

Events

Wander on the Weald in May

smart journeys is collaborating with Alconbury Weald Community Association and Walking Group to run a month-long walking challenge in May. Funds raised will support the purchase of adapted/recumbent bikes for Prestley Wood Academy pupils. Find out more on 'smart journeys' Facebook page.

Community Association

7.30pm on Wednesday 7 May via Teams

Join the meeting to find out more about the Community Association, what it has planned this summer and how to get involved.



Teams meeting ID: 327 054 324 960
Passcode: yYADVj or scan the QR code

Alconbury Weald Cycle Hub

Sunday 4 May (time and location confirmed on booking)

Free bike servicing and repairs for Alconbury Weald residents. Find out more and complete the online form to book your space: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/alconburywealdbikeservicing

VE Day 80th Anniversary

Midday-4pm on Saturday 10 May on Watch Office Green

The Community Association is planning a family friendly celebration with entertainment, activities, market stalls, food and drink.

Volunteers needed: if you can spare an hour or so to support the Community Association, assisting with set up or helping steward the event, please email alconburywealdca@gmail.com

Alconbury Weald Photography Club

7pm on Tuesday 20 May at The Watch Office

Consisting of members with varying experience, but all with a love of photography who are keen to share their knowledge. May's theme is 'unreal'.

VOLUNTEERS
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Open Gardens

10am-4pm on Sunday 1 June, Alconbury Weald

Gardens in new build developments are a blank canvas, and each year green fingered residents open their back gardens to showcase beautiful blooms, perfect patios and wonderful water features to inspire neighbours and those moving into Alconbury Weald. This year's event will raise funds to support local lifesaving charity, Magpas Air Ambulance. Maps will be available to buy at the Co-op.

The Library Presents

3pm on Saturday 14 June in the Pavilion

Shake, Rattle & Roll is an interactive live music gig for toddlers with traditional nursery rhymes, action songs, folk dancing and original compositions. Find out more and book tickets at www.library.live/the-library-presents

Alconbury Weald Food Festival

Midday-6pm on Saturday 14 June, on Watch Office Green

With a mouthwatering mix of flavours from an exciting lineup of food trucks, plus a vibrant selection of food and drink stalls to browse, this year's Food Festival promises to be a treat for the tastebuds!

Resident Forum

7pm on Thursday 19 June in The Pavilion

Join us for the latest news on the development and an update of this year's community events from the Alconbury Weald team. Come along at 6.30pm for an informal chat, drinks and nibbles.

Alconbury Weald Beer Festival

Friday-Sunday 27-29 June in The Pavilion

Wheatsheaf Brewery is back with another fantastic array of local and indie beers and ciders: 5pm-11pm on Friday, 11am-11pm on Saturday and 11am-8pm on Sunday (or until they run out!). The Beer Festival will be supported by a Gin and Wine Bar and BBQ at The Watch Office Bar & Kitchen.

Key Contacts



General maintenance

Including: grass cutting; clearing drains; gritting main roads in winter; repairing street lighting; trimming hedges and ensuring play area safety.

Managed by *Encore Estate Management*
01223 866980 | info@encoreestates.co.uk

Housebuilders

Support once you've moved into your new home, to include outside lighting, electricity, water and network connections. Please contact your house builder with any queries.

Alconbury Weald community and events

Including: community events; activities; facilities; and new resident information.

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Health

Alconbury Doctors' Surgery | 01480 890281
www.alconburybramptonssurgery.co.uk

Local Health Visiting Team
01480 418656

For a smooth healthcare handover, please remember to register at Alconbury Doctors' Surgery as soon as you can. If you have moved locally and are already registered at the practice, please remember to update your new address.

Home-Start Cambridgeshire

Free, confidential, non judgemental emotional and practical support to families with children under 5 experiencing a range of challenges.

01480 700242 | office@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk
www.homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk

Community Newsletter

The Warbler

May 2025



Alconbury Weald

Hello from Natalie

Hello and welcome to the May edition of *The Warbler*. I'd like to start by thanking everyone who came along to the Community Garden launch event. We had some great activities, with little ones enjoying the story-telling area and lots of bulbs planted and wildflower seeds sown. Pop along to see how it's starting to take shape and get in touch with Adam via the Facebook page to find out more and get involved.

We were also delighted to sponsor a special Wild Weald event for pupils at Ermine Street Church Academy. The Wildlife Trust helped classes discover the underwater world of Carnaile Ponds during special pond dipping sessions.

We have lots of events and activities to look forward to over the next couple of months. As well as the VE Day celebration (10 May), we have Open Gardens (1 June), a Food Festival (14 June) and the Beer Festival (27–29 June) to look forward to. We're also giving tours of the avionics building on 23 May as part of Cold War Week — bookings on EventBrite.

The theme of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week (12–18 May) is 'Community.' It's a great time to go for a drink or bite to eat with friends and neighbours in The Watch Office Bar & Kitchen, walk in the sunshine, play a game of table tennis in Garland Park or try out one of the regular clubs and activities available at Alconbury Weald.

Plans for the Swynford Stores building are also progressing and we'll provide an update as soon as possible.

If you have any queries about any of the information in this edition or about future plans for Alconbury Weald, please let me know.

All the best
Natalie

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Around Alconbury Weald

Community Garden

Alconbury Weald Community Garden is officially open and we're looking forward to seeing the first bulbs planted come into flower. If you don't have a chance beforehand, head over during the Open Gardens event on 1 June to see how things are shaping up.

Follow the 'Alconbury Weald Community Garden' Facebook page for the latest news and events.

Southern Link Road

As work progresses on the Southern Link Road, we'd like to remind everyone that this is an active construction site. Please respect safety barriers and signage. These measures help prevent accidents and promote a safe working environment.

Please be advised that there is no access to Abbots Ripton through this area and the Grange Farm Bridleway railway crossing will be closed from 8–14 May.

Prestley Wood

Management work at Prestley Wood is ongoing and some areas are not currently accessible for health and safety reasons. Please follow signage and take care if you are walking in the area.

Memorial bench

On 4 April we had a lovely bench dedication for Husnuye, who passed away late last year. Her friends have put a memorial bench inside the Swynford allotments as a place to remember her.



Husnuye was a founding member of the Walking Group and Tuesday Club and loved her allotment, which gave her lots of joy.

Alconbury Weald Water Savers

Save water. Save money. Coming soon!

Would you like to save £££s on your living costs?

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability at Alconbury Weald, we've been looking at water-saving and how it could benefit residents.

We've found there's an easy way to save money every month, just by making small changes to how you use hot water.

That's because the more water you use for showering, doing the laundry and washing dishes, the more you pay to heat it. Making it a double cost!

But there's good news. It's really easy to save £££ every month just by doing a few things differently. Save water and you'll save money. It's as simple as that!

We'll be launching Alconbury Weald Water Savers at the VE Day celebrations on Saturday 10 May. Pop by our stand on Watch Office Green to learn more and try our easy online calculator to see how much water, money and energy you could save.

If you have any queries, please email watersavers@alconbury-weald.co.uk



Activities

Alconbury Weald hosts a wide range of clubs and classes that cater for all ages and abilities. From play groups and dance classes for little ones, to youth club for young people and a range of fitness classes and social clubs for adults, there is something for everyone: www.alconbury-weald.co.uk/whats-on

Anyone for tennis?

From 3.45pm on Tuesdays at The Pavilion

Hot Shots offers weekly sessions, holiday camps and tennis parties. Local coach Gemma Stevenson is LTA accredited, and this year won the Cambs LTA Tennis Opened Up Award for the work she does bringing tennis to the community at Alconbury Weald.

Hot Shots Minis (ages 3-5) is 3.45–4.15pm and Hot Shots Kids (ages 6-11) is 4.30–5.15pm. Weekly sessions from £12 per term. www.hotshotssport.com

New Barre class

7am on Thursdays at The Pavilion

A full-body, low-impact workout that builds strength, improves posture and boosts confidence to the beat of the music. All levels welcome. Book online at www.unleashwitholivia.com. Use code WEALD20 for 20% off class credits (valid until 31 May).

Alconbury Weald Chess Club

5pm on Sundays at The Watch Office

They would love to see some new faces, so just turn up for a game. For more information, visit: www.alconburywealdchessclub.uk

The Gym

Open 5am–10pm daily in The Club

Now's the perfect time to get in shape ready for the warmer weather and summer holidays, whether you want to feel stronger, fitter or more confident by the pool.

Alconbury Weald residents get 10% off memberships! If you have any queries, email zara@theunitfit.co.uk