



Alveley & Romsley Parish Council Newsletter Autumn 2018



Helping to Keep You in The Loop!

Presently, together with Parish Notice Boards, the Parish Council now communicates with you in two other distinctive ways, by regular newsletters and the new Parish Council website, which is now live at www.alveleyandromsleypc.org.uk.

Parish Council Website - Useful Information

The folders on agendas and minutes will tell you what the Council is doing on your behalf. The timetable of meetings and list of Councillors are self explanatory and there is also financial information going back two years. This may all seem a bit 'Dickensian' but it is a Government requirement under their "transparency" agenda.

There are sections of the website for news from each individual community – Alveley, Romsley, Six Ashes and Tuckhill. We would like your help to fill these sections with topical information, issues for discussion and debate, examples of community involvement, and anything else that can inform and entertain. We just need to be aware of the new stricter rules regarding data protection and privacy. If you think you can help, please email me (Dave Rawlinson) at clerk@alveleyandromsleypc.org.uk.



Parish Council Newsletter - A New Approach!



The Parish Council Newsletter is an important platform for keeping in touch with you all. In the recent past, it has been produced two or three times per year. Parish Councillors and other volunteers have delivered most of the newsletters by hand. We now want to move to a *new distribution arrangement* which involves:

- Publishing the Newsletter on the Parish Council website;
- Providing hard copies at suitable collection points e.g. Surgery, School, Church, Village Hall, Convenience Store.
- Inviting residents who can't access the Newsletter by the above methods to contact the Parish Clerk, so that alternative arrangements can be made.

The next edition of the Parish Council Newsletter should be published in December 2018, and thereafter we aim to produce a Newsletter in April, September and December each year.

Romsley News

Defibrillator

Thanks to the generous donation by Alveley Community First Responders, Romsley is soon to benefit from the installation of a Defibrillator machine in the old telephone kiosk along Romsley Lane. The machine has been donated to us after the local CFR's received a lottery grant to purchase new defibrillators. Our thanks to Alveley Patient Group for paying for the secure box that will hold the defibrillator. Having the defibrillator located within our spread-out community will give peace of mind and having been refurbished by residents following acts of vandalism, we hope that the kiosk will not be targeted again.

Broadband

Residents of Romsley will finally be able to benefit from Superfast Broadband following a new transmitter mast being erected near Pool House Farm. Anyone interested in getting a faster broadband speed should contact Airband to discuss their requirements. www.airband.co.uk tel. 01905 676121. The mast should go 'live' mid-September, although some properties can already benefit from a signal beamed from the transmitter located in Six Ashes.

Dog Fouling



We always enjoy seeing visitors around the lanes of Romsley, however, there has recently been a large increase in the amount of dog mess along the lanes, notably Sham lane from the junction with the A442 to the first corner up from Rowdina. We pride ourselves on keeping the lanes of Romsley free of litter with several voluntary litter picks per year. Please pick up after your dog if you are walking it and allowing it to foul our leafy lanes!!! The dog warden has been notified and will be carrying out random patrols in the area. Anyone witnessing dog fouling in the Parish can submit a report on the council website on <https://shropshire.gov.uk/street-care-and-cleaning/environmental-maintenance/dog-fouling/#> or by calling 0345 678 9006.



"Walk The Walks!"

As residents of Alveley, Romsley, Six Ashes and Tuckhill, you have access to wonderful countryside. But to enjoy it fully, you need to leave the roadside and explore the mosaic of footpaths that criss-cross the area. Many of these are established rights-of-way, dating from times when travel on foot was the norm. But they are just as important today because of the opportunities they provide for exercise, relaxation and enjoyment, all free of charge!

We are keen to preserve rights of way by working with landowners to maintain footpaths, gates and stiles in good condition, and to improve access by providing signs and removing obstructions. Most of our work is done by Paul Thompson, our Footpaths Officer. Despite being an unpaid volunteer, Paul works tirelessly on behalf of the community and deserves our support and encouragement.

However, we still need help from you. Above all, we need you to use your footpaths. That is the best way to keep them open and in good condition. Next time you have to make a short journey within the local area, forget the car, dig out a map and find a convenient route by footpath to your destination. There will almost certainly be one.

We are creating a dedicated "Footpath" section on our website, please visit it to find out more, or contact Dave Rawlinson (details below) or Paul Thompson on paul.d.thompson55@gmail.com.



The "Silent Soldier" – 1914-18 "Lest we forget"

The idea for the 'Silent Soldier Campaign' came from a branch of the Royal British Legion who were keen for us to remember the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces during WWI. The Silent Soldiers are near life sized silhouettes, made from black aluminium 'Tommy' and are a symbol of respect for the many people who lost their lives in that conflict. The Parish Council has decided to support this campaign on one will be displayed in the October at the top of the 100th Anniversary of hostilities on 11th November 1918. It will hopefully serve as a reminder to both old and young of those sacrifices made by our own villagers.



Alveley Patient Group News

Future Fit Consultation Draws to an End

The consultation period about Future Fit (the reconfiguration of the 2 Shropshire hospitals) draws to a close at midnight on Tuesday 11 September 2018. Shropshire Clinical Group's Preferred option is Option 1, which is for the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to become the Emergency Care site and the Princess Royal Hospital to become the Planned Care site. Although this is a preferred option, no final decision will be made until after consideration of the views of everyone who responds to this consultation. We await with baited breath! To find out more please visit www.nhsfuturefit.org

Hospital Parking (80p a visit?)

Did you know that both Telford and Shrewsbury hospitals offer an integrated concessionary parking scheme for frequent visitors to both hospitals. You complete a form, then get a person in charge from the ward that you are visiting to sign it, pay £8 to the car park attendants who will issue you with a coded card which is valid for the next 10 visits (over a 12 week period) this gives you up to a day's parking each time! Free parking is also available for renal and cancer patients. For more info visit <https://www.sath.nhs.uk/patients-visitors/getting-to-us/car-parking/>.

Shrop Doc & 111

You may already know that from Tuesday 17 July 2018 patients across Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire who need urgent out-of-hours medical help or advice will need to call 111. The NHS 111 service has replaced the out-of-hours GP telephone access service provided by Shrop Doc in line with national policy. Any patients that need to see a clinician out-of-hours will still be seen by a local GP or other appropriate clinician.

Alveley Community Memory Café.

Alveley Community Memory Café restarts on Monday 24th September at 2.00pm in Alveley Old Chapel, with further meetings on Oct. 29th, Nov. 26th and also Dec 10th (at 11.30am) to be able to join in the fun at the Alveley Patient Group 100 Club Christmas Super Draw. Alveley Community Memory Café is an unstructured afternoon where people with memory issues and their families meet to chat, exchange experiences, and collect information in the comfortable atmosphere of the Old Chapel. Free Tea, coffee and homemade cakes are provided to all. Everyone is welcome, so why not come and join us; you never know you might enjoy it. We look forward to seeing you! *Isley Jakeman, Chair APG.*



"Alveley & Romsley Neighbourhood Plan 'Light', Community Led Plan."

From our Shropshire Councillor, Tina Woodward.

Firstly thank you to the Steering Group and to all the residents who attended the feedback meeting in March (2018) at the Club. The Local Housing Needs Survey element of the Plan has now been completed. However there is further work required to progress the other areas of the Plan and sadly a number of the Steering Group find themselves unable to continue on the Steering Group, due to family and work commitments as I understand it. (If you would like a copy of the final report of the Alveley & Romsley Housing Need Survey, please request a copy from chris.noble949@btinternet.com)

This is a community led plan process so it really does require a high level of consultation to bring the views of community forward through the plan making process. If you would like to join the Steering Group to progress this interesting and important local project involved in 'place shaping' the future of the village for now and future generations and you feel that you have the time to dedicate to this process please do contact the Parish Council Clerk, Mr David Rawlinson (details below).

We would welcome new members as the Steering Group had always envisaged a larger Group as there is much still left to do.



Keeping the lights on

As many of you will be aware the Parish Council has for some years been actively updating the streetlights in the parish. All of the old concrete columns which were suffering from the effects of weathering over the years will soon have been replaced with modern steel columns. The old type of 'sodium' lamps which require regular maintenance are being replaced with modern LED units with a much longer life expectancy. Apart from the savings in maintenance costs these use far less electricity, saving hundreds of pounds on our annual electricity bills at present prices.

Now the Parish Council needs your help. If you have hedges or trees that adjoin footpaths please ensure that they are trimmed so that they don't obscure the streetlights and create dark areas on the roads or footpaths.

If you notice a faulty light please note it's number and report it to the Parish Clerk so that it can be repaired as quickly as possible. He can be contacted by telephone or Email via the Parish Council website (please see below). Alternatively notify any Parish Councillor who will be happy to pass the message on. With your help we can make Alveley a safer place for drivers and pedestrians in the darker nights ahead. *Keith Stanton. (Chairman)*

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