

Alwington News

April/May 2024

News, Events and Information
from the Parish

Dates for your diary.

6th April – First Aid Course.

11th April – Coffee Morning

13th April – Quiz night.

18th April - Library

20th April – Afternoon Tea.

11th May – OSR Lunch

16th May – Coffee Morning

23rd May - Library

8th June – 80th Anniversary of D. Day Celebrations

Village Hall

Monthly **Coffee Mornings 10.30 – 12 noon** in the Village Hall continue on April 11th and May 16th. An opportunity for a chat and to enjoy the music provided by Fred Noyce.

Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy a Hearty Breakfast. The next breakfast will be on October 12th.

We held an informative Community Information Afternoon on March 23rd which was enjoyed by all who attended.

First Aid Awareness. There are a few places left on this free course on 6th April from 10.30am to 3.30pm. The course will cover using a defibrillator, CPR, Bleeds, breaks/fractures and first aid kits. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Alison Browning on 01237 451931 or alisonbrowning6@gmail.com to book a place.

80th D Day anniversary. This year sees the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings. We will mark this with a **'Bring and Share' lunch in the Village Hall** on Saturday 8th June arrive by 1pm.

Alwington Annual Horticultural Show – Saturday 17th August 2024. Schedules are available in The Village Hall and Old Schoolroom. They are also available along with seed potatoes for entry in the Potato in a bucket competition from the porch at Hockridge farm in Woodtown, from 3 Portledge Place, Fairy Cross and from Santans in Ford. (You do not have to live in the parish to enter.)

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Garden – (QE2MG) – Activities -

As we strive towards establishing a community Garden in Fairy Cross we are holding an Afternoon Tea on 20th April, from 2.30pm. – 4.30pm. Cost £4 for unlimited tea or coffee, cream tea and a slice of cake. We will also have a plant sale at this event.

Library. Having lost the Mobile Library service a Community Library has been established in the Old Schoolroom. This has a good selection of fiction along with a limited non-fiction selection. There is also a good selection of children's books and jigsaw puzzles. The library is open on Thursday April 18th and May 23rd 10am. and 11.30am. Tea and Coffee is available whilst you select your books along with a chance to get reading recommendations.

St. Andrew's Church.

Sunday Services at St. Andrew's.

April:-

7th – 9.30am. - Morning Worship
14th – 11.00am. Holy Communion
21st - 11.00am. Morning Prayer.
28th – 9.30am. – Holy Communion

May:-

5th – 9.30am.- Morning Worship
12th – 11am. - Holy Communion
19th – 11am. – BCP own service
26th – 9.30am. – Holy Communion

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on Friday 10th May at 2.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Saturday May 11th 12.30pm. Lunch in the Old Schoolroom. Cottage pie (meat or veggie) and veg. Followed by Meringue nests with fruit and cream or fruit crumble. Tea or coffee. All for £10.

Places are limited so booking is essential.

Book with Rose on 01237 451433

If you wish to contact the church for any reason, either contact one of the church wardens (details below) or the Team Rector, Rev. Jane Skinner rectorhartlandcoast@gmail.com.

Church Wardens. Barry Collacott – collacott@talktalk.net (478733)
James Clarke – jclarke1947@btinternet.com (451667)

Wilder Community

We are very lucky to live in an area so rich in wildlife with such variety of plants growing in the verges. There is always more we can do. We are planning a wildlife afternoon in July when we hope to make bird boxes, bat boxes, bug hotels and small ponds. If you would like to be involved or have wood or other materials that you could donate please let Alison Browning know. (01237 451931) How wildlife friendly is your garden? Have a look at the Devon Wildlife Trust (<https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/wildlife-garden-award>) to see if your garden qualifies for a “wildlife friendly” plaque.

When the rain stops and the strimmer comes out please check for hedgehogs before attacking the long grass. They will not run away which is why so many get injured.

The skylarks are singing over the fields which is a reminder that ground nesting birds will be nesting so please be aware when walking your dog as well as taking care around livestock, especially those with young.

Alwington Residents Association. (ARA)

Quiz Night – At the Village Hall on **Saturday 13th April at 7.00pm.** teams of six. Tickets £7 a head to include a Bread & Cheese supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses, tea and coffee provided. Book via email at alwingtonparishresidents@gmail.com or the Whatsapp group. This is a fundraising event for ARA.

Parish Council.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on May 14th in the Old Schoolroom at 7pm and will be followed by a Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm. The agenda for the meeting will be placed on the parish notice boards a week before the meeting and it can also be found on the parish website, <https://www.alwingtonparish.org> along with the minutes of previous meetings. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting.

Thanks to Edward Johns for printing this newsletter, also thanks to those who help with the delivery, more volunteers always welcome.

Would you like any Accounting, Business or tax advice? Please feel free to call Maynard Johns on 01237 472071 and one of the team will be happy to help. Free initial consultation always offered.

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