

Village Newsletter

For Altons and Honeystreet March 2022

Queens Jubilee Celebrations Saturday 4th June Village afternoon Tea Party
Instead of the coffee morning on 4 June we will be holding a **Jubilee Tea** outside the Coronation Hall (inside the hall if wet). We hope to make it very festive with bunting and decorations. Just for fun all are encouraged to wear a flamboyant crown of their own design. Prizes for the best child and adult crown will be awarded and you will be asked to wear for the prize giving at the village Flower Show on Saturday 25 June. Help is needed so please contact Ruth Hepworth:- ruthhepworth@btinternet.com if you are willing to make cakes and help put up and decorate the tables. All living in the village are most welcome. Full details will follow on the website and village notice boards.

Open Gardens Festival 2022 - Sunday 12th June 11am to 6pm

After a long-enforced break, we are looking forward to the return of this popular and very special fund-raising event in aid of Parish projects.

Headlined by the trail of diverse and inspiring Gardens weaving through our three lovely villages, we are thrilled that 'Music for Awhile' are offering their time to perform wonderful short music recitals in the historic Church of All Saints in aid of the Roof Appeal.

There will be lots going on to make a day of it, including stalls along the garden trail with plants and preloved garden tools plenty of refreshments too, including teas & cakes, ploughman lunches and freshly baked pizzas. Vintage car rides will run between the villages by donation.

This is a big event and there's so much to do to make it a success. If you would like to get involved, we would love you to join us, whether it's opening your garden, marshalling, taking tickets, helping with refreshments or growing a few plants for a stall. All would be very welcome.

Contact Louise Tel: 851058 email: louisegolden@icloud.com

Midsummer Flower Show - Saturday 25th June - Coronation Hall

Schedules will be available in June on the village website a www.altonsandhoneystreet.org.uk and posted through your letterbox. Any donations for a raffle would be much appreciated. Please contact either Hayley-07582636017 or Ruth-01672 851690

Music for Awhile

23rd and 24th July. All Saints. Handel opera-cantata *Apollo and Daphne* and a feast of virtuosic baroque concerti, full details to follow.

Other local concerts this year include:

June 12th All Saints - an informal afternoon of live music for Open Gardens
September 9th Stert
September 24th All Cannings

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Conservation Project

Wildflower Project St Mary's and All Saints' Churchyards

The planting we undertook in both Churchyards in Autumn 2020 proved to be a great success, so we decided to double the size of both conservation areas. In Autumn 2021 we planted around 1000 more bulbs, daffodils, snowdrops and fritillaries and both the snowdrops and daffodils are already flowering, the fritillaries will follow in April. We also planted primroses in the Spring of 2021 and these are now also getting well established, so do go and visit both Churchyards and take a look. We plan to do a further round of planting this Autumn, so if you want to get involved do get in touch.

Robert Pile Trust

This is a charitable Trust which provides financial help to anyone with any educational undertaking who has lived in Alton Barnes, Alton Priors or Honeystreet for 2 years or more This can include any academic, occupational or professional qualifications and would cover such things as university fees, music lessons, extra curricular school subjects, driving lessons, university tuition fees, professional courses and supporting local schools that children from our villages attend. Applicants can be of any age and should apply to email:- pollycaravans@gmail.com

Alton Barnes Coronation Hall and Committee

Did you know that anyone can hire the hall? Consider it for birthday parties, family events or meetings. Contact Richard Heacock hall booking manager on email: richardheacock@mac.com or tel: 01672 851322 . The hall is very well equipped including a stage with lighting, audio visual facilities, kitchen, an alcohol licence and a marquee is available for hire. Main Hall £10 /hr (£75 per day) Committee Room £7 /hr. Hiring for funerals and weddings are at no cost for village residents. The hall committee are responsible for looking after the maintenance of the hall and setting up most events that take place in the village. It would be great if everyone could play their part in our local community and join the hall committee at some time during their life in the Altons and Honeystreet. At the time of writing we looking for a new Treasurer and a Chair - Could that be you? If so please contact our hall secretary Ruth Hepworth on email- ruthhepworth@btinternet.com

Village Saturday Coffee Mornings

Every first Saturday of the month there is a very social coffee morning and we are trying to encourage it to become a village market where you can sell or exchange

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homemade jams, cakes, seeds and plants, unused garden equipment etc. In fact anything that you want to sell or give away. We are always looking for help to run these mornings so please play your part and volunteer to help with one of these coffee mornings. To help please contact Nell Carson on email:- nell_carson@yahoo.com

Traffic through the village

Hayley Kington and Max Gajadharsingh are addressing the issue of speed and traffic in the Parish. They conducted a petition in February and received over sixty signatures from residents who had concerns around the issue. A traffic survey was conducted in Alton Barnes in November, with the data showing that the majority of vehicles speed through the village. As a result, Hayley and Max are pushing to have another survey conducted in Alton Priors, which should take place in April or May.

St Marys Church

The Annual General Meeting of St Mary's PCC will be in the Joyce Major room in the Coronation Hall on March 29th at 7pm. This year there will be a more than usually important discussion about the future of the church. Anyone from the villages is welcome to attend.

Altons and Honeystreet WhatsApp

The Altons and Honeystreet WhatsApp group is there for general contact amongst all members of the village. Please use this for general village messaging that might be of interest to everyone in the village. *It is not for personal chat.* For security reasons we are not publishing the live link. If you wish to join please send your name and village address to email altonarts@altonsandhoneystreet.org.uk and you will be sent the live link.

Village website:- www.altonsandhoneystreet.org.uk

The village website is for all village and local information and is updated regularly. All Parish Council information is on the website including agendas and minutes of meetings. There is a great local history page and links to many local things of interest. If you wish an event to be placed on the website or have any suggestions or questions please contact via email:- webmaster@altonsandhoneystreet.org.uk

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The Altons and Honeystreet Parish Council

Hold regular meetings in the Coronation hall and are all open to the public. If you have a matter that you wish to bring to the attention of the Council or are considering being on the Parish Council our clerk Elizabeth Martin would be glad to hear from you. Contact her on email:- clerk@altonsandhoneystreet.org.uk

How to use the DEFIBRILLATOR

Here are some tips.

1. If someone has collapsed and is not breathing CALL FOR HELP and if you know how, ADMINISTER CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation).
2. Someone should PHONE 999 FOR AN AMBULANCE
3. Someone should COLLECT THE DEFIBRILLATOR which is positioned on the roadside wall of the Alton Barnes Coronation Hall.
To do this they need to PHONE 999 AND GIVE THE HALL POSTCODE and the NUMBER OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR which are both clearly shown on the box.
They will then be given A CODE TO DIAL IN. This will release the defibrillator so they can take it to the casualty.
4. WHEN IT IS OPENED IT WILL TALK TO YOU to tell you what to do including how to administer CPR before medical assistance arrives.

PS. If you don't have a phone, flag down a passing motorist or knock on a neighbour's house and ask for help.