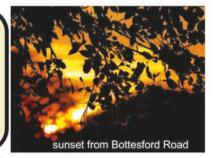
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# **ALLINGTON STORES CLOSURE**

It is with much sadness that we reflect on the closure of Allington Stores. A difficult economic climate, the unprecedented pandemic, but mainly an insufficient number of customers has sadly brought an end to Will and Lottie's venture. The shop will be greatly missed by many not only for the facility it provided but also for the huge part it played in the community – selling our tickets, publicising events, magnificent Christmas and Halloween displays, who can forget the towering BFG scarecrow, collection of aluminium cans and the safe shopping provision during lockdown. A great loss it certainly is but congratulations and thanks are due to Will, Lottie and staff for providing an excellent service, against the economic odds, for so long and for providing a real hub for our community. We wish them every happiness and good luck in their new ventures.

#### SHOPPING THROUGH TIME IN ALLINGTON

It is unknown when the first proper shop appeared in Allington but in 1748 James Camm appeared in the parish register as 'Grosser and Chandler.

1851 - there were two grocers, Ann Winter and Richard Hubbard, and two butchers, John Scrimshaw and William Loveitt in the village.

1863 - John Eminson was described as shopkeeper and Mrs Winter received letters at 10.45am for despatch at 4.15pm.

1881 - there were three grocers, Jane Stokes and William and Charles Handley, and three butchers, William Lovett and William and Fred Muxlow.

1905 - Charles William Handley was tailor, shopkeeper and sub post master according to Kelly's Directory

1930s - Fred Tinkler ran the shop.

Albert Harrison and his sister Lucy ran the shop at various times after Fred. The War Years saw Charlie Handley at the helm.

1970 -1976 Mr and Mrs Towers

1976 -1983 Margaret and Brian Hopewell

1983 -1987 Shelia Smith

1987 -1992 Margaret and Peter Roffe

1992 -1999 Jacqui Bell and Mary Longstaff

1999 - 2015 Ray and Melanie Asquith

2015 - 2020 Will and Lottie

2020 - ?

Thanks to Jil Storer, the Durants and Brenda Pask's book 'Allington' for their information

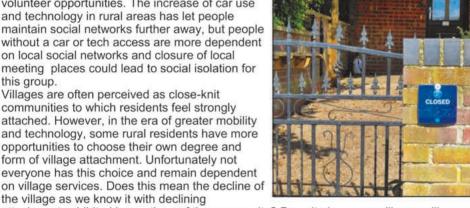
#### VILLAGES AND THEIR SHOPS

Around 300/400 village shops close each year. Research shows that some villagers regret closure and yet they might rarely have used the facility. Losing such facilities sees a loss in social capital, that is a loss in the networks of relationships among people who live and work in a particular community that enable it to function effectively. Public places that allow for informal social interaction, such as shops, have been shown to be beneficial for the sense of belonging to a community. The loss of a service in one village has a correspondingly negative impact on other surrounding villages too. House prices also suffer when community facilities disappear. In Marston enquiries made when investigating their own shop/pub closure revealed that the saleability of property increased when a shop or pub were present and they also increase the value of property. As you probably know the villagers in Marston have, after considerable hard work, created a community shop and pub. Interestingly, community shops are opening at a rate of 22 a year and are now effectively replacing around 6% of commercial shop closures. Community shops will

particularly benefit those who are disadvantaged by lack of personal transport, limited physical mobility, and those seeking employment or volunteer opportunities. The increase of car use and technology in rural areas has let people maintain social networks further away, but people without a car or tech access are more dependent on local social networks and closure of local meeting places could lead to social isolation for this group.

Villages are often perceived as close-knit communities to which residents feel strongly attached. However, in the era of greater mobility and technology, some rural residents have more opportunities to choose their own degree and form of village attachment. Unfortunately not everyone has this choice and remain dependent

the village as we know it with declining attachment exhibited by sections of the community? Does it also mean villages will become the domain of the mobile and technically able excluding sections of society who aren't? We must all remember that if facilities are not used they will disappear and one





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# THE **MANOR**



Leo at The Manor tells us that they are opening the bar on Saturdays 2-8pm until the weddings start again. Information will be posted each week on the Allington Facebook group to keep villagers up to date and let them know if any other dates become available. They are serving a range of local and home infused gins as well as other summer drinks, Pimms, Aperol Spritz and the usuals you would expect at a beer bar. Currently it is table service only to avoid queues at the bar and all staff will be wearing correct PPE. Hand sanitisation points have also been provided. As it is all outside at the minute it is very much weather dependant. Booking is essential to be sure of a table but they will welcome walk-ins and accommodate everyone if they are able to do so safely.

# WELBY ARMS **REOPENS**

The Welby opening hours

Matt is open as usual apart from Mondays when the pub is closed. The opening hours are:

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# FLOWER STALL OPENS

Sue Jackson has a stand at the bottom of her drive which is open all day including weekends. It has some nice home grown flowers, tomatoes and herbs. First right on Bottesford Lane as you go towards the Manor, to the left of the cut through to Park Road.

#### Walking the highways

It has been brought to our attention that a reminder of the rules for pedestrians on roads without pavements, as set out in the Highway Code, might be useful after seeing so many people out walking during the lockdown. Please take note!

'If there is no pavement, keep to the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic. You should take extra care and be prepared to walk in single file, especially on narrow roads or in poor light

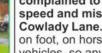
-keep close to the side of the road.

It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.









Trail bikes

We have received information from the Parish Council that several residents of Allington have complained to the Parish Council about motorbikes and trail bikes riding through the village at high speed and misusing the local footpaths, namely Sewstern Lane, Marston Lane and to a lesser extent, Cowlady Lane. Marston Lane and Cowlady Lane are designated 'Restricted Byway' which allows a right of way on foot, on horseback, or leading a horse, cycling and for any vehicles other than mechanically propelled vehicles, so any motorcyclists using them are breaking the law. They do have the right to use Sewstern Lane (Viking Way) but must do so safely and with regard for other users.

The parish council have published information on Facebook and Allington Online which explains what action can be taken. When the PC reports these incidents it is counted as one complaint.

Therefore anyone who is concerned about this disturbance should register their complaint as it seems that if enough complaints are received action by the police will be taken.

Information to assist in reporting incidents:

Riding on a public highway is not breaking the law, however, riding recklessly and causing damage is considered to be 'Anti Social Behaviour' and is against the law.

Therefore please report any incidents that you consider fall into this group:

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# Allington Community Group **Awarded 2020 Volunteers Week** Certificate of Appreciation

Covid-19 has been a difficult time for many of us, also a time when our community came together to help those who were shielding and locked down. On behalf of the parish council, a very big thank you goes to all our volunteers.

The volunteer help line is still in action as we move through the various stages of dealing with COVID. Contact me, Cllr Mike Mould on 01400281977 or 07779746135 if you need some assistance. I will find a volunteer who can help and let you know who will be in touch with you as soon as possible. Regards, Mike

#### VJ Day

If anyone organises or attends an event to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ (Victory over Japan) Day and the end of World War 2 on 15th August and would like to send us photographs or information we can include them in the next

# What next for Foston Services?

# **Memory Lane** The Doctor's Surgery

From the March/April 1987 edition of the Allington News:

The surgery in the fifties "was held at the Old Manor House. You waited around in the big hall until your turn came to climb up a small flight of stairs into a tiny room. If you didn't have a cold when you went, you certainly had one later.

The second move was down to the kitchen in the village hall. The patients would wait in the first half of the kitchen. When it was your turn you pulled the old grey blanket across the doorway into the second half where the doctor held his surgery. You certainly didn't have to strain the ear to know what complaints the patient had. The third move was into the outbuildings of the Welby Arms..." and this is where it was when I moved into the village around fifty years ago.

It was held in the barn (since converted into a house) next to the pub - and it was a barn in more ways than one. This was the waiting room, where you sat on a bench, with rings in the wall, possibly to tie up your horse. There was still not much heating and it was rather uncomfortable. The doctor was in a little building at the back opposite the barn. Doctor Spalding came from Bottesford three times a week - his main surgery was in the Mill House, where he lived. My husband, John, always said that Doctor Spalding would say, "If it's not gone in a fortnight, come back. Then, perhaps when Doctor Spalding retired, we became linked to Long Bennington and Doctor Baumber attended to us. At this time the barn was refurbished and the

little building became the waiting room; slightly more comfortable. Our next doctor was Doctor Lawrenson who eventually had the use of a brand new surgery at the village hall which opened on 2nd February 1987. We had surgeries three times a week and the medicines were brought to the village twice weekly. But sadly, as time went on the hours were cut until September 2016 when the surgery was eventually closed for good and sadly we no longer have this facility. Gill



The 'I love Allington T shirts' went into lockdown during the early days of the pandemic. However, we are delighted to report that they are beginning to emerge again, although not travelling to far flung destinations as before. A few ladies who have been meeting weekly via Zoom decided to hold a garden meeting when that option was introduced - socially distanced, of course! They celebrated this first get together by wearing their Allington T Shirts.

Foston Services was originally built as a service station and later the Foston Motel was created, this was later to become Hyde-A-Way. Time passed and a private dwelling and flat roofed Little Chef, complete with Olympic breakfasts, took over the site. The Little Chef closed in 2007, becoming Breakers Roadside Restaurant and in 2012 LJ's Diner. LJ's closed in 2013 with the building becoming home to a catering company. The filling station has remained throughout originally branded as Jet and then Texao. In 2019 the small forecourt shop was rebranded as Londis.

So what is next...well, planning permission has been submitted by Motor Fuel Limited for full planning permission for the demolition of the existing building and the erection of a coffee shop with a drive-thru facility My favourite experience at these services was when a chap filling up at the pumps from the West Midlands asked for directions to Blackpool. Yes, the one with the tower. Seems he took a few wrong turns and found himself on the A1. I suggested A1 to M62 west, then north on the M6 – "then you are on your own." He seemed satisfied!

#### **Footpath Report**

Very many thanks to whoever cut back the Cowlady Lane and Marston Lane footpaths making them passable at a time when nettles and brambles encroach. All our footpaths have been well used this summer and enjoyed by many. They are all in walkable condition and even the Viking Way from the crossroads towards the level crossing near the A52 is manageable although demands balance skills level 1 in places! The footpath from the back of the playing field towards the Viking Way is clear but one stile is a little wobbly. The footpath from Sewstern Lane to Lowfields Lane through the farm is signed again on the finger post at the Sewstern Lane end. Whilst the footpath from the Gardens through to the village via the sheep field is still accessible despite the work at the water treatment site.



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#### ALLINGTONS AROUND ENGLAND

Although there are streets and places with Allington in their name, there are just five other villages or hamlets beside our own bearing the name in England, but nearly six! Why nearly? Because Eastleigh in Hampshire in their plan for 2016-2036 proposed a new village called Allington (as it encompassed Allington Street) in a report dated 2015 but apparently this is not now being carried forward.

Allington in Kent, is by far the largest Allington, situated on the River Medway, with a population of nearly 7,000. This is a modern village alongside the A20. It has two schools, the church of St.Nicholas and a castle which is privately owned by Sir Robert Worcester. Being on the Medway it also boasts Allington Lock with an adjacent café.

There are three Allingtons in Wiltshire, the smallest:

Allington near Devizes close to the Kennet and Avon canal, with a population of just 96. This is actually a small settlement within the village of All Cannings which has no church but does have a Strict Baptist Chapel. It also boasts a farm shop. There are two bridges over the canal called Allington, one being a swing bridge.

Allington near Chippenham is a hamlet with a population of 208. There are ruins of a manor house and just to the north is Bolehyde Manor former residence of Camilla Parker Bowles.

Allington near Amesbury, with a population of 493, is close to the River Bourne, has no school but has the church of St.Andrew, and also a fine looking pub called The Old Inn.

Allington in Dorset has a population of 766, has no school but a church dedicated to St.Swithun. Much of the area is within the Parish of Bridport. The Woodland Trust manage the area known as Allington Hill.

It might be an idea to form a relationship with one of the villages, a bit like a twinning but on a different basis. As obviously there is no overseas travel involved, it should be possible for more people to visit or exchange ideas.

Thanks to Ken Moulds for this article and all the research involved.



# **HAPPY** 50th DAVID

**David Moreton** celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on 27<sup>th</sup> May at his sister's house with a group of villagers singing him 'Happy Birthday' from the street.

#### **New Arrival Micah**

Congratulations to Will, Lottie and Zephany on the birth of Micah. Will and Lottie have a beautiful son and Zephany is delighted with her new little brother.

#### NEWS FROM THE PLAYING FIELD



#### **GREEN STORAGE UNIT**

On Saturday 27th June the last green storage unit on the playing field was moved from alongside the MUGA to the new resting place at the top of the field in the hedge behind the garage. It is now out of direct sight making the field look tidier.

Thank you to Farmer Tim Wade and his teleporter. It will be used by Gonerby Youth Football Club for storage of their equipment.

#### MUGA

The fencing surrounding the MUGA was being damaged by people (mostly from outside Allington) who thought it acceptable to climb the fence to gain access. The parish council therefore opened the facility in order to prevent any further damage and expensive repairs. Notices were posted stating that no disinfecting or cleaning of the area would be undertaken and was used 'At own Risk.

#### PLAY EQUIPMENT

The play equipment at the playing field was opened on 4th July in line with the Government's ruling. Members of the PC went to the area on Friday 3rd and removed the barriers. They posted notices on or near all the equipment advising that these areas would not be disinfected or cleaned and use was entirely 'At own Risk.







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**Holy Trinity Allington** Work has now started on the essential maintenance at the church. This should be completed by 27th July after which we can turn our attention to the bigger project. We are having our first PCC meeting on Zoom since the lockdown began on 6th August

and we will have a great deal to catch up on. One of our major discussions will be about the viability of re-opening the church for worship. There are many rules and regulations we need to review in order to be able to hold services again but we are very willing to see what can be done.



St Lawrence Sedgebrook

VIEW FROM THE PEW

In these difficult times the community in Sedgebrook has been been our lifeline. We are so grateful for the support during lockdown in helping us to raise the £1500 needed to carry out urgent work on the trees in the churchyard. Thank you to the Wade family for the socially distanced Midsummer Picnic held on 20<sup>th</sup> June in their field. A great time was had by all, despite a couple

of showers. We held a raffle for the final push to pay for work in the churchyard and thanks to the generosity of those who attended we reached our target. Thanks to the Wade family there was an opportunity to explore the new woodland walk as well as enjoy the use of their field and parking for the picnic. It was just the tonic we needed during lockdown.

Another big thank you to Laurie White for donating a flower tub to replace the one outside the gate and many thanks also to Billy McNeish who had planted it up almost before it hit the ground!

Thanks to those who helped with the deep cleaning of the church so that we could open for private prayer on Sundays (2-5pm) and Thursdays (10am-1pm). While the church building has been out of bounds, we have been busy with daily prayer and internet Sunday services. We are making sure we keep in touch by phone, email and while we take our exercise, and the PCC is

photos we didn't have room for... Visit Flickr, search under 'Allington News', choosing the 'people' option, and click on 'Allington News'

already planning how to bridge the gap to keep our church not just going, but thriving into the future to serve our community. As we go to press, we are working on the risk assessment to open the church for public worship and hope to be able to resume this in

We are grateful to the Social Club for giving us the opportunity to run the 200 Club this year, enabling us to pay to insure the church for the rest of the year (£180 per month). We appreciate all those who have supported us in the past year.

Our next project - in the very early stages at the moment, is to extend the cemetery, which has very few spaces left. We are applying for a grant to make a community/peace garden at the same time with a seat, bird feeder and bin. The allotments and access will not be affected.

# How our time has changed at Allington with Sedgebrook C of E Primary School

We are the Year 6s and our time at Allington has changed but not only in a bad way. We may not have had all of the things Year 6s in the past have had but we have found an alternative. We did not get our leavers' residential trip to Allington with Sedgebrook C.E. Primary School Dovedale, however we did get the advantage to put on a social-distanced music festival for the people in school. We could not have a leavers' show where all the parents come in and we put a show on about our time at Allington...however our teachers Mr. Drew and Mrs. Faulkner, have kindly helped us put together a leavers' video to transfer onto a memory stick to take home so we can show our parents and we got our leavers' hoodies, thanks to Mrs. Muir for organising this. Some people may think 2020 is a bad year and it has been ruined; for Allington this is not true. Everything we have missed out on the teachers have found something to do instead and we are all very thankful for this.

The children about to leave our village school have had to face exceptional challenges in their last year at primary school. The staff and pupils have worked together to make happy memories in face of the pandemic which has disrupted all the usual plans. We wish them well in their new schools and their future endeavours. AN

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES AND PHOTOS FOR THIS EDITION. Our Flickr account has many more

#### **ALLINGTON GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT JULY 2020**



At last we are beginning to emerge from lock down, but social activities are still not possible on the Gardens, so there is not much to report. Unfortunately, Russell Carter has resigned from his role of Chairman of AGRA so David Totman, previously vice chairman, is now acting chairman. Our residents have been very busy in their gardens so there are some beautiful displays. The roses seem to have benefitted from the beautiful weather this year.

Many of our residents have been grateful for the help Sue Marvin and Derek Hughes have given by collecting their medication. A bunch of flowers was sent to them in thanks.

Following the closure of the village shop, Glenys Wheadon has taken on the role of 'paper girl' and is now delivering the morning papers to some of our residents. She

earns to the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, which is a lovely gesture. May and June have been busy months for special birthdays on the Gardens: Peter Thornham was 80 on the 5th May, Ken Haines reached the great age of 95 on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, David Totman and Len Wheadon were both 80 on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, Stewart Revell was 70 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Russell Carter was 80 on the 28th June. (Happy birthday and congratulations to them all! AN)

People may have noticed a lot of activity at the Water Treatment Plant adjacent to Allington Gardens. A temporary road has been laid and fenced in the sheep field from the plant to the lane off Sedgebrook Road. This is to allow construction traffic easy access whilst the Water Treatment Plant is updated. This work should be completed by October/November 2020 and then the field will be given back to the sheep. There is still access across the field for pedestrians with a stile erected over the fence. The company have even repaired the original stile that was collapsing.

Hopefully, there will be more to report in the next edition, although the virus is still out there and our lives will continue to be different for some time to come.

Contact residentassociation9@gmail.com for any information





Covid-19/Meetings of the parish council – all scheduled meetings had been cancelled for a 4 month period with the 2nd July meeting to be under review.

Planning - Application- amended plans for outline planning permission for residential development at land at Allington Road -

SKDC had refused the planning permission.

Recreation Field/Play Area - the split matting has now been replaced and the area reseeded.

In accordance with the Prime Minister's announcement of the 23rd March the play equipment was cordoned off with the field remaining open for people to exercise. One of the trees in the field had fallen removal to be organised.

Tree on The Green - a limb had fallen off the chestnut tree. A tree specialist informed the PC further limbs would continue to fall. Memorial Church Clock – the annual servicing had been completed

Decoration of Phone Kiosk with Flowers - cancelled due to the difficulty in obtaining plants. The kiosk is now a designated "Rainbow

Annual Audit – this meeting had been arranged primarily to comply with the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015. Following an Internal Audit and circulation of the accounts etc, the required forms were approved and the Chairman would be signing the necessary documentation as soon as practicable. The Notice of Public Rights to take place on Wednesday 24th June until Wednesday 5th August 2020 to be displayed on the parish council website.

Website - take a look at village notices, minutes etc:

http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Sedgebrook

Date of the next meetings (subject to the guidelines regarding Covid -19): Thursday 10th September and Thursday 22th October the Club at Sedgebrook 7pm

# Allington **Parish Council** Virtual meeting July 8th 2020

Planning - notification received about a planning application to be submitted about a solar farm near the A1 near Foston. Applications: Martin Jackson, Allington Hall - reduction of 2 Leyland Cypress to improve light for neighbours; John Callaghan, Lofty Trees fell and stumpgrind tree under preservation.

Finance - quarterly accounts agreed and signed off. Fundraising - 'Easy money' discussed as a way of fundraising for projects in the village. Further investigation to be done.

Playing field - green portacabin has now been relocated. CCTV to be tested and erected at the playing field to deter damage. MUGA has been maliciously damaged if anyone sees vandalism happening please report to 101.

Community Wood - policy and management plan has now been written for the future of the wood, these will be published online and on the parish council notice board. Tree surgeon to fell 4 diseased trees, the felled wood will remain in the wood to allow natural biodiversity.

Sewstern Lane - if people see this lane being abused it needs to be reported on 101.

# VILLAGE HALL NEWS



At the time of this issue going to press we anticipate that the hall will re-open for some sessions from 1st September. However this will depend on guidance from both the Government and ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) - this also applies to the re-opening of the library. Once an opening date is confirmed notices will be placed around the village along with messages on Allington Facebook, Allington Online and via AGRA, along with information on the sessions that are able to restart within the social distancing rules Meanwhile we have welcomed the return of the Outreach Post Office on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please note that the instruction from the Government that face coverings are mandatory in shops also applies to the Outreach Post Office.

#### Library Van Dates Currently no Visits



#### Community Library Opening Times Currently Closed

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Lincolnshire Interconnect website More information available on Lincolnshire County Council website or from Allington Gardens site office.



# FROM THE ARCHIVES ALLINGTON NEWS LOOKS BACK 30 Years Ago

'Parson Stole My Wife alleges Allington Man' ...was a feature in the AN 30 years ago this month. The accused parson was William Aylyngton who, in 1316, was imprisoned (evidently falsely) at Huntingdon for the abduction of the wife of Richard Strickland of Aylyngton and of his chattels to the value of one man. This is just one of many fascinating stories uncovered by Brenda Pask, a local historian whose family lived in Allington from 1750-1950. They were presented in her book Allington the Story of a Lincolnshire Village which was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1990.

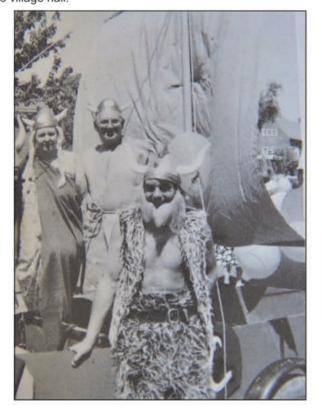
The floats in Allington Gala 1990 were considered the most colourful ever. The theme of Europe obviously inspired everyone to great things. The Brownies went with a classical Greek look with their float whilst the playgroup turned to Hamelin and the fairy castles of the Rhine for their inspiration. There were Vikings from the Gardens whilst the AN float went for a Viva Espania treat. The Optimists used Rene's Café from 'Allo, Allo' to good effect as they landed first prize from the judges.

#### 20 years ago

The AN carried news of a new activitiy - carpet bowls at the village hall. The first session was very successful and in view of the enthusiastic response another session was organised. It was hoped that it would become a regular autumn/ winter event. The rest as they say is history!

'A place in History' was an article about Allington and Sedgebrook Playgroup creating a patchwork quilt to celebrate the millennium. The quilt had been mounted and displayed in the village hall





The playgrpoup float and the unmistakable Vikings from the Gardens

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