



Ducktown Echo



Spring 2021

The Aylburton Community Newsletter

Issue 43

Aylburton Parish Council

Chair: Stephanie Lord Parish Clerk: Meg Humphries 07850 476235 aylburtonclerk@outlook.com www.aylburton.net

Welcome to Cllr Claire Shirley

In December the council co-opted Claire Shirley as our newest councillor. Claire is active in the local community and has been a resident of Aylburton for a good while. We're very glad to have her on board.

Road Safety

Do you live on the A48, Church Road or Sandford Road? We're offering wheelie bin stickers in these areas as part of our work to make the parish's roads safer.

To get a set of two stickers you can contact Cllr Claire Shirley (claire73shirley@gmail.com or 07780 524056) to reserve a set and to arrange a time to collect them. It may also be possible to deliver a set if you find it difficult to get out.

Sadly there was a lot of competition for REACR (Turbine) funding and our bid in aid of a new light-up speed sign was not successful, but the road safety group continues to meet approx. monthly to take actions that will improve road safety.

Flood Management

Milling Brook's culvert under the A48 has been a flood issue repeatedly, and now Gloucestershire County Council is in the process of making plans for how to enlarge the culvert. We don't have any information from them on timescale yet, but it does seem to be moving forward and should go ahead.

Wild Flower Areas

New species such as celandine were the first new wildflower species to be identified on the verge at the eastern entrance to the village (with the cherry trees) this spring, to add to the 47 varieties of grasses and flowers listed in a survey last year. More wildflower species are expected to appear on the verge this year as seeds from an established meadow in Flaxley were sown in the autumn, along with yellow rattle.

Another verge in the village is being left to grow for longer this year; at the western end of the village, at the A48 end of Stockwell Lane.

These two verges will still be cut twice a month along the edge of the road/footpath, but the rest will be left until September before being mown, to maximise the benefit to birds, bees, insects and wildlife

Planning

It's been a busy season for planning applications so far and the parish council is due to consider at least six

applications at its April meeting, on the 12th. The council is a consultee on all planning applications in the parish. This means that the council can comment on certain topics such as parking, loss of light, loss of privacy, nature conservation and listed buildings. If you have any planning concerns we recommend you submit a comment to FODDC as an individual, but you may also wish to make us aware of your comments so that we know of residents' concerns when considering the application.

Meetings

We've been able to meet via Zoom throughout the last year thanks to a change in the legislation, but this is coming to an end on 7 May, so we will be going back to in-person meetings (in the Methodist Community Room) from the June 2021 meeting onwards. We'll make arrangements to keep everyone as safe as possible, and as always, members of the public will be able to attend the meetings. If you have a question or comment for the council you are very welcome to give this in person or you can send it to aylburtonclerk@outlook.com and the Clerk or Chair will read it out at the meeting. Our 2021-22 meeting dates are at <https://aylburton.net/council-meeting-dates/>.



Newly established wildflower verge near the Aylburton Business Park

Recent Planning Applications

Erection of a garage, store and car port. Erection of a front porch. Extend existing driveway and installation of access gates

The Beeches 93 High Street
Ref. No: P1964/20/FUL
Received: Mon 23 Nov 2020
Status: Consent

Variation of condition 02 (Approved plans) of P0735/18/COU to allow for amendments to boundary details

5 Cross Farm Close
Ref. No: P2010/20/FUL
Received: Mon 30 Nov 2020
Status: Refused
Appeal: In progress

Installation of air source heat pump at the dwelling

26 Sandford Road
Ref. No: P0167/21/FUL
Received: Tue 26 Jan 2021
Status: Pending Decision

Erection of a single storey side extension

Ivy Cottage 3 Cross Farm Close
Ref. No: P0274/21/FUL
Received: Fri 05 Feb 2021
Status: Pending Consideration

Prune 1 x Yew tree overhanging neighbouring residential properties

St Marys Church Church Road
Ref. No: P0275/21/TCA
Received: Fri 05 Feb 2021
Status: Decided

Installation of a balcony and fire escape on the rear (SE) elevation.

The Old Butchers Arms Wesley Close
Ref. No: P0316/21/FUL
Received: Fri 12 Feb 2021
Status: Pending Consideration

Listed Building Consent for conservation repairs and alterations including extending up into roof space and providing a new external balcony to the rear (SE) elevation

The Old Butchers Arms Wesley Close
Ref. No: P0317/21/LBC
Received: Fri 12 Feb 2021
Status: Pending Consideration

Variation of conditions 02 (Approved plans), 04 (materials) and 05 (gate materials) of planning permission P1964/20/FUL to allow for amendments to approved plans and materials

93 High Street
Ref. No: P0321/21/FUL
Received: Fri 12 Feb 2021
Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge of condition 04 (surface water drainage scheme) relating to planning permission P0619/20/FUL

Barn Adjoining Chapel Hill Barn
Ref. No: P0020/21/DISCON
Received: Mon 15 Feb 2021
Status: Pending Consideration

Discharge of conditions 5 (hard and soft landscaping), 6 (bio diversity enhancement) and 7 (external lighting) of planning permission P0619/20/FUL

Barn Adjoining Chapel Hill Barn Chapel Hill Aylburton Gloucestershire GL15 6DF
Ref. No: P0030/21/DISCON
Received: Tue 02 Mar 2021
Status: Pending Consideration

Variation of condition 02 (approved plans) of planning permission P0619/20/FUL to allow for revisions to windows, addition of pv panels and roof lights and internal layout changes

Barn Adjoining Chapel Hill Barn
Ref. No: P0424/21/FUL
Received: Tue 02 Mar 2021
Status: Pending Consideration

Application forms, plans and supporting information can be inspected electronically at the FODDC Council Offices, High Street, Coleford GL16 8HG during office hours or through the Council's website at www.fdean.gov.uk using the P reference number above.

You can make comments on any application by using this site, sending an email to planning@fdean.gov.uk or by sending a letter to the Planning Office. Any comments submitted that make representations for or against an application will be taken into account when the Council reaches its decision.

Forest Exiles CC

Secretary: Dan Keddle 07828 577914 forestexilesc@gmail.com



As we look to transition out of a turbulent period for us all, we hope that cricket can help return us to feeling a sense of normality. With training returning Saturday 17th April 10am at the playing field, we are always looking for involvement at every level of the club; from young, emerging talent to 1st XI players, scorers to umpires, coaches to help with the teas. The Exiles would value all contributions to our great club.



We pride ourselves on being a family orientated club with an innate ability to cater for any one that wants to be involved in cricket.

The club has agreed a sponsorship deal with Ferrino & Partners, the Lydney estate agents. We are greatly looking forward to working with our new partners throughout what we hope will be a great season.

Matches

Senior XI

Saturday 1:30pm start

Midweek XI

Wednesday T20 6pm start

Sunday XI

Sporadic 1:30pm start

Junior XI

Every Sunday 10am start

Training Nights

Senior XI

Saturday 17th April 10am

Saturday 24th April 10am

Junior XI

TBC



Aylburton Memorial Institute

Very interesting proceedings were enacted in Aylburton on Easter Monday afternoon, when despite cold, driving rain, practically all the residents were present.

Two years ago the Parish Council agreed to adopt a scheme for a parish hall and caretaker's cottage, a site for which £333 was kindly offered by his lordship, whilst Messrs. Richard Thomas and Co. made a grant, which with £240 grant from the Ministry of Health toward the caretaker's cottage, was regarded as a fairly good send off. In the interval several hundred pounds have been raised locally. The architects were Kennard and Kennard, recommended by Mr. W. Jones; whilst the contractors were Messrs. Dimery & Co., Berkley; and the foundation stone was laid by Lady Bledisloe in July last.

The programme comprised the unveiling of a memorial tablet on which were the names of the 14 men of the parish who gave their lives in the Great War, and which was placed in the outer wall of the new hall, which was the parishioners' memorial to the fallen. The opening was duly performed by the son and heir of Lord Bledisloe, and following the ceremonies a two-days' bazaar was formally opened.

Brig.-General A.M. Tayler, C.M.G., D.S.O., of Clanna, performed the unveiling ceremony, and made an appropriate, soldierly address. This was followed by prayer by the Vicar of Lydney, Rev. J.C.E. Besant, and the sounding of the 'Last Post'.

Lord Bledisloe's elder son and heir, the Hon. Ben. Ludlow Bathurst, with a silver inscribed key then unlocked the front door of the very commodious hall, which he formally declared open. The Chairman made a speech, and the Secretary explained how the finances stood. It was hoped that by the end of the week they would have £2,000, which would leave only £500 more to get. Lord Bledisloe also gave an interesting address. Further religious observances were conducted by the Rev. H.B. Parker and Mr. W.H. Lamb, the latter representing the Free Churches.

Mr. James Lander moved the thanks of the gathering to all the kind friends helping them, which General Tayler acknowledged.

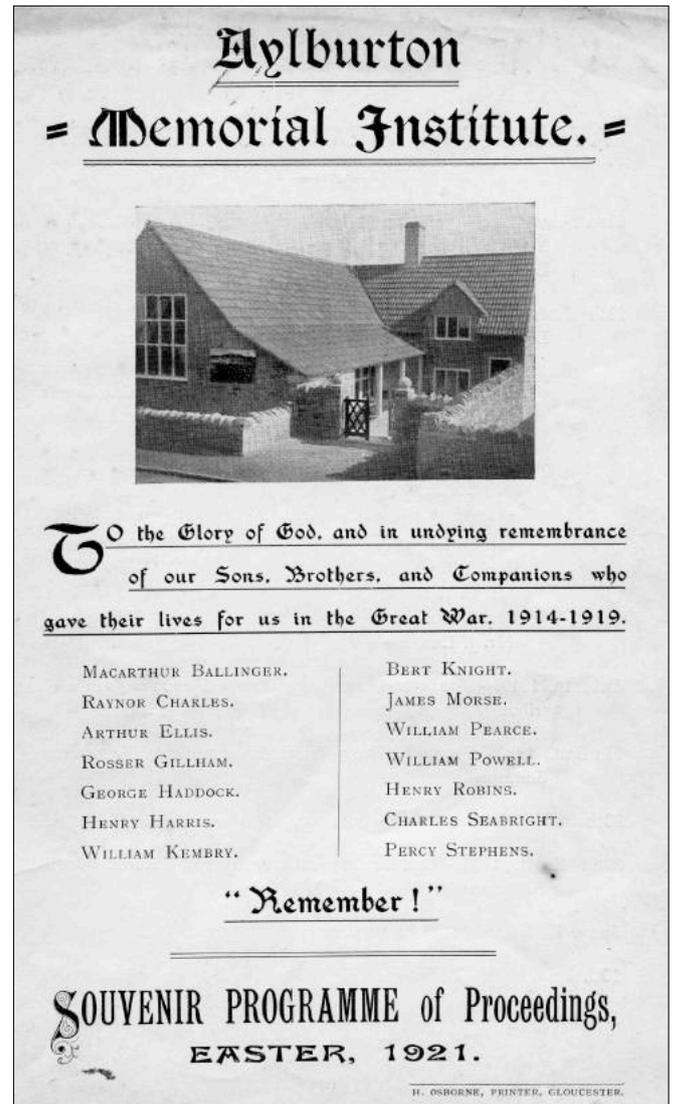
Mrs. Tayler, of Clanna, in the absence of Mrs. Scott, Gloucester, then opened the bazaar. The stalls set up in the hall were replete with a very saleable array of goods, towards the supply of which the local members of the Women's Institute contributed largely.

Gloucester Journal Saturday, April 2, 1921.

Reach PLC

We now with lowly, thankful breath
Remember unto Thee
Our brothers, faithful unto death
That England might be free.
To Thee be thanks, for them be thought,
To keep us loyal and true,
Where God's good fight of faith is fought,
Right manfully to do.

A verse from the Aylburton Remembrance Hymn by Rev. H. B. Parker, curate of Aylburton 1903-1929, written for this occasion.



Memorial Tablet 2014

Unveiling of the Memorial Tablet

BY BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. M. TYLER, C.M.G., D.S.O.

GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON, GOD the HOLY GHOST, bless and sanctify this building and this stone to be a witness of His Glory, and a memorial of the self-sacrifice of His sons, from generation to generation. Amen.

LAST POST.

Aylburton Methodist Church

Minister: Rev Michelle Ireland 01594 833247 www.aylburtonmethodistchurch.co.uk
Church Treasurer: Elizabeth Day 01594 840123
Community Room booking: Amy Reece 01594 369383 thecommunityroom-amc@outlook.com



In the last edition of the Ducktown, you would have read the following ...

Christmas, the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, is NOT cancelled!

This time, I am glad to announce that

Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, is NOT going to be cancelled either!

Although we were not able to meet over the Christmas season, the message of Christmas shone from our star covered front door and railings – a huge thank you to the pupils at Aylburton C of E Primary School for creating such colourfully decorated stars.

Whilst we are still awaiting the day when we return for worship at the chapel, we will share the story of Easter to all who pass by the front door. May you also know the message of HOPE, the message of NEW LIFE and the message of LOVE. May the blessings of Easter be yours.

Rev Michelle Ireland

As many of you will know through the period of Lent we save small change and do our best to fill a jam jar with money for the Water Aid project. Through this pandemic loose change has not been very easy to come by.

Clean water is an essential commodity, but for many in the world it is a luxury and this is a chance for us to help those in the greatest need.

If you feel able to support us in this project, please start collecting any small change (or notes) and keep them until Harvest time, when they can be brought as part of our offerings and dedicated at our Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday, 26th September.

There have been other charities we have not had the opportunity to support together through this pandemic, but do say a big 'thank you' to those who contributed to the lantern donations which enabled us to send £382.35 to Action for Children.

Liz Day

If you want any further information about Water Aid please contact me on 01594 840123.

Aylburton C of E Primary School

Head: Rachel Dare Office: 01594 842426
admin@aylburton.gloucs.sch.uk www.aylburtoncofe.co.uk

Aylburton C of E Primary School is very pleased to welcome the children back after what has been a strange few months.

When we returned the children celebrated World Book Day and our Year 6s did two days of *bikeability* training. We are only doing one after school club this term. We have Multi-Sport, for the infants.

Class 3, 4 and 5 will be learning brass instruments with Gloucestershire Music after the Easter break.



Right: Our new school library. It was made possible from all the wonderful support that the Friends of the School have received.



Stephanie Lord

Aylburton WI have been very busy decorating the Cross with the theme 'Welcome Spring'. The array of flowers, flags and many Spring items were made by a group of talented ladies, who knit and crochet, while others use crafting ideas, and with the help of our husbands, have managed to produce a colourful display. Aunt Bessie, seated on the bench is a regular member, and to keep her company is her pet sheep! Our aim is to bring a little joy and happiness, and most of all a smile to everyone passing by. If we can achieve this then we know it was all worth while.



Stephanie Lord

What's On

Parish Council

Parishioners can get in touch with us at any time via email or phone to raise any concerns, questions or comments. Council meetings are now held at 7pm on the second Monday of each month except in January and August.

You can view all available meeting documents as soon as they are finalised on our Agenda and Minutes pages at www.aylburton.net
Future meetings will be on

Monday 12th April 2021	Remote via ZOOM
Monday 14th June 2021	Methodist Community Room
Monday 12th July 2021	Methodist Community Room

The best way to stay updated day-to-day on council news is to follow www.facebook.com/aylburtonpc for the latest news on the council and parish-level activity during the pandemic.

Community helpers for the challenges presented by the COVID-19 outbreak are:

Mark Topping: mark.topping@fdean.gov.uk 01594 840086

Stephanie Lord: steph@molyneuxassociates.com 01594 845561

and parishioners can also get support from Mary Court on 01594 843651

St. Mary's Church

Parish Priest: Rev David Gardiner admin@lydneyparish.org.uk

Associate Priest: Rev Nina Summerfield 01594 842997

Churchwarden: Aylburton – Mary Court 01594 843651

Aylburton Common Mission Church – Jane Hale 01594 843917

Contacts for the parish are:

Weddings – Rev Pat Cox 01594 843842; Baptisms – Sue Rickards 01594 529281; Funerals – Alan Robinson 01594 529551.

Any other questions should be put to Mary Court.

Services each Sunday are at 10:30am except where indicated.

A full list of services in the Parish is displayed on the church notice board.

We are pleased to advise that Gathered Services will resume on Easter Sunday with Holy Communion in St. Mary's (4th April).

It is intended to hold Gathered services after Easter, until further notice, with Zoom as an option.

Contact codes are available from John Court 01594 843651.

1st Sunday at Woolaston, 2nd Sunday at APMC provided that social distancing is not mandated. 3rd Sunday at Alvington, 4th Sunday at Aylburton and 5th Sunday at APMC provided that social distancing is not mandated.

Methodist Church

The church is now closed for worship and all other activities during this extremely challenging time. Rev Michelle produces *Thoughts for the Day* from members and these are delivered by email or by hand.

Six of the Church members have formed a phone support group and we have made sure that our Chapel members (and many others too) have been phoned and chatted to throughout these past weeks. It's been a very good way of communicating, especially for those who live alone. Jane 01594 843883 and Liz 01594 840123 are always available on the phone if any of you feel like a chat and catch up.

Ducktown Echo

Editor: Virginia Ridley 01594 841294

ducktownecho@gmail.com

Published by the Aylburton Parish Council

Copy deadline for the Summer edition is Sunday 27 June 2021

SOME USEFUL NUMBERS

District Councillor

Cllr Mark Topping

01594 840086

mark.topping@fdean.gov.uk

Glos. County Councillor

Cllr Alan Preest:

01594 564668

alan.preest@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Member of Parliament

Mark Harper

01594 823482

mark.harper.mp@parliament.uk

Glos County Council

01452 425000

FOD District Council

Planning, waste, recycling,

nuisance, licences, street

wardens, dog warden

01594 810000

Local Police Team

01452 753800

Non-Emergency 101

GCC Highways

08000 514514

Neighbourhood Watch

FoD Chrissie Parkes

01452 753784

Snow Warden

Colin Newman

01594 842532

Community Wellbeing Agent

(formerly Village Agent)

Richard Skinner

01594 812447 or 812399

07927 051328

richard.skinner@fdean.gov.uk

Lydney Doctors

Severnbanks Surgery

01594 845715

The Lydney Practice

01594 842167

Hospitals

Lydney

0300 4218722

The Dilke

0300 421 8640

Gloucestershire Royal

0300 4222222

Pharmacists

Lloyds Lydney

01594 842847

Lydney Co-op

01594 843443

NHS Dentists

0300 330 1348

All Emergency Services

Western Power (enquiries)

0800 404090

Western Power (power cuts)

105

Severn Trent Water

0800 783 4444

Dial-A-Ride

01594 843809

Cinemas

Coleford - Studio

01594 833331

Cinderford - The Palace

01594 822555

Leisure Centre, Lydney

01594 842383

Libraries

Lydney 01594 842769

Chepstow 01291 635730

NHS Direct

111

National Rail Enquiries

03457 484950

Travel Line

08712 002233

Airports

Bristol 0871 3344444

Cardiff 01446 711111

Gatwick 0344 8920322

Heathrow 08443 351801