May** 11am-5pm VE Day Historical Exhibition, Church House

**8<sup>th</sup> May:**

- 11am-5pm 'World Peace' bunting display by local children in Town Hall
- 11am-1.30pm Flying Teddies from St Nicholas Church Tower
- 1pm-2.30pm Children's Sports, Centenary Field.
- 2.45pm Prayer, Celebration of Peace and Explanation of Day, Church Green
- 3.00pm Loyal Toast to the Nation and National Anthem, Church Green. Peel of bells
- 3.30pm- 7pm Street Party and Entertainment
- 7.30pm Candlelit Parade from St Nicholas to Centenary Field
- 8pm Conclusion of Day and Lighting of the Beacon, Centenary Fields

Re-dedication of 'The Globe'- time TBC

*Mike Gittus, BEM JP, Chair Alcester RBL*



## HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD ROUNDUP

Alcester has its own Health & Wellbeing Board that meets four times a year to discuss the health & wellbeing issues affecting residents. Priorities are identified from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment report covering our area and details the health issues affecting our residents.

From those meetings we agree a strategy to target the groups that need the most support. We have now run successful initiatives for Older Persons, Younger Persons Mental Health and Carers.

These projects will continue. However, we are now moving into the realm of social prescribing. What is social prescribing? Social prescribing is a way for local agencies to refer people to a link worker. Link workers give people time, focusing on 'what matters to me' and taking a holistic approach to people's health and wellbeing. They connect people to community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support. Link workers also support existing community groups to be accessible and sustainable and work collaboratively with local partners.

In essence, it is about engaging with those in need to improve their happiness and wellbeing. The surgery in Alcester now has a part time social prescriber or link worker and as a town we have many organisations that you can be signposted to.

*Cllr Mark Cargill, Chair, Health & Wellbeing Board*

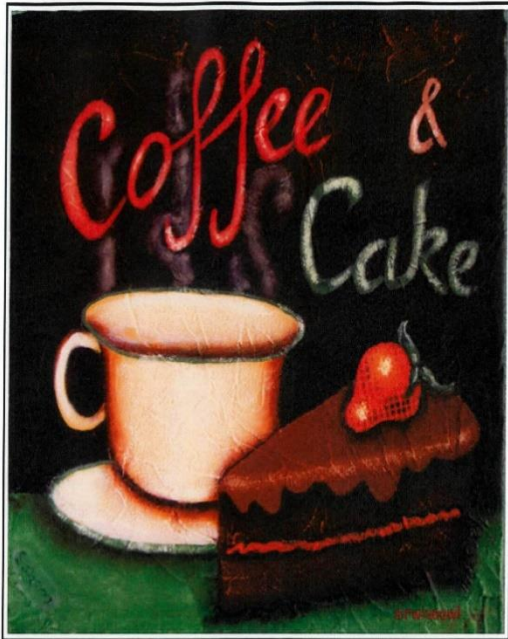
## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Mayor's Year End Quiz- Friday 17 April

Eric Payne Community Centre

More details to follow!

## DON'T THROW IT – REPAIR IT!



ALCESTER TOWN  
COUNCIL WOULD  
LIKE TO INVITE  
YOU TO OUR

### CUPPA CLUB

FIRST  
WEDNESDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
NEXT ONE IS 4<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH

1pm until 3pm  
Church House  
Butter Street  
Alcester  
B49 5AL  
All Welcome



Regular activities and  
speakers, information and  
support

For more information  
contact Wendy Sherwood,  
Health and Wellbeing  
Coordinator, Alcester Town  
Council.  
Tel: 01789 766084  
Email: [info@alcester-  
tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@alcester-tc.gov.uk)

That's the message as Alcester's first Repair Cafe launched on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Members of the public were invited to bring in items that were no longer working – from a broken zip to hedge cutters, kettles, heaters, toys and bicycles – and a team of volunteer fixers repaired them for free.

Supported by Church Street Properties, Repair Café Malvern and the National School Wear Centre Alcester, the new Repair Café will take place every third Thursday of the month, 2pm until 6pm with refreshments available.

It's a great way for local people come together to help share skills, reduce waste, save money and meet other people. For more information or to enquire about volunteering, contact Wendy Sherwood, Health and Wellbeing Coordinator. Email: [info@alcester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@alcester-tc.gov.uk) or call 01789 766084.



The Anglo-Saxon tradition of **Wassailing** generally took place on 'Old Twelvey' the Twelfth Night, where merrymakers 'wake the trees up' with noise, music, and song in the hope they'll produce a bountiful harvest in the autumn.

Following on from this tradition the fruit trees at Alcester Community Orchard were serenaded and toasted with cider at the first of what is hoped to be an annual Wassailing event in the town. With a few secateurs in hand, the fruit trees were pruned in record time thanks to everyone who turned up to help.





## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ALCESTER

**Crime prevention advice** - Nobody thinks they'll be a victim of crime until, of course, it happens. But if you're clued in to the criminals' tricks and tactics you can stay one step ahead. Browse our pages below for first-hand knowledge, industry best practices and practical crime prevention advice from officers and specialist teams all across the police. <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

**Microsoft** recently sent out this message:

**“Support for Windows 7 ended on 14 January. Upgrade to Windows10 now!”**

*Various pundits have said that for security reasons, users still on windows 7 should immediately stop using it for online banking and purchases.*

*‘Which’ Magazine has prepared a report: ‘How to upgrade from Windows 7 to Windows 10 for free’.*

*They state: A new licence for Windows 10 costs £119.99 bought direct from the Microsoft website.*

*However, it is possible for you to upgrade your computer free.*

*Follow our step-by-step guide to installing Windows 10 on your Windows 7 PC:*

**<https://tinyurl.com/w6fmaeb>**

The steps are as follows:

- Go to the [Download Windows 10](#) website. (Cntrl+Click to open this link)
- Under **Create Windows 10 installation media**, click **Download tool now** and **Run**
- Choose **Upgrade this PC now**, assuming this is the only PC you're upgrading. (If you're upgrading a different machine, choose **Create installation media for another PC**, and save the installation files.) Follow the prompts.
- When the upgrade is complete, go to **Settings Update & Security > Activation**, and you should see a digital license for Windows 10.

**The next meeting of NHW Alcester will be held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 and Tuesday 16 June 2020** in St Nicholas Church House, Butter Street at 7.30pm. Contact details: [nhwalcester@gmail.com](mailto:nhwalcester@gmail.com) or telephone Dorrie Manders on 01789 762999. Everyone is welcome.

**Communicating with the Police:** Emergencies dial **999**

**The Police Non Emergency number: 101** To be used to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. **101** diverts to your local Police. Calls cost 15p per call (landlines and mobiles).



**Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team dial 101 or 01789 444815/444816**

Please feel free to contact the team direct: Email:

[alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

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Call **Crimestoppers** anonymously with information about crime on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers is a charity who will pass on information to police without revealing any details of the caller.

Contact Warwick Trading Standards on 01926 414040 to report a rogue trader. For general advice on scams and rogue traders contact 0845 4040 506.

**Action Fraud** Report a Fraud or Cyber Crime to 0300 123 2040 or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

**Alcester is a relatively crime free area. We work together to keep it that way.**

## ALCESTER FESTIVAL AND EVENTS CALENDAR 2020

Please find below a list of events due to take place in the next three months. Pick up a Festival and Events Guide from Globe House, or alternatively check local noticeboards, websites, Facebook and Twitter for further information!

14 Mar	Rotary Big Breakfast	08 May	VE Day Street Party
27 Mar	Grand Celebration Service St Nicholas	16 May	Alcester Singers Spring Concert
27 Mar	AMTC Murder Mystery	16 May	Court Leet Assizes
07 Apr	Annual Parish Meeting	16 May	Alcester Food Festival
11 Apr	Town Criers Competition	21 May	Court Leet Ale Tasting
07 May	Lunchtime Concert	6/7 June	Alcester Town Football Tournament

### Town Council Meetings

Full Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month at Globe House, Library meeting room 4, First Floor (accessed via the Seggs Lane entrance- there is a lift) at 7pm prompt. All other Committee meetings are held on a Monday or a Tuesday in the Council Board room 7pm at Globe House, also accessed via the Seggs Lane entrance.

All agendas are published online at: [www.alcester-tc.gov.uk](http://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk) and copies can also be found on the Council noticeboards at Market Place and High Street three days before each meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the Council meetings and are given time at the start of the meetings to raise any relevant issues. Minutes from each meeting can also be found on the Town Council web site once they have been signed.

The Alcester Town Council Facebook pages are another source of information regarding Council matters: [www.facebook.com/alcester.towncouncil](http://www.facebook.com/alcester.towncouncil)

For community health and well-being news see [www.facebook.com/ouralcester](http://www.facebook.com/ouralcester)

For information on other events in the town, go to: [www.facebook.com/alcester](http://www.facebook.com/alcester)

Please click "like" and share with your friends. We're on Twitter too: [www.twitter.com/AlcesterTown](http://www.twitter.com/AlcesterTown)

### Town Councillor's Contact Details

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Alcester-Oversley Ward			
Kirsten Forbes	07810 522920	Andrew Foster	01789 766708
Mike Bowe	07775 500993	Mat Hempell	07939 797582
Gillian Forman ( <b>Mayor</b> )	01789 763828	Vaughan Blake	01789 764128
Tim Forman	01789 763828	David Henderson	01789 765271
Keith Greenaway	01789 766818	Kathryn Soares	07551 311528

Oversley Green Ward	
Kathryn Cargill ( <b>Deputy Mayor</b> )	07745 608567

### Alcester Town Council Contacts

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