



Albrighton Parish Council

Monthly Newsletter

July 2024

Albrighton War Memorial re-dedication event

Albrighton Parish Council working in partnership with the Albrighton War Memorial Working Group are pleased to announce the re-dedication of the Albrighton War Memorial 104 years on from 16th September 1920 will take place 15th September 2024 at 2pm. A service will take place at St Mary Magdalene Church, Albrighton, service to be delivered by Reverend Mary Thomas. A short unveiling and tribute will then be carried out at The War Memorial, Newport Road, followed by refreshments at The Red House, High Street.

D-Day 80th Anniversary



On 6th June 2024 we remember the heroes of the Battle of Normandy who risked their lives for freedom and peace. We thank them for their resilience and playing a crucial role in the Second World War. We must remember the sacrifices they made that changed the course of history and continue to inspire us today. Let us honour the heroes who fought and those who gave their lives on this historic day. Their legacy reminds us of the importance of unity and resilience in the face of adversity.

Albrighton Parish Council were honoured to be joined by The High Sheriff of Shropshire Brian Welti JP and Vice Lord-Left Lieutenant Jenny Wynn. Albrighton Parish Council purchased an 80th D-Day Flag to be flown during this period.

Pictured from left to right are The High Sheriff of Shropshire Brian Welti JP;

Vice Lord-Left Lieutenant Jenny Wynn; Chairman Councillor Colin Noakes.

Local schools St Mary's CofE and Albrighton Primary in partnership with Albrighton Parish Council hosted a D-Day event at St Mary's School to learn and celebrate the D-Day landings of Normandy. A carousel of activities were hosted including Historical story and information session lead by our Librarian Lauren, bunting making, bush craft God's eye and ship building. Followed by a lunch together with representatives from The Royal British Legion and Albrighton Parish Council members. The day was finished by discussing what they learnt and sharing a prayer.



New Defibrillator placed in the old BT phone box on the High Street

Albrighton Parish Council working in partnership with The Harp Albrighton and Albrighton First Responders are pleased to inform the community that an additional defibrillator is now available in the BT phone box on the High Street for use in an emergency.

This defibrillator was kindly donated to The Harp and monies were raised by members of the public to ensure more defibs are readily available in our community. The remaining funds raised will go towards any defib maintenance required over the coming years.

Albrighton Parish Council adopted the decommissioned BT phone box in December 2023 after the opportunity arose for the transfer of ownership from BT to local authorities. Albrighton Parish Council are the custodians of the defib in the BT Phone box outside The Harp and the defib located on the wall outside of The Red House. To find out more information about what Defibs are available in our community, please visit: <https://www.defibfinder.uk/>

Statement from the Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council, Colin Noakes

It's been a busy first month as Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council (APC). The outline planning application for Phase 4 of the Millfields development went before Shropshire Council's Planning Committee. Both Councillor Nigel Lumby as Shropshire Councillor and myself representing APC, spoke in opposition to the proposal. Neither of us are against the proposal in principle. However, when the land was originally removed from the greenbelt, APC were promised a twenty - space car park to service the train station and school drop off point. The indicative plan submitted by Boningale Homes had only six spaces detailed. Obviously well below what we were promised. Although the Planning Committee granted the outline permission, they have instructed that reserve matters (including layout) be brought back before the Committee. Consequently, I will be addressing the Committee in the future, in the hope of securing the promised car parking.



APC were also given a briefing by Pinnacle Housing on their intention to submit a planning application for 150 new homes that are proposed on land adjacent to the Millfields development. I must stress that this parcel of land is allocated for housing in the local plan. Once a formal planning application has been submitted APC will call a public meeting where residents will be able to attend if they wish.

The D-Day commemorations held in the Village went well. It all started with a 'picnic in the woods' at St Mary's school on the 5th June which I attended. Children from St Mary's and Albrighton Primary were given a special lunch and treated to activities in the woods. These included a D-Day story told from the soldier's perspective, written and read by Lauren from the library, boat building, and bunting making. The event also had three ex-service personnel as guests of honour. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were full of questions about D-Day. I must thank Councillor Wild for organising the event.

At 9am on the 6th June APC raised a special 80th anniversary flag which they had purchased, on the flagpole outside the Red House. The flag will be flown for 7 days. I read out a tribute about all those involved and affected by the events of D-Day and the second world war. At 9.15pm on the same day APC held a ceremony where I lit a lantern of peace and again read out a tribute and John Stretton read out a poem dedicated to D-Day, this was followed by the last post. It was a very humbling experience. A big thank you for all those who attended especially to Brian and Kieron from the British Legion.

Three other Councillors and myself were invited to the Cosford Annual reception. This was a formal reception, held in the Sergeant's mess on the base. There were displays in the venue demonstrating the work the RAF undertake in schools, there was also a very interesting demonstration of an original Enigma code machine from WWII.

APC have a stand at this year's Albrighton and Donington Fayre please come along and say hello and let us know the issues that most concern you about Albrighton.

Colin Noakes

Chairman Albrighton Parish Council

What's on at Albrighton Library

Information, advice, and support

Shropshire Council and their partners attend Albrighton Library every third Tuesday of the month from 9:30am to 12:30pm. This is a free information, advice, and support session. You can expect help and support with:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Housing Support- Children's Health and Wellbeing- Dementia Support- Financial Advice- Healthy Living Advice | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Home Fire Safety- Domestic Abuse Support- Drug & alcohol Support- Getting Older |
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Rhyme Time with Lauren

Join Lauren 1st Wednesday of the month from 10:30am for stories, songs and lots of fun! Rhyme Time is targeted for ages 0-4 year olds, but older siblings are welcome to come along during half term. Please note that parents/guardians must accompany children at all times. Spaces limited to 30, but no need to book!

From Bumps to Babies

2nd Wednesday of the month 11am. Have a quiet cup of tea, be directed to targeted support where needed and find comfortable conversation with others.



Age UK Albrighton Friendship Group

Join Age UK 4th Wednesday of the month – 2-4pm

For people aged 60+ to catch up with friends or meet new people from your community for a friendly chat while enjoying a cup of coffee or a slice of cake. .

For more information, please call 01743 233 123 or email enquires@ageukstw.org.uk



Shropshire
Community Blood Pressure Checks

Blood Pressure Monitoring 2nd Thursday and 4th Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm.