



## Albrighton Parish Council

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# Monthly Newsletter

## December 2024

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### Albrighton War Memorial receives Grant Funding

Albrighton Parish Council are pleased to announce that the Albrighton War Memorial has received grant funding of £20,000.00 from War Memorial Trust's 'Grants for War Memorials Scheme' supported by Historic England. This is a fantastic source of funding to cover the last costs of the refurbishment, leaving the Parish Council's total expenditure at just over £28,000.00.

### Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day

Every year we commemorate Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This year's Remembrance Sunday was particularly significant due the restoration of the Memorial highlighting the importance of us continuing to remember for years to come.

Our thanks go to Vice Lord-Lieutenant Jenny Wynn OBE, Station Commander Penny Brady, Warrant Officer Gemma Wosik, RAF Cosford Personnel, Royal British Legion Albrighton, RAF Cadet Band, Albrighton Parish Councillors, Donington with Boscobel Parish Councillors and Revd. Mary Thomas and emergency services for their part in carrying out this important service. Our additional thanks go to the Red House for providing light refreshments and members of the public for attending the service.

### Reminder of Christmas and New Year Opening hours for Albrighton Parish Council Office and Library

Extra books may be taken during the closing period. No books will be due back during this time.

Mon 23 Dec to Sat 28 Dec 2024	CLOSED
Mon 30th Dec 2024	10am to 4:30pm
Tues 31st Dec 2024 ( <i>Library only</i> )	10am to 4:30pm
Wed 1st Jan 2025	CLOSED
Thurs 2nd Jan 2025	10am to 4:30pm
Fri 3rd Jan 2025	10am to 4:30pm
Sat 4th Jan 2025	10am to 1pm
Mon 6th Jan 2025	10am to 4:30pm

## **Santa Claus Visits Albrighton**

Albrighton Parish Council staff and Councillors have organised for Santa Claus to make a very special visit to the community during the busy lead up to Christmas! Santa Claus will be visiting various locations throughout the village from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 from 5pm to 7pm. Unfortunately, Santa can't stop in every road, but he will be driving slowly through various roads and will have a scheduled stop off point each evening from 6:30pm! Santa's route has been published on our website, social media, village noticeboards and Library noticeboard. Visit our website:

<https://albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/christmas-events/santa-visits-albrighton>

We politely ask that you only visit Santa once during the week to make it fair to all children who would like to meet him!



***Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all Councillors and staff of Albrighton Parish Council!***

## Update report from Chairman Councillor Colin Noakes



Christmas is now well and truly on the way. By the time you read this the Christmas light switch on will have happened, as well as the Red House Christmas Fayre. I'm looking forward to visiting both the Harp and the Crown pubs, who will be staging their own Christmas events in December.

Don't forget to look out for Santa in the Village from Monday 16th December to Thursday 19th December 2024 from 5pm to 7pm. He will be riding in an especially adopted sleigh created for this occasion.

I'm proud to announce APC has won an award. We have been presented with the SALC President's Achievement Award for our King Charles III Coronation Garden project.

We also received a runner up place for the refurbishment of the war memorial. It's great to accept recognition for two high profile projects that have been worked on by so many people in the Village.

Thank you to all who have been involved in these projects. A special thank you to Cllr Pledger who completed and submitted the award application forms on behalf of the Council.

While writing about the Coronation Garden it was great to see local school children, staff and councillors planting spring bulbs and wildflower seeds in October. It is hoped these plants will grow in the spring and summer of 2025 to attract pollinating insects to the area. There is also a new path and bench planned for the site and hopefully we will see these in situ soon.

I want to give a special shout out to the Albrighton Craft Group for the work they have done in decorating the Village for remembrance Sunday. This year I have seen bollards, benches and post boxes adorned with tributes to the fallen. Thank you to all concerned in creating these very poignant displays.

It just remains for me and all the Councillors and staff at APC to wish each and everyone of you, a very happy, healthy and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

Chairman Councillor Colin Noakes



# 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 10am to 12noon. 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"><li>- Housing Support</li><li>- Children's Health and Wellbeing</li><li>- Dementia Support</li><li>- Financial Advice</li><li>- Healthy Living Advice</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Home Fire Safety</li><li>- Domestic Abuse Support</li><li>- Drug &amp; alcohol Support</li><li>- Getting Older</li></ul> |
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## Stay and Play and Rhyme Time with Lauren

Join us every Wednesday from 10:30am to 11:45am for Rhyme Time with our trained librarian Lauren who will sing songs, read stories and help your child build key core strength and skills for life! Rhyme Time is targeted for ages 0-4 year olds. Dates during term time and subject to change. Please note that parents/guardians must accompany children at all times. Spaces limited to 30, but no need to book!

## Lego Club

Join us every Thursday and Friday from 3pm to 4pm for our new after school Lego Club! Aimed at children aged 7 to 12. Lego will be provided, just bring your imagination!



## Age UK Albrighton Friendship Group

Join Age UK 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:enquires@ageukstw.org.uk)



Shropshire  
Community Blood Pressure Checks

**Blood Pressure Monitoring** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm.



**SEND Drop-in Session** with Georgina Roycroft from Wren Support – every first Friday of the month from 9:30am

For more information, please email [wren.assessment@gmail.com](mailto:wren.assessment@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.wrensupport.co.uk/>



Health, Wellbeing and Prevention Team will be hosting Quit Smoking Sessions from September onwards. These are pre-booked session hosted every Wednesday in the Library meeting. <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/public-health/healthy-shropshire/stopping-smoking/>



**Chatty Café Scheme** at Albrighton Library – starting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and continuing every Monday from 2pm to 3pm. <https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/venue/albrighton-library/>