

Alburgh & Denton Parish Magazine Annual Report 2025

The Parish magazine is continuing to be a success thanks to the committee past & present.

There are currently around 350 copies distributed, split evenly between the 2 villages.

The magazine has been in issue since 1970 and was the idea of Jan & Brian Pearce, with Jane being the editor and Brian doing the printing. This was in the days before computers and Jane typed all articles onto a skin using a typewriter which was then transferred to a Gestetner machine for duplicating by Brian. They then collated & stapled the sheets and delivered them to the distributors in Alburgh & Denton. Each issue contained 12 pages of articles, news from the villages, recipes, etc, but there were no adverts, and it cost each household 30p per year. Jane & Brian continued in these roles for 11 years.

The current committee are:

Jean Whipps (Chairman & Denton Parish Church & Chapel representative)

Mark & Sara Richards (Editors)

Melissa Bunn (Secretary and Denton Parish Council representative)

Liz Cargill (Treasurer)

Daphny Gladden-Fenn (Alburgh Distribution Co-ordinator)

Doris Lambert (Denton Distribution Co-ordinator)

Jenny Morris (Alburgh Parish Church representative)

Kimberley Croucher (Alburgh Parish Council representative)

The committee are all very pleased with the content and quality of the magazine with many compliments from readers.

More photos are being sent in and welcome more. Cooks Corner has proven to be a popular addition.

The editorial team are making some changes and considering new projects/features, such as a farming column, but welcome ideas from readers.

We are looking into storage options for archived magazine copies. There are a number of residents who have copies of the magazine right back to when it was first published!

We have a small profit of £161 this year (£11 last year). Bank & cash reserves total £3,220.

Subscriptions have increased slightly which is pleasing. Advertising revenue has fallen as we lost a few advertisers at the start of the year but numbers picking up again.

It was agreed to keep current subscription and advertising rates the same, given the small profit made. Subscriptions £6 per year and ¼ page advert £72 per year.

We have space for more advertisers. We could always do with volunteer distributors to cover holidays. The committee would like to thank all distributors for giving up their time. A reminder to please send the editor any content prior to the submission deadline.