

Alcester Town Council

Summer Newsletter



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It was an honour to have been elected as Mayor by my fellow town councillors on the 1st May 2018. My wife and Consort, Kathrin, and I are very excited about the year ahead and we are looking forward to supporting and representing this wonderful town over the next twelve months. I would like to thank Councillor Yvette Morrison who has been a fantastic Mayor this past year and I wish her and her family all the very best.

It is three years since I joined the Town Council, and, in that time, it has been abundantly clear what a hard-working bunch our councillors are. Each brings their own unique experience and knowledge and I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team.

On a personal level, I have found our work around community safety to be especially rewarding. Developing our plans for flood and emergency planning and road safety has been enhanced by the experience and expertise of both community volunteers and councillors alike.

We are fortunate to live in a town that has so many wonderful events throughout the year and 2018 is no exception. As well as the excellent food festivals and street market, this year also marks two special anniversaries. It will be one hundred years since the end of World War One and preparations are well underway for the town to remember the sacrifice of millions of men and women during the conflict. It is also the 400th anniversary of Alcester Town Hall and there have already been numerous talks and open days to celebrate this special birthday.



My chosen charity for the mayoral year is Warwickshire Young Carers, an organisation that I've been involved with for some years now. It is estimated that around 5% of young people today are carers in some shape or form and that this affects their prospects for education, general wellbeing and future career prospects. I plan to hold some charity events this year which I hope will raise much needed funds and publicity for the great support that they provide to local youngsters.

The Town Council faces a number of challenges over the coming months. Work has now started in earnest on the Alcester Neighbourhood Development Plan. This is another excellent example of the Town Council and the community coming together and drawing on the skills and knowledge from within the community. The working group set up under the chairmanship of Councillor Mike Gittus continues to look at future options for the Greig Memorial Hall. We all hope to see a satisfactory outcome for this important community asset very soon.

Finally, we were all very sad to hear the news of the passing of Elle Neal-Sturgess in April. Elle was the wife of Clive and the Mayor's Consort in 2015-16. I know she will be greatly missed by many people in our town and we send our thoughts and best wishes to Clive and his family.

Cllr Andrew Foster – Mayor of Alcester

Clerks Corner

This is a very busy time of year for the Town Council with the new mayoral year starting on 1st May. At the Mayor Making event on 1st May, I was very pleased to oversee the election of the new Mayor, Cllr Andrew Foster and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Gill Forman. Congratulations to both of them on their appointment. I am sure that they will do an excellent job in representing Alcester.

Just by way of reminder, all Town Council meetings are held in public and the dates and times are published on our website and notice boards.

Please note that the Council is run on a committee format so most of the Council business is done at committee level rather than at Full Council.

Broadly the workload is divided as follows:

Presidium- Finance, staffing issues, new projects

Planning Committee- All matters relating to planning applications

Facilities Committee- Matters relating to play areas, open spaces, cemetery and allotments

Community Care Committee- Community safety (flood and speeding), health & well-being, business and tourism and young people's services.

If you are interested, please come along to a meeting. There is a public participation session at the beginning where you can raise issues or ask questions. We hope to see you soon.

Vanessa Lowe- Town Clerk

Developing Alcester's Neighbourhood Plan



A new Steering Group, chaired by Wendy Mills, has been set up to develop Alcester's Neighbourhood Plan. Consisting of residents, town councillors and business representatives, all passionate about Alcester, they are organised into working groups to develop policies relating to the local Economy, Housing and other building, Community Facilities, Transport and Infrastructure, and our Natural Environment.

The Neighbourhood Plan area covers the parish of Alcester. It will look to the future and create policies which will cover up to 2031. There is a laid down process to follow and before the draft plan is approved it will be subject to independent assessment and a local referendum, giving the town's people of Alcester a chance to see it and vote on it. Once it is approved, Stratford District Council will refer to it when considering future changes and deciding on planning applications.

There have already been several surveys and consultations asking townsfolk about what they think are the current issues and changes they want to see. Stratford District Council's Core Strategy has also now been approved. These will be considered as Alcester's Neighbourhood Plan is drafted.

We want to protect our heritage and community whilst allowing incremental development and enhancement of our facilities. Our vision is that Alcester will continue to be a thriving town in which to live and work, and attractive to visitors.

If you require further information about the developing Neighbourhood Plan please email administration@alcester-tc.gov.uk.

Wendy Mills- Chair, Alcester Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

ALCESTER GARDEN WALKABOUT



The 28th Alcester Garden Walkabout, in aid of Cancer Research UK, is on **Sunday 17 June** from 12 noon until 6pm (last tickets 5 pm).

Enjoy over 20 'secret gardens' behind the ancient houses in the centre of Alcester's conservation area.

Tickets £5 on sale in Church Street (Sorry, no dogs allowed in the gardens!) Plants, teas, ice-creams etc.

Contact : Sue Blackburn 01789 764756

The gardens have raised over £65,000 since the beginning so we hope to reach the £70,000 mark this year!

The Limes

COMMUNITY CARE

The Community Care Committee meets every month and is responsible for Business and Tourism, Older Peoples' Services, Young People's Services, Community Safety and Community Transport.

Main activities of the year include:

- Elderberries lunch club is now well established and runs independently of ATC.
- Town Emergency Exercise was held in November with representatives from ATC,WCC, SDC and residents
- New Speed Aware volunteers vetted and trained and approximately 15 Speed Watch sessions held around the town
- Youth Council meets regularly and is developing ideas for a cinema club and a café at the Depot
- New emergency equipment purchased with a grant from the Moorfields Charity
- Alcester Directory of local activities created and over 1000 copies distributed
- Award of Community Grants to local organisations and societies (see below)

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Awarded for 2018/19

Organisation	Amount Awarded £
Citizens Advice South Warwickshire	700
Alcester Community First Responders	1000
Alcester Branch Royal British Legion	450
Chocolate Run	250
Heart of England Town Criers Competition	400
Alcester War Memorial Town Hall	1700
Alcester Victoria Silver Band	500
Elderberries	200
Alcester Bunting and Lighting Executive	500
Scout & Guide Hut Management Committee	500
Malt Mill Lane Residents Association	350
Alcester Town Football Club	500
Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church Hall	500
Alcester Male Voice Choir	500
Oversley Green Residents Association	200
Alcester in Bloom	1500
Alcester Community Allotment	250
Total Awarded	10000

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Spring is here, and summer is round the corner. Allotment holders and gardeners across the Town are sowing seeds and plants are being planted- hoping for a bumper crop this year. As an incentive to getting your allotment looking at it's best the annual Allotment judging will take place on 13 July 2018. A number of Councillors from the Community Facilities Committee will tour our four Allotment sites, Bleachfield Street North, Bleachfield Street South, Allimore Lane and School Road. There is an Award for best kept allotment on each site. Also the Reg Grummett Trophy will be awarded to an overall best kept town Allotment. Will you be a winner? The awards will be presented at the annual Mayor's "Celebrating Alcester" evening later in the year.



If you do not have an allotment and are interested in renting one, please ring the Council Office on 01789 766084 or email reception@alcester-tc.gov.uk for details.

Cllr Gill Forman, Chair of Community Facilities Committee

Bleachfield Street Allotment News

Work will soon start on improving the water supply for plots on the north side of the allotments. A noticeboard is now in place by the gate leading from Corinthian Court which will keep plottolders up to date especially those who do not have the internet. It is hoped a community shed will also be available soon. Any queries contact Steve Keeling by emailing stekeel1@aol.com. Fingers crossed for warm weather!

Abbey Site Re-Connected after 450 years

The work on the newly acquired Abbey Fields, at the rear of the Grammar School, continues to improve the access and nature walks available to the community of Alcester.

The latest addition is the provision of a newly constructed footbridge connecting the two halves of the ancient Abbey site.

During the winter months Councillor Mike Gittus set to work with hammer and saw, to re-connect the two halves of this nationally important scheduled monument.

The Abbey was founded in 1138 by the Botellers of Oversley, Warwickshire. The Abbey's many endowments included the Chapel of St James and St Peter, near Shaftesbury, Dorset, and the Manor of Blynfield in the parish of St James, North Dorset, which is known as the 'Manor of Alcester and Bec', together with a number of other churches and estates. In



1536 the ownership of the Abbey was transferred to Thomas Cromwell and dissolved.

Since this time the two halves of the Abbey site have been disconnected, until now.

Public access is welcomed throughout the Abbey site and there are entrances from

- The Nature Reserve, via the new footbridge
- School Road through the allotments
- The new cemetery on Birmingham Road



Cllr Mike Gittus

Planning Committee 2017-18

Meetings: The Planning Committee met on 18 occasions throughout the year, and considered 88 Planning applications, all of which are minuted (please see the Town Council website). Objections were made on 32 occasions. Site visits were conducted on 6 occasions, and public representation occurred at 10 meetings.

Applications of significance were:

- **SIG Roofspace, Alcester Heath:** Two applications were submitted, one concerned with changing the height of the storage, and another concerned with changing the layout of the roller shutter doors and increasing time on site. Objection lodged to the first application, but after a site visit, the proposal was agreed. Objection sustained to the second application due to concerns about noise, lighting and landscaping.
- **Alcester Members Club, St Faiths Road:** Change of use to a mixed use as Members Club with Bed & Breakfast and external works to facilitate the change. Initially an objection was made, but after a visit to a local similar development the proposal was agreed.
- **Garages, St Faiths Road:** Demolition of existing garage blocks and erection of 4 dwellings (with associated stopping up of highway behind 78- 84 St Faiths Road). Support for the proposal-improvement on the existing site, adequate parking provision and amenity space had been made and the development is in keeping with existing properties.
- **White Lion, Evesham Street:** An objection was made regarding parking and the new houses on the carepark – considered to be overbearing. Following a revised application, which was viewed more favourably, the developers appealed the original decision, and the appeal was granted.
- **Rosehill, Priory Road:** An objection was made due to the works being progressed without permission. The application went to SDC Planning Committee (West) and the proposal granted permission with conditions.

Chair of Planning Committee, Professor Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess

NEW DOG WARDEN FOR STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL



I'm Phil Rafferty and I have recently taken over the role of the Dog Warden at Stratford District Council. The role will focus more on dog enforcement with the emphasis being on the behaviour of dog owners themselves; and where appropriate, this may involve enforcement of the legislation but it will also involve educating the public about their legal responsibilities as a dog owner. The role also includes:

- Collection of stray dogs
- Dog fouling issues
- Barking dogs
- Promoting responsible dog ownership
- Liaison with other council departments and outside agencies in relation to dogs

For any advice or for any complaints please call the District Council on 01789 267575 or email: info@stratford-dc.gov.uk



Alcester Royal British Legion

The 2017 / 2018 Alcester Poppy Appeal has reached an area record of £16,300. Thank you to all the volunteers, businesses and Townspeople for their continued support. The generosity of the Community of Alcester enables the Royal British Legion to continue to look after our Service people and their Families providing invaluable support to our honoured and vulnerable servicemen and servicewomen. This year we mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One which will make this November's Remembrance period and Poppy Appeal extremely special. Can we break our local record again?

For further information please contact David Malin on 01789 400427 or d.c.malin@btinternet.com

HEALTH & WELLBEING

International Day For Older People- Monday 1 October 2018 JOIN US IN CELEBRATION!

Save the date for Alcester Activity and Information Fair- part of Stratford's EngAGE Festival and International Day for Older People on Monday 1 October 11am until 2pm at the Jubilee Centre, Alcester. Come along and join in some taster sessions, activities, find information, advice and opportunities. Free entry. Complementary tea/coffee and cake. Free parking.

For more information call Wendy Sherwood on 01789 766084. Supported by Alcester Town Council.



BEE ONLINE

Frightened about computers, tablets, smart phones? then come along and talk to us! We are a friendly group who will try our best to help you out. Every 2nd Wednesday of each month 10am- 12 noon at Alcester Unionist Club, 46 High Street, Alcester, B49 5AB.

For further information call Wendy Sherwood on 01789 766084. Supported by Alcester Town Council.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED in ALCESTER

VASA needs more drivers in Alcester to cope with the demand for journeys. Have you got some spare time during the day and would like to help this invaluable service in your community? You can choose to do as many journeys as you like each month. 45p mileage costs paid.

For further information call 01789 262889 or email; volunteer@vasa.org.uk

WPH



The WPH Charitable Trust provides medical funding for a range of purposes and seeks to offer financial help, donations or sponsorship to individuals, groups and projects

CHARITABLE TRUST INVITES APPLICATIONS FROM GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS TOWARDS HEALTHCARE PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT

People in Alcester battling ill health or injury are being urged to apply for financial assistance. The call comes from the WPH Charitable Trust – a body of trustees made up of medical and non-medical professionals – which distributes some £250,000 of financial aid every year. Individuals and organisations who work towards preventing, relieving and curing ill health are also among those urged to apply. Grants are also given to community and private projects in the area which aim to improve the lives or quality of life of people battling ill health or injury. Recent grants include £1,500 for a mobility scooter for a 51-year-old mother who would otherwise find it difficult to get out and about, and £2,000 to a 73-year-old pensioner for a stairlift in his own home. Also, £1,500 towards a project teaching people with mental health issues how to cook and eat healthily, and £1,500 towards a recycling social enterprise project which creates volunteering opportunities for people with learning difficulties or disabilities, who may otherwise find it difficult to find employment. The criteria for eligibility for a wide range of needs, from research into new technologies to the provision of equipment for personal need. The Trust supports new buildings for hospitals and schools helping with provision of special educational facilities, disabled funding, and access improvements.

For further information, or to make an application, visit the WPH Charitable Trust website on <http://www.warwickshirehealthcharity.org.uk/>



Letter from America.....

TWO ALCESTERS

I was raised on a farm 4 miles outside of Alcester, South Dakota, USA in the 1950/60's. My town had been founded in 1883 as the Chicago & Northwestern RR pushed west and was settled by Scandinavian and German Immigrants. Some of my Swedish great-great grandparents emigrated there in 1879, along with some of their siblings and families before Alcester was a town; they were farming the land. Prior to that, the area had been inhabited for over 200 years by the Sioux Indians (Native Americans), who pursued a nomadic life following the great buffalo herds of North America. The Sioux had originally lived in the woodlands of Wisconsin and Minnesota, but had been driven from their lands by other tribes which had acquired guns and other modern weapons from the French and English. The Sioux, however, learned the horse culture of the Southern Plains tribes and displaced the Arikara Tribe which had developed an agricultural society on the rolling plains of southeastern South Dakota. It is ironic that the iron horse (trains) of the American farmers displaced the tribe whose horse culture had displaced the tribe of farmers that had originally called my area home.

Between 1890 and 1930, Alcester grew and prospered as the local hub of farming activity as its farm products were sold all over the country. Alcester had two banks, an auditorium for meetings and social events, a hotel, four churches, numerous stores, a movie theatre, a city park with a band stand (well used in the summer months) and both a grammar and high school. Most buildings were originally constructed of wood and the streets were not paved; the population of the town never exceeded 1,000 souls. By the 1960's farming had become more mechanized, and the land more expensive to buy or inherit. The children were more educated and went to college, causing the population to decline as the young adults moved to the cities for employment. Alcester, S.D. went into a modest decline to 440 residents- until the automobile and nearby freeway commuting allowed non-farmers to move to the town to enjoy its friendly culture, civic pride, and quiet lifestyle. Today there is only one bank and a few stores, two restaurants, and the same four churches which are still well attended each Sunday morning. The schools, churches and most of the commercial building have been rebuilt with brick and mortar. The same large, well maintained, tree-shaded Alcester City Park has lost the bandstand; it still has picnic shelters and play areas for children and adults and has added a swimming pool. There is even a 9-hole golf course on the edge of town. Today over 800 people live in Alcester; it is more of a village, in the English sense of the word, than a town.

During a visit to England with my husband in July 2017, we met Julian and Veronica Stapley. They had been to "my" Alcester about 4 years ago. It was so wonderful of them to spend a day with us and bring us to "their" Alcester. It felt so strange to see the town sign outside of Alcester, England, (Julian stopped the car so I could take a photo) having only known until a few years ago of my Alcester, South Dakota. We were immediately impressed by both the age of the town and the vibrancy of the city life. The town center was a hub of activity, with numerous stores and restaurants catering to the local population. Our hosts showed us the Town Hall, with the carved date of 1641 and the seal of Alcester, where social events and civic meetings are still held. We walked around the town center, admiring the half-timbered buildings and the many beautiful flowers in pots and gardens. We admired the Princess Diana Memorial, the clock tower, St Nicholas Church, the red phone booths, the War Memorial, and the Gold Olympic winner statue. We were impressed with the area for a nursing home for retired people- it looked so inviting. It continued to feel surreal as I would see the word "Alcester" on signs as at the barber shop and post office. Outside of one house Julian was telling us how old it was and the current owner overheard the conversation and graciously invited us all inside to show us many special original features. What a treat that was! As we walked around the town, people that Julian or Veronica knew would say "Hello" to them. This is exactly what would happen in my Alcester! I would like to think that my Alcester will still exist in 300 years and that the civic pride of its inhabitants will be as evident as that which I perceived in Alcester, England.

We currently live in a suburb of Portland, Oregon and will be going back to Alcester, S.D. in October. I will be seeing many family members that still live there and am really looking forward to showing them the MANY photos I took of your Alcester. Thank you to Veronica and Julian for an absolutely wonderful day.

Linda Kolstad, Alcester, South Dakota

And maybe another.....Algester, Australia

G'Day from Brisbane Australia to all in **Alcester**, UK,

I am writing this to you all, as a long time foundation resident of a suburb known as **Algester** here in Brisbane. As a toddler living with my family, I watched what was then virgin bushland transform, as the suburb of Algester literally grew up around me. It was only in much later life that I spent the time, studying the history surrounding my home for over 40 years.

I thought it was appropriate to contact you guys to inform you of the marvellous connection our suburb has with your community of Alcester. It would also be good to research who the family was that migrated to Australia from the UK, that was responsible for the original naming. And I quote from Wikipedia:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algester,_Queensland

"...It was detached from Acacia Ridge and named in 1972, after the main road in the district. (Algester Road) The road's name dates from about 1910 when a local family formed it and gave it the name 'Alcester', after an English town. In 1968, Leighton Properties planned a suburban estate with the proposed name of 'Ridgewood Heights'. Whilst the estate's main access route retains that name, the Queensland Place Names Board, substituted 'Algester' in 1972..."

I close now by thanking you guys for your time and hope to hear from you with any information about who that family might have been. I also sincerely hope that a stronger or more official "brother-sister" bond could be forged between both of communities into the future. Cheers.

Robbie Cohen, Brisbane, Australia



ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR – Singing is our passion



**Judith Land BEM,
FRSA, Founder &
Director of Music of
the Alcester Male
Voice Choir**

We thought we would take this opportunity to tell you about our choir, who we are and what we do.

Who we are

Formed some 44 years ago by founder and current Director of Music Judith Land BEM,FRSA, the choir has grown to one of the largest and most respected in England with some 80 members. We are an English choir but there is a strong Welsh influence as Judith was born in South Wales and this is often reflected in the some of the pieces we sing.

What we do

We work hard and rehearse every Wednesday evening at the Jubilee Centre in St Faiths Road, and hold between 12 & 15 concerts a year in support of local organisations and over the years have raised thousands of pounds for others. There is also a social side to the choir and many new and lasting friendships are made.

Where do we sing?

Apart from the local concerts the choir has sung at many prestigious venues including The Royal Albert Hall, Symphony & Town Halls Birmingham, St David's Hall Cardiff, St Georges Chapel Windsor, and both Worcester and Ely Cathedrals. The choir has also toured throughout Europe

Like to join us?

Gentlemen who would like to join the choir would be made most welcome. There are no auditions, all we ask is that any new members commits to the weekly rehearsals and only when they and feel ready join in the regular concerts. We are a friendly choir and existing members help and encourage new members every step of the way. Whilst there is a dedicated recruitment evening in September new members are welcome at any time.

If you are interested in joining the choir or would like to discuss a concert then call Judith on 07886 139781

Which local authority do you need?

Council	Responsible for	Example
Warwickshire County 01926 410410	Highways Libraries & leisure Safety & crime Care, support & health Environment Health Education Registrations	Gritting main routes, buses, potholes* Museums Fire & Rescue Adult support, fostering Flooding, recycling centres Mental & Public health Schools, Children's centres Births & marriages (but can also be done locally- Stratford upon Avon)
Stratford District 01789 267575	Payments Planning and building Parking, roads & transport Waste & recycling Sport, leisure & the arts Homes & properties Grass cutting	Council Tax Planning decisions Car parks Refuse collection, fly tipping, litter bins in town centre Leisure Centres Home Choice Plus Verges
Alcester Town 01789 766084	Grass cutting Recreation areas Allotments Cemetery Jubilee Centre Some footpaths/street furniture Planning consultee Community projects	Play areas Play equipment Jubilee Fields, Moorfields, Bleachfield St and Collins Way. Grounds maintenance Allimore Lane, Bleachfield St North and South, School Road Plot allocations, registration and booking interments, grounds maintenance Bookings, maintenance Litter bins, dog waste bins and benches on public open space Comment on applications Alcester Neighbourhood Plan, Flood Wardens, Speed Aware

* There is a web site <https://warwickshire.fixmystreet.com/> designed to help Warwickshire residents report local highway faults, including potholes, directly and quickly to the County Council by simply locating them on a map.

You can do this by using a computer or a mobile phone. Please report one problem at a time; you will be given an opportunity at the end to report another problem using the personal details previously entered.

If you are reporting an emergency please do not report it online, but ring our Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410.



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
ALCESTER
Make the Right Call**

Warwickshire Police have launched a series of help and advice pages and downloadable leaflets in the Contact Us section on their website. This information is there to support members of the public in 'making the right call' in the event of something happening and, to make the right call to the right service, first time. This in turn will reduce the number of calls going in to the Warwickshire Police Communications Centre, meaning that the staff are available for the Grade 1 emergency calls and to reduce the waiting time for anyone calling in on 101.

The link is [www.westmercia.police.uk/make the right call](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/make-the-right-call)

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 444816 Please feel free to contact the team direct: Email:

alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

PS 542 Bob Shaw (Team Sergeant) **01789 444815**

PC Robert Davies(Beat Manager)

robert.davies@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Rebecca.morris@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

James.squire@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Thomas.bagg@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

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 **Warwickshire Trading Standards** 01926 414040. [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#). Make a scam/rogue trader complaint to Trading Standards via [Citizens Advice Consumer Service](#) on 03454 040506. Sign up to receive scam alerts at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams. **Action**

Fraud Report a Fraud or Cyber Crime to 0300 123 2040 or visit

www.actionfraud.police.uk. Avoid rogue traders. Use Warwickshire Trading Standards "No Rogue Traders Here" approved trader scheme.

Lock Snapping Recently a number of burglaries have taken place locally where the offenders have snapped the door locks to gain entry. This involves breaking the cylinder in two allowing the lock to be manipulated and opened. This will release all the multi locking points around the door. Anti-Snap locks can be fitted to combat this type of crime. We advise you to check to see if your locks are anti-snap. There are numerous websites and YouTube videos on this issue. Here is one example of a website that will help explain the situation further - <http://www.locksmiths.co.uk/about/public/cylinder-snapping/>

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

1 October 2018 11am- 2pm, Jubilee Centre, Alcester B49 6AG

INTERNATIONAL OLDER PEOPLE DAY – BE INSPIRED IN ALCESTER



Exhibitors- an invitation

Join us on International Older People Day. It's an opportunity for you to promote/ showcase/demonstrate your group or activity, recruit more volunteers/members, have a slice of cake with a cuppa and see what else is going on in your community. (Donations for raffle prizes/cake very welcome).

Exhibition space is free but limited. Contact me to book your space asap.

Wendy Sherwood: 01789 766084

info@alcester-tc.gov.uk

1918 - 2018 **WW1 CENTENARY**

A busy year for The Legion

This could be the last year that our current generation truly marks any significant anniversaries of the First World War. With the support of other local organisations, including the Town Council and Court Leet we are making plans to mark the occasion accordingly

- Centenary Fields – The recreational ground between the Stratford Road and Gas House Lane will officially become a Centenary Field. A small paved area with three custom made WW1 Centenary benches will be placed on the field. This will be officially opened on the evening of the 11th November during the Beacon celebration.
- Recognising Alcester's War Memorials – On Saturday 10th November, there will be a series of small ceremonies in the morning in recognition of the Memorials in the Town.
- Remembrance Concert – Evening of Saturday 10th November. St Nicholas Church. The Alcester Victoria Silver Band will be performing for us.
- Piping in the Peace – At 6am on Sunday 11th November a Scottish Piper will play 'Battles Over' from the St Nicholas Church Green.
- Remembrance Sunday Parade and Church Services. Sunday 11th November.
- Last Post – At 6.55pm on Sunday 11th November, the Last Post will be played on the Centenary Field
- Beacons of Light – At 7pm on Sunday 11th November a Beacon will be lit on the Centenary Field. Those wishing to bring their own safe lantern can light it at the same time.
- Ringing in The Peace – At 7.05pm on Sunday 11th November the Bells at St Nicholas Church will be rang and the Town Crier will do a special Cry on the Centenary Fields

More information will be released through the year.



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MOTOR SHOW

ALCESTER HIGH ST

22 JULY 2018 FREE VISITOR ENTRY
10AM-4PM FREE OFF-SITE PARKING

EXHIBIT BY APPLICATION ONLY TO INCLUDE:
VINTAGE (UP TO 1930) POST VINTAGE THOROUGHBREDS
(PVT) TO INCLUDE INTERESTING PRE-WAR
AND PRE/EARLY 1970's CLASSICS.
ANTIQUES • AUTO JUMBLE • VINTAGE • FOOD VILLAGE

Email: chairman@alcesterchamber.co.uk
or contact us via Facebook for application details @alcestermotorshow



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Say Something Good
Invest In Your Town
SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA
Walk In That Door You Always Pass
Be A Tourist In Your Own Town
SUPPORT LOCAL EVENTS
Eat Food Grown Within Walking Distance
USE THE INDEPENDENT SHOPS
See Whats On Your Doorstep
Discover Your Community
Find A Favourite Place & Tell Everyone
Love Where You Live
USE THE FREE TOWN WIFI

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Alcester Festival & Events - Calendar 2018

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 notice boards, websites and Facebook for further information!

2/3	June	Alcester Town Football Tournament	14 July	Duck Race
10	June	Court Leet Street Market/Tower Tour	22 July	Alcester Motor Show
17	June	Alcester Garden Walkabout	27/29 July	Ragley Game Fair
24	June	Court Leet Sponsored Walk	1 August	Yorkshire Day
14	July	Alcester Singers Summer Concert	31 August	High Bailiff's Concert

Town Council Meetings

Full Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month at Globe House, Library meeting room 4, on the first floor (accessed via the Seggs Lane entrance) 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 and copies can also be found on the Council notice boards 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,

for community health and well-being news see www.facebook.com/ouralcester

and for information on other events in the town, go to: www.facebook.com/alcester.

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Monday - Friday 9am- 1pm

If you would like to speak to the Clerk outside of opening hours, please call to make an appointment

Website: www.alcester-tc.gov.uk

