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Great Alne Parish Council

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CSW Resilience Team

Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Council's Resilience Team offer excellent help and advice on staying safe both at home and out and about. In this Newsletter, we thought we would share their Fire Safety Advice.

- Fit smoke alarms on each level of your home and test the alarm is working on a weekly basis. Change the battery regularly (unless it's a ten-year alarm).
- Identify escape routes from each room and keep them clear.
- Ensure everyone can find keys for doors and windows.
- Take extra care when cooking especially when tired or if you have been drinking.
- Do not smoke in bed.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Do not overload electrical sockets – one plug for each socket and unplug it if not being used.
- Close doors at night to slow down the progress of any fire that may break out.

For advice on other areas like severe weather and health and well-being, please see their website: <https://cswprepared.org.uk/>

Facebook Page/Website

We have received some requests to create a Parish Council Facebook page and are looking in to this. We would welcome input from residents on what information they would like to see. Additionally, feedback and suggestions on the Parish Council website in general would be greatly appreciated. Please email the clerk at: greatalne.parishcouncil@googlemail.com

Great Alne Parish Councillors:

- Lynn Bowring (Chairman) – The Old Cottage, Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6HR**
- Paul Clark – 66 School Road, Great Alne, B49 6HQ**
- Ian Millard – West Meadow Barn, Manor Court, Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6HR**
- Marie Holding: 10 Nightingale Close, Great Alne, B49 6PE**
- Hazel Mainwaring - Hill View, Burford Lane, Shelfield B49 6JH**

- Joanne Bullingham (Clerk) – Oakfield Cottage, Stratford Rd, Wootton Wawen, Henley-in-Arden B95 6DF Tel no: 07833 790375**

BITS & BOBS

Here are a few snippets that may be of interest to you!

- **Keep Britain Tidy**
There is still time to join the Great British Spring Clean 22nd March – 23rd April 19. Visit <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/home>
- **SECO Alcester 10k** -The 10k is returning on 6th October for its fifth year and Alcester High Street will be closed from 6am-2pm. Information on road closures can be found on the Parish Council Website
- **Meals on Wheels** - Warwickshire County Council support 'Apetito' who produce and deliver hot meals direct to your home, helping you live as independently as possible. The meals are tasty and nutritious, with fresh ingredients and seasonal vegetables. More information including eligibility criteria can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mealservice>
- **Broadband updates** - You can get lots more information and updates on broadband in the area from: <https://www.cswbroadband.org.uk/>
- **Warwickshire County Council** - WCC offer a wide range of updates on services including: buses, Crime, Family Information, Fire and Rescue and Projects, programmes and initiatives. To subscribe to these updates, please visit the website below and select preferences: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWarwickshire/subscriber/new>
- **Easter Eggs** – Approximately 90 million chocolate eggs are sold each year in the UK generating more than 8,000 tonnes of waste <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/03/20/revealed-easter-eggs-wasteful-packaging/> reveals which are the best/worst

Parish Council Meetings 2019

Great Alne Primary School on Wednesdays

- 15 May*
- 17 July
- 18 September
- 20 November

Meetings usually have a 7pm start
*Annual Meeting 6.30pm
Everyone is welcome!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!
PARISH ASSEMBLY

COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY 18 MAY
2019 – 10.30am
MEMORIAL HALL

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter

Parish Council Update

The Huff Cap- Owners, John and Elizabeth Willmott and Operations Director, David Roffe attended the March Parish Council meeting to explain to residents why the pub has closed and also provide an opportunity for people to ask questions. They are currently considering three options which are: to sell the pub to a new operator, to find new lessees and finally, to find an alternative use for the site. Residents who attended the meeting made it very clear just how much the village of Great Alne value their local pub. Further details and updates will be provided via the website and of course at the Parish Council meetings. For more details on questions raised at the March meeting, please see the draft minutes published on the Parish Council's website.

<https://www.greatalne-pc.gov.uk/>

Great Alne Park, Emergency Plan, Rest Centre - Great Alne Park have kindly confirmed they are happy to act as a Rest Centre in the event of an emergency in the village. Details are being formalised and will be discussed at the May Meeting.

Damaged Chevron - The damaged Chevron at Alne Cote Corner was reported to Warwickshire County Highways as soon as the damage occurred back in October 2018. Further damage has since occurred and been reported. County Highways have confirmed that this matter is in hand but the Chevron is a special-order item and therefore taking longer than usual to obtain.

Spernal - Coughton Fields Lane, U_route formerly known as E5998 - At the March Parish Council meeting, residents raised the ongoing issue of the anti-social behaviour taking place on the U_route between Spernal Lane and Coughton Fields Lane. Alcester Police have advised residents to continue to log this on each occasion by calling 101. Whilst they appreciate it is not often possible to provide registration numbers, any information regarding where the bikes/ cars are coming from, description of vehicles/bikes/people etc. will all help in trying to resolve this issue. The Police have said they will try and do additional patrols and hope to put an appeal out on Social Media requesting information on this. The Parish Council are continuing to look at ways to prevent 4X4's and motorbikes entering the track. Further details can be found within the minutes of each meeting.

May 2019 Elections

The Notice of Election for both Great Alne Parish Councillors and District Councillor are now displayed on the 3 noticeboards in the village. The elections are scheduled for 2nd May 2019, but should no further candidates come forward for Great Alne, this will be classed as uncontested and a vote won't be required. Elections for District Councillor will still proceed.

Parish Assembly

The Parish Council would be delighted to be joined by residents at the Parish Assembly on Saturday 18th May 10.30am at the Memorial Hall. This will take the format of a coffee morning and provides an opportunity for the Parish Council and other local groups and organisations to explain what they have been doing over the last year. The meeting also enables residents to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the parish. We hope to see you there!

Can we help?

Please complete and return this form to Joanne Bullingham – Oakfield Cottage, Stratford Rd, Wootton Wawen B95 6DF

Do you have any comments or suggestions about the state of the footpaths, overhanging trees or pavements for example?

Thank you.