

Alwington News

March 2021

The absence of a newsletter has left a gap so we have tried to fill it!

This newsletter aims to draw together news and events concerning The Parish of Alwington. It is put together by interested individuals who would be delighted to have others join them. Hoping to publish every 4 to 6 weeks, distributed by volunteers, (eventually we hope to have it available electronically via the Alwington Parish website with an option to opt out of the paper copy). In the meantime, please bear with us. If you would like to contribute in any way please contact any of the following - Alison – alisonbrowning6@gmail.com (451937) or Julie – julieharperuk@gmail.com (451760) or Hilary – hilary.dodge@mail.com (451643).

Any ideas, or comments also please.

Dates for your diary.

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| 14 th March | - | Mothering Sunday. |
| 21 st March | - | Census 2021 |
| 28 th March | - | British Summertime Begins. |
| 4 th April | - | Easter Sunday. |
| 21 st June | - | Queen Elizabeth's Birthday. |
| 29 th April | - | Parish Council Zoom Meeting. |
| 3 rd May | - | Bank Holiday. |
| 6 th May | - | Polling Day (Local Elections). |
| 31 st May | - | Bank Holiday. |
| 12 th June | - | Queen's Official Birthday. |
| 21 st June | - | Summer Solstice. |
| August | - | Scarecrow Competition. |
| 30 th August | - | Bank Holiday. |

Village Hall

The hearty breakfast will not be held this spring but if you have a ticket from last spring keep it safe and we will honour it when we are able to resume.

It is with regret that we will not be holding our Annual Horticultural Show this year. Planning has to start now and we would not be able to run it in the usual way and maintain social distancing. However, as soon as we are able, we hope to hold a Parish Fun Day when we can all celebrate the end of lockdown.

Following the success of the 'Covid-Crow' competition last year there will be another scarecrow competition for all living in the parish with the theme of 'The Olympics'. Date and details later, but sometime in August. Get your thinking and imagination caps on.

During the time we have not been able to use the Hall we have used the time to have some work carried out. The skirting board in the main hall has been replaced and we hope to have it decorated before people are able to be back in there,

We look forward to welcoming back our regular users and being able to hold community events again.

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Chairman – Julie Harper (julieharperuk@gmail.com) 451760.

Covid Co-ordinator – Alison Browning (alisonbrowning6@gmail.com)
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St. Andrew's Church

The next service here will be March 14th, Mothering Sunday, (11.00a.m.) all are welcome but due to social distancing, if you would like to attend please phone John Westaway, 451532 by 13th March. There will be a small bunch of daffodils for all.

Contacts for St. Andrew's Church –

Vicar – Rev'd Madeline Bray, revmadelinebray@gmail.com (451445)

Church Wardens –

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Alwington Methodist Church, Ford.

The chapel is not open at the moment but all are welcome at St. Andrew's.

Alwington Parish Council.

Parish Clerk

Mr. Malcolm Harris – clerk@alwingtonparish.org

Parish Councillors -

Chairman – Mr. Gordon Lester – gordon@alwingtonparish.org

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Thank you to the dog owners who always pick up after their dog, to those who don't please start. Dog poo can be a health hazard to other dogs and livestock so please be considerate.

Fast Broadband – The Parish Council has been contacted by Airband, who are funded by DCMS via Connecting Devon and Somerset to provide a cost effective super-fast broadband service to this area. They are at the planning stage at the moment, you may have seen them checking out the telegraph poles, but anticipate roll out of fibre in May/June this year.

They have two packages:

Fibre Unlimited, offering 40Mbps download and 10Mbps upload for £29.99 per month, 18 month contract.

Fibre Unlimited Plus, offering 100Mbps download and 25Mbps upload for £34.99 per month, 18 month contract.

There is an installation fee of £24.99.

At this stage you can register an interest by e-mailing tony.Watkins@airband.co.uk and they will keep you informed regarding the project including when they expect to start taking orders and installing customers.

Alwington web-site www.alwingtonparish.org

Welcome to all who have moved into the Parish during lockdown we look forward to meeting you when we are able to socialise again.

Thanks to Edward Johns for printing this newsletter for us, and thanks for all who helped with the delivering.

Maynard Johns offer coronavirus business support if anyone would like it. Tel. 01237 472071; www.maynardjohns.co.uk; info@maynardjohns.co.uk and ask for Edward.

