

Alcester Town Council



Summer Newsletter

June 2024 Issue 74

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



I wish to express my sincerest gratitude to my fellow councillors for electing me as the Mayor of Alcester for the 2024/2025 council year. It is a great honour. I promise to uphold the trust they have placed in me to serve our community with dedication and integrity. I am incredibly grateful to Sue my wife and Consort, for joining me on this journey. We are thrilled and proud to have this opportunity to promote and represent this amazing town.

I have been privileged to be Vaughan's deputy this past year and have been astonished at the energy, enthusiasm and sheer hard work Vaughan and Kay have put into their roles. They are, for sure, a hard act to follow.

Sue and I settled here in 2018 at the time of the year when the Mop comes to town. Imagine our surprise and excitement to wake up one morning to the sight of a fairground outside our bedroom window, we

travelled back to our youth to enjoy what was on offer.

We have experienced the fantastic community spirit embedded in the character of the Alcester people, epitomised by the magnificent volunteers freely giving their time to support a multitude of events and activities for the benefit of their fellow residents.

We are blessed that Alcester sits within a mainly rural area and as the largest parish is the focal point for the surrounding rural communities. There are many benefits we all enjoy over the more urban areas. However, this comes at a price for rural communities like ours. Inequalities exist, for example, in public transport, limitations on suitable land for small business growth which restricts local employment potential, and land for affordable housing- all of which threatens the prospects of younger people, forcing them to seek jobs and homes outside the parish. I look forward to collaborating with my councillor colleagues, local businesses, and others to find ways to address these issues.



Last but by no means least I would like to introduce you to **The Crafty Lunch Club**, my chosen charity for the year ahead (see photo left). They are a marvellous group that give adults with learning or physical disabilities, and their carers, the chance to have fun! The Crafty Lunch Club team do a really wonderful job of bringing joy to people that have fewer opportunities for enjoyable and friendly interaction. At the same time allowing their carers to have social contact with other carers and the group organisers. Everyone gets involved in creative crafts, games, dancing and finishes off with a two-course lunch.

I have four, not-to-be-missed, fundraising events planned at the Greig Hall during the summer months and hope that you will join in with me to help raise funds for this worthy charity. Keep a look out for advertising that promotes these fundraising events in June, July, August and September.

Councillor Mike Bowe, Mayor of Alcester



CLERKS CORNER

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVES TOP AWARD IN NATIONAL SCHEME

I am delighted to announce that Alcester Town Council has received the prestigious Quality Gold Award as part of the Local Council Award Scheme. This achievement recognises that the council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. It confirms that Alcester Town Council goes above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their community and continually seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further. Out of the 9,000 town and parish councils in England, there are only 53 who have been awarded this status and the Council is therefore very proud of this achievement.

NEW MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

At the Mayor Making event on 7 May, I was very pleased to oversee the election of the new Mayor, Cllr Mike Bowe and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr David Henderson.

Congratulations to Mike and David on their appointment. I am sure that they will do a fantastic job in representing Alcester.

Vanessa Lowe

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ALCESTER WELCOMES NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR



Welcome to Cllr Douglas Gordon who was co-opted on to the Town Council for Alcester East Ward at Full Council on Tuesday 5 March 2024!

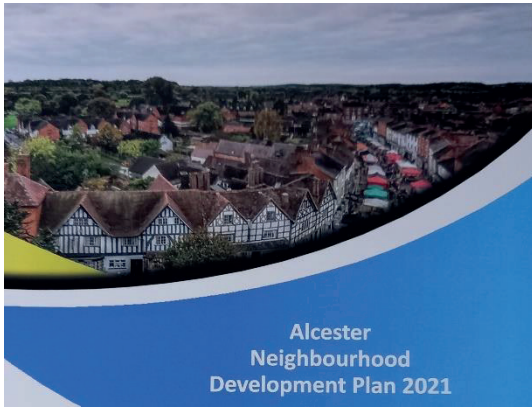
Dougie was born and raised in Glasgow, serving his engineering apprenticeship at Albion Motors. He moved for work to Bedfordshire with his wife and first child in 1983. Having completed training in Computer Aided Design, he was disappointed to learn that his new employer had no plans to introduce it. He then succeeded in finding a contracting job at Rover through a company which required him to set up his own limited company and Chatsign was 'born' in 1986.

Dougie moved to Alcester 30 years ago, is married to Joy and has two daughters who are now in their forties. Having retired as Managing Director 5 years ago and returning part time as a technical consultant, he believed it was now time to contribute to the town and the community of Alcester.

You can contact Dougie on: 07802 302727 or by email: dgordon1.atc@gmail.com

DISAPPEARING FENCING

We are sorry to report that there has been extensive damage to the fencing surrounding the Jubilee Fields play equipment. This appears to be a determined and ongoing problem. The fencing will have to be replaced to keep the area dog free. Current estimates are in excess of £30,000. The vandalism has been reported to the Police and investigations are ongoing. If you have any information please speak to the Police or contact Tim at office@alcester-tc.gov.uk or phone 01789 766084.



PLANNING MATTERS

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Review progress update

The Alcester Neighbourhood Development Plan Review Steering Group, consisting of residents, businesses and town councillors, has met regularly over the last 6 months. This stage of the review involves looking at the existing policies in Alcester's Neighbourhood Development Plan and seeing if they need changes or additions in the light of new local concerns or higher-level planning policies.

To date the Group has looked at policies in the sections called Natural Environment, Community Leisure and Well-being,

Transport and Infrastructure and the Economy. Policies relating to Housing and the Built Environment will be subject to focus next. This is clearly a big topic area and Group members will have in mind the Housing Needs Survey conducted last year which highlighted the need for local affordable housing.

There is a lengthy official process before we can finalise a revised Neighbourhood Plan. If you have ideas for better planning for Alcester's future then we would be very pleased to hear from you. All residents will later be consulted on all the proposed policy changes but earlier comments could indicate the need for more research or detailed discussion.

If you would like further information on the review please contact either Andrew Matheson, Chair of the Steering Group via andrew.matheson@btinternet.com or Cllr Wendy Mills, Vice Chair of the Steering Group via wmills.atc@gmail.com

Councillor Wendy Mills, Vice Chair ANDP Review Steering Group

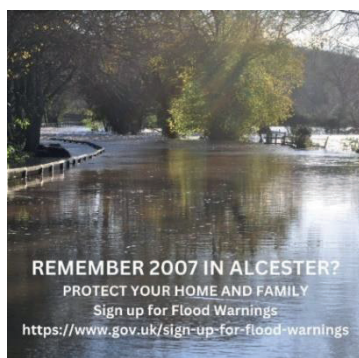


ROAD SAFETY AND SPEED AWARE WORKING GROUP

We are delighted to have received great support from Warwickshire Police for Alcester's Community Speed Watch group and have increased the number of sessions around the town. We aim to raise awareness about speeding and the acquisition of the new speed gun has meant we can expand the group. The new device resembles a hairdryer (see photo left) and is similarly easy to use! We will be holding three taster sessions during June and July so if you are thinking about volunteering why not join us? There are a maximum of six places available on a first come first served basis and we would be thrilled to show you how these fun sessions work. Please email me at afoster.atc@gmail.com.

Following the recent resident survey, the Working Group are working with other agencies to remove the transition from the 30mph limit to 40mph on the Birmingham Road near the Roebuck Island. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Councillor Andrew Foster, Lead Councillor Road Safety and Speedwatch



FLOOD WARNINGS

Sign up for flood warnings if your home or business in England is at risk of flooding. The service is free.

You can get warnings about flooding from rivers, sea or groundwater but you cannot get flood warnings for surface water flooding.

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>



THE COMMUNITY SHED NEARS COMPLETION

The Town Council project to transform the old squash courts at the rear of the Greig Hall into a Community Shed is well under way. The new roof cladding and exterior doors have tidied up the building exterior and a new air source heating system has been installed. We are also delighted that we have been granted Government levelling up funding for solar panels and a battery

storage system. This is great news as it will significantly reduce our energy costs.

Over the summer months our focus will be on the interior, creating a fitted kitchen, accessible toilet plus two great community spaces. One space will be a general-purpose room for groups to hire and the other will be a workshop for shed members to use with appropriate training on the machine tools.

The venture is modelled on the Men's Shed movement which provides opportunities for men to meet in a safe space to talk and share practical skills. There will be some men-only sessions but Alcester Community Shed will be open to all. In addition to sessions relating to making and repairing, other ideas proposed include pottery, social events and exercise classes. What happens there is over to you! The current plan is for the official opening to take place in September so look out for posters and information on social media.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Alcester Community Shed, please contact Mark Cargill on 07988 485050.

Councillor Wendy Mills, Chair Squash Courts Working Group



AMVC - A CELEBRATION of 50 YEARS- 20-21 APRIL 2024

The setting and weather for such a celebration could not be surpassed.

Ragley Hall and Estate near Alcester, the home of the President and Patron of the choir provided a superb location for this most significant concert. The Town Crier and Compere were appreciated for their remarks and presentations.

The dedication and commitment of its Founder, MD-Conductor Judith Land BEM, has inspired many men to sing together over the 50 years, enabling a varied programme performed today in two halves, enhanced with special guest vocalists, classical guitarists, solo cornet players and dancers, working with and separately from the choir.



The concert programme had been designed to introduce something new and represents connections across the five decades including Ragley Hall, composers, arrangers, repertoire, past and present members, local organisations, charities, sponsorships and the community.

AMVC sang two sets in each half, the pieces being chosen to demonstrate the choir's tonality, power range and diction particularly when singing a cappella. Slower melodic pieces enabled the depth of the male voices in harmony to shine through.

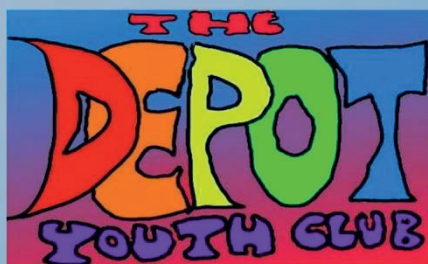
The choirs was accompanied by Irina Chagunava, with guest Tenor, Brett Elesmore and Bass, CF Cheuk.

The acoustic of the hall enabled real clarity

of sound, so well suited for the classical guitars of Gary Ryan & Craig Ogden- their fingering and fret work resonating through the loud and soft passages.

Following Presentations, the combined voices of all performers and audience raised the roof singing Love Divine (Blaenwern) - followed by God Save the King.

Stuart Beare, AMVC



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At The Depot Youth Club



Passionate about helping young people?

Interested in sport, mentoring, music, or games?

Would you like to make a difference to young people's lives?

Available on a Thursday evening between 6:30 - 8pm?

Contact Wendy for more information:

info@alcester-tc.gov.uk Tel: 01789 766084 or just pop along on either a Tuesday or Thursday evening and ask for Becky

No experience necessary, just enthusiasm

MOOR FIELDS CHARITY APPLICATION FOR GRANTS

The Moor Fields Charity was set up for the general benefit for the inhabitants of Alcester and the upkeep and repair of the Parish Church of St. Nicholas and its churchyard. The Charity is able to award grants to individuals or organisations (but not usually to businesses) for the benefit of the town. In the past year these are some of the organisations we have supported are: - Crafty Lunch Club, Alcester Baptist Church, Alcester Town Football Club, Scouts and Guides, St. Nicholas Messy Church and many more.

Applications for grants of up to £2,500 will be considered and the distribution of the funds will depend on the number of applications and the funds available at the time.

Applications should reach us before **1 October** for the **November** meeting and before **1 May** for our **June** meeting. Application forms are available from the **Clerk to the Trustees** at moorfieldsclerk@gmail.com

Moor Fields Charity No 228821



ALCESTER & BIDFORD ROTARY

As a small but enthusiastic group we are very committed to supporting our local charities and organisations and are delighted to have been able to make donations from our fundraising to many deserving causes in the first quarter of this year including Stratford Parkinsons Support Group, Bidford Community Fridge, Bidford Dementia, Alcester in Bloom, Shakespeare Hospice, St Nicholas Church Garden, both Stratford and Alcester Foodbanks and the Town Council's upcoming family day trip to Barry Island. We've supported Alcester Rock Academy and the Youth Club, Stratford & District Stroke Support Group and made donations towards the Alcester RBL WWII Commemorative Book, Oversley Bridge interpretation panel and the renovation project for the rare and historic telephone kiosk in Alcester being undertaken by the Town Council. We have contributed to the Building FACES for All project to convert the old library in Alcester to a day care centre for young adults with special needs.

None of the above would be possible without the help of our lovely volunteers and particularly the support of the communities of Alcester, Bidford and those further afield, who regularly turn up to enjoy our events. We are very keen to grow our membership to continue this rewarding work, and would welcome hearing from anyone interested in joining us to have fun and friendship while at the same time giving back to our community. We have both morning and evening meetings at Kings Court Hotel - find us for membership information or funding applications at:

alcesterbidfordrotary@gmail.com
www.alcesterbidfordrotary.co.uk

Kay Blake, Secretary



HEART OF ENGLAND TOWN CRIERS' CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

Easter Saturday, 30 March 2024, saw the annual Heart of England Town Criers' Championship, the first such competition of 2024. In addition to the usual suspects, it was a pleasure to welcome two new criers, Adrian Smith from Studley and Sonya Hauxwell from Henley in Arden. Sonya had only been appointed as Town Crier a few days before the competition and this was her first public cry.

Would it rain? The question foremost in the collective mind of the organising Committee, spoiler alert, it didn't! The Guild was represented by Criers near, and as far away as Bognor Regis. The first Cry as usual was 'My Home Town' and the second 'Leap Year'. John Griffiths took first place in a repeat of the 2023 result, Adrian Holmes came a close second with Peder Neilson in third. Tony Evans took the best dressed prize.

The event was extensively filmed for Polish Television which was broadcast nationally that same evening. Also, featuring in the following day's Telegraph as well as most of the local papers, it certainly brought a lot of positive publicity for Alcester.

Thanks go to Alcester Court Leet and Alcester Town Council for their support.

Councillor Vaughan Blake, Championship Chairman

Alcester & District Friends of CRUK

32ND ALCESTER GARDEN WALKABOUT

Sunday 23rd June 2024

ADMISSION from 12.00 to 5.00pm

Around 20 gardens large and small will be open for viewing behind the ancient houses in the centre of this historic town. Also open the award-winning Malt Mill Lane area and St Nicholas Church.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENTS,
CREAM TEAS, REFRESHMENTS AND ICE-CREAMS
PLANTS FOR SALE AT BARGAIN PRICES!

TICKETS £6 EACH (Cash Only)

(Accompanied Children under 12 Free)
ON SALE AT OUR STALL IN CHURCH STREET



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gardens.

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RIVERSIDE ANGLING CLUB

Now that we are entering the new coarse fishing season, with the rivers being unfishable for the past six months I hope perhaps this season may be different. Just a reminder that any Alcester resident who wishes to fish the stretch of the River Arrow from Westbury Park to the end of the playing fields needs to apply for a free permit from me and also have an up to date Environment Agency rod licence.

Best of luck for the new season.

Robert Jones, Hon. Secretary, Riverside Angling Club (Mobile 07745 358603)



THE DIGITAL SWITCHOVER

As you may already be aware, the UK's telephone network is changing. By the end of 2025, most phone providers will have moved their customers from landlines served by the old analogue Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to new upgraded services which use digital technology. This is commonly referred to as the 'Digital Switchover'.

Why is this happening?

The PSTN or 'copper landline network' is nearing the end of its life. It is becoming increasingly unreliable and more expensive to maintain. The new digital network will provide a more resilient, reliable, sustainable and energy-efficient phone service for decades to come.

It will also provide customers with other benefits including clearer calls and extra features that will include blocking most scam and nuisance calls, offering customers better protection against fraud.

When is this happening?

Around 90% of all Warwickshire residents and businesses currently receive their service from one of the 'big four' fixed landline providers: BT (BT Business & BT Consumer Group), VMO2, Sky and TalkTalk. VMO2 have already completed the switchover for the vast majority of their Warwickshire customers. The situation with Sky and TalkTalk is slightly different. As most of their customers do not receive their phone services via the PSTN network that Openreach is switching off, there isn't the same requirement to switch their phone lines over.

As for BT Consumer Group – the largest provider of residential fixed line phone services in the UK, they started the migration of customers to their Digital Voice network in the Solihull and Warwickshire areas in February 2024.

A number of drop-in sessions took place across the region to address any issues or concerns that customers may have about the switchover process. More information on events in your area can be found by visiting: [Digital Voice Events | Digital Home Phone | BT](#)

Each of the phone service providers has extensive plans in place to notify affected customers well in advance of their switchover date. This includes providing them with easy to understand step-by-step instructions of what they will need to do on the day to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

Drawbacks and further advice:

One of the main drawbacks of the new digital network is that differences between the two technologies means that there is a risk that devices that currently rely on the old network – such as telecare devices - will not necessarily work when switched over to the digital one.

All telecoms providers have plans in place to provide extra support to their more vulnerable customers and all have now signed up to a charter agreeing that they will not migrate vulnerable customers over to the new digital network until they are sure that a compatible telecare solution is in place.

However, if you think that you or someone you know may be affected by this, we would advise that you get in touch with the phone service provider to ensure they are aware of the situation.

Another drawback is that your new digital landline may not work if there is a power cut. Openreach are working with the government and the power networks to help make the digital phone network more resilient in the event of any power outages.

Those with access to a mobile phone are advised to ensure these are sufficiently charged so that in the event of a blackout, calls – including those to emergency services - can still be made.

Battery back-up solutions can also be purchased and OFCOM has stated that if an 'at-risk' customer does not have any other means available, their telecoms provider must offer a solution to allow calls to be made to the emergency services. Your phone service provider will be able to provide more information on this.

Finally, it is worth noting that BT Business are following a totally separate migration rollout plan for their customers compared to BT Consumer Group. If you are a BT Business customer, we suggest you contact them to discuss the migration of your phone services to the digital network.



REPORT IT!

Issues with faulty streetlights, blocked drains in the road, pavements, potholes etc can all be reported using www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportit

Effective and easy!



IT'S OUR 20TH CELEBRATION. TIME FOR LEGIONS OF FUN.

Saturday 6th July. 10.30 - 4.30

Come and join us in Roman-inspired hands-on fun.
For free! Carpe Diem!

- ✦ Meet Roman soldiers
- ✦ Dress up like a Roman - whatever your age!
- ✦ Button up a Roman mosaic.
- ✦ Make crafty Roman creations to take home

- ✦ See RSC 'The Romans' displays
- ✦ Decorate a Roman temple
- ✦ Get your finds assessed by our archaeologist
- ✦ Treat yourself to Orangemabel refreshments



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OVERSLEY GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (OGRA)

Scarecrow time again- but this year with a difference. On judging day there will also be a treasure hunt for all the family with questions based on the route of the scarecrows so that you can compete and view at the same time. The HQ for the event will be on the green with refreshments available nearby from 2- 5 pm. Judging will be on Saturday 13 July with the winners announced at 2pm. We are asking that scarecrows should start appearing from Saturday 6 July and remain out until Sunday 21 July so that as many people as possible can enjoy the fun.

So, an opportunity to view, compete and eat with fun. Come and visit Oversley Green on Saturday 13 July from 2-5pm for a family

afternoon out. For scarecrow competitors there is no theme this year, let your imaginations run riot. The judges will be asked to judge on the basis of creativity, home grown content and impact.

Richard Slatter, Chair Oversley Green Residents Association

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON NEWPORT'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION – PLEASE READ

Important changes have been made to the eligibility criteria for Newport's School Foundation. The age-range used to be 16-25 years old, **it is now 11-25 years old**, this means that anyone currently at a secondary school in Alcester is now eligible for help.

The website has been extensively updated, and anyone thinking of applying for a grant should **look at the new website (link below) before applying.**

<https://www.newportsschoolfoundation.org.uk/>

Professor Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess, Trustee/Clerk to Newport's School Foundation



PARK&RIDE
STRATFORD

Sunday Service



New Sunday Services from 24 March 2024

£2 adult return fare

Great value £3.30 group return fare for up to five people

Frequent journeys every 15 minutes between 0730 - 1825
Monday - Saturday and Sunday 1000 - 1855

Dogs welcome aboard

Bishopton Lane, CV37 0RJ



For more information:

warwickshire.gov.uk/parkandride

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL



ADVANCE NOTICE

CIVIC SERVICE
SATURDAY 20 JULY 2024
ST NICHOLAS CHURCH AT 11AM

ALL WELCOME

MESSAGE FROM CRAIG

To all the businesses and residents of Alcester.
“Thank you for helping me to raise £75.90 from small ink cartridges”.

Craig also collects used stamps and crisp packets which are recycled. These donations are then converted into usable funds for charities. There is a collection point at the Town Council offices.



To all the businesses and residents in Alcester
Thank you for helping me to raise £75.90 from small ink cartridges



Sunday 23 June
7.00pm

Wagner - Meistersingers Prelude
Elgar - Sea Pictures
Mezzo-soprano soloist - Suzie Purkis
Tchaikovsky - Swan Lake Suite

Conductor - Dan Watson
Leader - Phil Houghton

The Greig Hall
Alcester

Kinwarton Road, B49 6AD

Tickets £15/£5 for accompanied under 16s
greighall.org.uk



Registered Charity No. 1120845



NATIONAL ALLOTMENTS WEEK 2024

National Allotments Week 2024 will run from 12 - 18 August with the theme of biodiversity.

The judging of Alcester's allotments will take place during this week with the winner of the Reg Grummet trophy being announced at the Mayor's Awards evening in early 2025.

For information about the four allotment sites at Bleachfield Street North and South, Allimore Lane and School Road in Alcester please contact Tim by email on office@alcester-tc.gov.uk or phone 01789 766084

Happy growing!

COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED 2024-2025



No	Organisation	Purpose of grant	Grant awarded
1	Alcester Bowling Club	Repairs to facility	£500
2	Alcester & Avon District Girl Guides	Purchase of new tents	£500
3	SPARK Youth Music	Music activity for 5 Alcester young people	£450
4	Alcester Trades & Labour Angling Club	Platform for disabled club members	£500
5	Jubilee Court Social Club	Christmas decorations/community dinner	£500
6*	ILEAP Charity	Holiday club for children with Special Educational Needs	£180
7	Alcester Town Football Club	Repairs necessary due to flooding	£1000
8	Alcester Bunting and Lighting (ABLE)	Upgrade Christmas lights	£1000
9	Alcester War Memorial Town Hall	Replace flooring in toilets	£1000
10	Heart of England Town Criers	Annual competition	£500
11	Citizens Advice South Warwickshire	Running costs for Alcester outreach	£1000
12	Run Alcester	Training and kit for leaders	£1250
13	Oversley Green Residents Association	Interpretation board for bridge	£400
14	Alcester & District Community First Responders	Defibrillator batteries and pads	£685
15	Warwickshire Vision	Costs of running Alcester support services	£735
16	Alcester Community Fridge	Operational costs	£1000
17	Alcester in Bloom	Operational costs	£500
18	Alcester Singers	Concert costs	£300
	Total		£12000

*Note: ILEAP Project also supported by contribution from the charity funds raised by Cllr Kathryn Cargill during her term as Mayor.



ALCESTER BRETIVINS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday 28 April the Bretivins of Alcester held their annual Chapter to celebrate 30 years since their foundation deriving from Alcester's twinning with Vallet in the heart of the Muscadet producing region to the south of Nantes. We assembled at Wootton Park and welcomed guests, not only from Vallet, but also London and Cardiff and local dignitaries from Alcester and Warwick. There were over 80 present in total.

Despite the wet start to the day, the weather cleared so we were able to process to the lake, led by two musicians from France, for a photo opportunity. There then followed our Chapter during which we welcomed

four new members, including the Low Bailiff, Tracy Parkes, who by tradition and as recognition of our links to the Court Leet, is made an honorary member. After the Chapter, the Aston Cantlow handbell ringers played whilst the assembled company enjoyed a celebratory glass (or two) of Muscadet.

We then reassembled for our lunch which included local venison accompanied by generous helpings of wine. During the meal, our musicians entertained us with traditional Breton music on their bagpipes and bombarde. Everyone enjoyed themselves so much that the proceedings over-ran by a good hour.

We are always pleased to welcome new members who share our love of France and the wines of Brittany. If you would like to find out more, contact our Senechal, John Freeland, at bretvinsalcester@gmail.com

David Hall, Chancellor of Alcester



ALCESTER MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY WIN TOP AWARD!

Well, what an exciting few months we have had!

Our Spring Concert was a roaring success and enjoyed by all who attended. We were then absolutely delighted to receive our first National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) Award, for Best Musical in our District of the West Midlands! This was for our 60th Anniversary show in 2023 'Legally Blonde'. Our Committee and Production team attended the ceremony and were thrilled to receive the certificates – as you'll see in the photo!



It was a great start to the year, and we are now currently rehearsing for 'The Addams Family', which will be held at The Palace Theatre in Redditch from 9 – 12 October 2024. Please come along and support our Award-Winning Society. Tickets can be purchased from Cynthia Hill on 01789 763446 (without booking fee) or from The Palace Theatre Box Office on 01527 65203. You can even scan the QR Code to book online.

LEARN TO RIDE A BIKE THIS SUMMER!



Level 1 & 2 Holiday Bikeability

Our Bikeability cycle training Level 1 & 2 course is for children in Year 5 (aged 9 and above) and above who can already ride independently without stabilisers.

All courses are run by first aid and safeguarding trained National Standard Instructors. The course runs over two consecutive days from 10.00am – 2.30pm (4 hours of training) including a 30-minute supervised lunch break each day.

Children receive a realistic cycling experience equipping them with the skills to cycle short journeys. We educate riders on effective observations, understanding road priorities, communicating with other roads users and effective road positioning.

Sessions: 22/07/2024 (10:00 – 14:30) and 23/07/2024 (10:00 – 14:30) – once these dates are full, there are more dates available in August. At the Eric Payne Community Centre, St. Faiths Road, Alcester B49 6AG. All completely FREE!

Level 3 Holiday Bikeability

The Level 3 holiday course is intended for children in school years 6 - 9 who have previously completed the Bikeability Level 1 & 2 course.

Level 3 equips riders with the skills to tackle more complex roads and traffic situations such as roundabouts and junctions controlled by traffic lights. The training also includes guidance and practice on planning routes.

Session: 26/07/2024 (09:00 - 12:00) – once this date is full, there are other dates available in August. At the Eric Payne Community Centre, St. Faiths Road, Alcester B49 6AG. All completely FREE!

To book, scan the QR code:





A Right Royal Prom

Featuring

tarantara
THE CHOIR TO SUIT ALL TASTES



*Alcester Victoria
Silver Band
Established 1897*



THE Greig Hall



Saturday 15th June

7.30pm

In Aid of

Alcester Dementia Cafe

Tickets £12.00

Available online : <https://www.tarantara.org.uk/events/a-right-royal-prom>

or from Guys Menswear, 45 High Street, Alcester

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Every Saturday

Games at 9:30 then running as
many laps as you can until

around 10:15

Jubilee Fields

Alcester

B49 6AG



THE Greig Hall

GREAT UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS - BOOK NOW!

JUN 01	CABARISQUE! Presented by Studley Operatic Society	
JUN 11	PRIZE BINGO NIGHT For the Mayor's Charity	
JUN 15	A Right Royal Prom Tarantara & Victoria Silver Band	
JUN 22	BEL CANTO SINGERS Enjoy their Summer Concert	
JUN 23	Stratford Symphony Orchestra Wagner, Elgar & Tchaikovsky	
JUN 29	With a little help from our Friends Coughton Community Choir	



www.greighall.org.uk

THE Greig Hall

GREAT UPCOMING JULY EVENTS - BOOK NOW!

JUL 4 - 6	MATILDA Jr Based on the book by Roald Dahl	
JUL 11 - 13	SHREK JR THE MUSICAL Everone's favourite Ogre!	
JUL 14	IRISH DANCE SHOWCASE Presented by the McCarthy-Felton School	
JUL 16	PRIZE BINGO NIGHT For the Mayor's Charity	
JUL 20	JASPER'S RAINBOW CHARITY CONCERT An evening of songs from musical theatre	
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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Council meetings are held in person at Globe House.

Agendas are published on town noticeboards and online at www.alcester-tc.gov.uk three days before each meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings and are given time at the start of the meetings to speak. Draft and approved Minutes from meetings can also be found on the Town Council website.




Social media is another source of information regarding council matters:

We are on Facebook www.facebook.com/alcester.towncouncil

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