



Alveley & Romsley Parish Council Newsletter

Spring 2022



CONGRATULATIONS TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

We would like the residents of Alveley, Romsley, Six Ashes and Tuckhill to come together to celebrate this historical milestone of the Queen celebrating her Platinum Jubilee.

We are planning a daytime celebration at Alveley Recreation Ground on Sunday 5th June at the climax of the Bank Holiday weekend. This will begin at 12.30. Families can bring picnics and the Village Hall will open at 13.00 to provide refreshments. We hope to have stalls, raffles and other activities to entertain you. Music will be provided by the Bradeney Bunch, a well-known local group between 12.30 and 3pm. There will also be music in the Village Hall from 15.30. At 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June a Jubilee a beacon will be lit at Romsley. This will be one of more than 1,500 beacons that will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of The Queen's long and selfless service. The beacons will enable local communities, individuals and organisations to pay tribute to her as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend. We also plan to hold a firework display in the Sports Club field. However, this will just be an aerial display of fireworks (i.e. nothing at ground level) which will be viewed from the recreation ground to maximise safety. This display will follow the lighting of the beacon and so will start just before 10pm.

To celebrate this unique occasion the parishes of Alveley and Romsley throughout the spring and summer, will be encouraging all residents to 'SAY IT IN FLOWERS' by planting blooms in the national colours of RED, WHITE and BLUE across the whole of the Parish Council area. This project will be undertaken and supported by three sections of our community:

1. *Alveley and Romsley Parish Council*, who will help to coordinate the scheme and in some cases offer practical support.
2. *Village organisations*, e.g. Alveley School, St Mary's Church, The Recreation Association, The Village Hall, The Old Chapel, Alveley Medical Practice, Severn Valley Country Park, the Community Hall and the local public houses. Others listed in the Parish Magazine may also be interested.
3. *Residents*: With individual displays within the visible areas of their property, including pots and hanging baskets - or any other ideas they may have.



To make this happen, we have enlisted as partners **MORFE VALLEY NURSERIES** (details below). The nursery will supply all plants. These will be delivered to appropriate sites, including private houses.

Red, White and Blue flowers:- Morfe Valley Nursery have stressed that the logistics in this process have to be very carefully managed, from seeding, growing, calculating blooming etc. The ideal is for the plants to reach their destinations so that their blooming is at its optimum for the Bank Holiday Weekend 2nd-5th June.

Useful contact addresses:

Morfe Valley Nursery, Stourbridge Road, Bridgnorth. WV15 5QB,
Gail (Proprietor) 07743 488745, email gailandtalos@outlook.com
Parish Council: contact Malcolm Love 01746 780547

email malcolmlove@outlook.com

For more details about what's on and how you can participate, see the special section on the Parish Council website alveleyandromsleypc.org.uk

Your Parish Councillors - Contact Details ([R] = Romsley Councillor)

Pam Barker 01746 781357 Chairman, **Richard Narburgh [R]** 01746 781180, **Samantha Potter [R]** 01299 861101, **Vanessa Voysey** 07968859990, **James Taylor** 07815043117. **Isley Jakeman** 07902016425, **Malcolm Love** 01746 780547, **Mike Haddon** 07810878155, **Paul Whale**, There are presently 2 other vacancies for councillors.

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Parish Council on the Hunt for a New Parish Clerk

The search is on for a new Parish Clerk to replace David Rawlinson, who is retiring during the summer. David has been with the Parish Council for four and a half years and has recently had to operate in difficult circumstances because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. He has become proficient at managing Zoom meetings, but has also worked hard to ensure that the Parish Council can now hold face-to-face meetings which protect the wellbeing of all Councillors, especially those that are vulnerable.



As the Responsible Financial Officer for the Parish Council, one of David's priorities has been to minimise the burden of the Parish precept on local residents. As a result, the precept has remained the same since 2020/21 and will not be increased this April.

David lives in Kinver, but uses a bicycle to commute whenever possible. Even if you have not met him, you may have seen him cycling around the area, delivering agenda papers and attending to notice boards.

The post will become vacant at the end of August and it is hoped to appoint a new Clerk by the end of July. If you are interested and would like any further information in please contact David (clerk@alveleyandromsleypc.org.uk) or Councillor Isley Jakeman (jakemanisley@gmail.com).

JOHN CAMPION WEST MERCIA PCC

Working for and with the local community to build a safer West Mercia

As your PCC I work for and with the local community to build a safer West Mercia. It is my role to govern and scrutinise the service you as a member of the local community get from your police force. As your commissioner my priorities are:

- Putting victims and survivors first
- Building a more secure West Mercia
- Reforming West Mercia
- Reassuring West Mercia

To find out more about the work I do as your PCC, please visit the details below.

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National stalking awareness week

FixMyStreet

FixMyStreet is a national map based website and app that helps people in the United Kingdom inform local authorities of problems needing their attention, such as potholes, broken [streetlamps*](#), etc, etc. Shropshire Council is working to adopt FixMyStreet as its main reporting system, but in the meantime, residents can use this software to report problems.

The website has a strong focus on usability, with an interface that practically anyone can use and be able to understand.

No knowledge is required as to which council is responsible for a report: the website sends reports to the correct authority based on the category and location selected.

Reports are published online, building up a picture of issues in the area, so it's easy to see recurrent problems and resolution rates.

As reports are published online, residents can easily see if an issue has been reported before. However, it is the case that the more often an issue is reported, the quicker it will be dealt with so always add your report of the problem to any others on the website which are already there.

The site gives residents an insight into the work the council has been doing to improve neighbourhoods and communities.

**Please note that Alveley & Romsley Parish Council has direct responsibility to address any of your concerns about streetlamps that are within the Parish boundary, EXCEPT for the A442 which is the responsibility of Highways at Shropshire Council.*

Access the website at www.fixmystreet.com



Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) – Dark Lane BOAT

The Parish Council shares the concerns of many residents about this problem. That is why we have applied to Shropshire Council for temporary prohibition to drive along the Dark Lane BOAT. The Chairman has also raised this matter personally with the Leader of Shropshire Council. Despite this and two

further email reminders, there has as yet been no substantive response to our request.

The Parish Council also has a Community Charter Contract with West Mercia Police which allows us to identify and regularly review the top three community issues. Councillors have highlighted 'off-roading' and damage to BOATs as the top community issue for the last six months. This position was reviewed at the last Parish Council meeting, and was reaffirmed.

It is important that residents understand the Parish Council's position. We have no legal power to deal effectively with this problem and are reliant on Shropshire Council and West Mercia Police to take the necessary actions. However, we will continue to make representations whenever possible and in the meantime the Parish Council is keen to work with residents to minimise the nuisance and dangers caused by irresponsible off-roaders.

CPR Training



The Alveley Community First Responders are holding some free to attend community CPR training sessions, in May on the 12th and 19th. There is a free ticket service in place to keep numbers to 20 at each

session and a ticket can be reserved by following the link below. Completely free to local residents in the village and surrounding areas and hosted by our trained volunteers.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/alveley-community-first-responders-41180186503?aff=eand>