

WHAT'S NEW?

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Alby Crafts, the attractive converted barn complex off the A140 at Alby, was opened as a craft centre in June 1976. Four decades later, it is a thriving community of small contemporary creative businesses situated around two courtyards. These include Anglia Clay (pottery, classes and beekeeping supplies), Studio House (gallery and fine art sculpture classes), The Hare & Moon Gallery (Claire's Knight's paper-cut artwork plus over 50 other artists), Keverne Dewick (bespoke furniture), Unknown Norfolk (artwork by June and Alywyn Crawshaw, Brian Korteling and Ruth Mann), Jane Kenning (bespoke wedding dresses, corsetry and vintage-style dresses), Hannah Ghoorahoo (curtains, cushions and upholstery commissions), The Purple Parrot (quality gifts and cards) and Alby Tea Room (morning coffee, freshly baked cakes and scones, light lunches and afternoon tea). What's more, Valerie Alston's gardens have been planted to ensure interest each season. See for yourself at Alby Craft's Plant & Garden Fair on Sunday 8th May, from 10am to 4pm.



Valerie Alston who started Alby Crafts with her husband John 40 years ago. Photo by Helen Store.



FRESH LOOK

One of the county's leading providers of traditional and frame marquees, Weatherill Brothers Marquee (Hire) Ltd, is rebranding. After many years of trading, the name Weatherill will be replaced, and as from May 2016, the company will trade as Weatherfield Marquee Hire & Event Support. Director, Wayne Pointer, explained, "When we bought the company, we agreed that we would trade under the well-established Weatherill name for a period of time. However, we have now been successfully trading for a number of years, and our clients know us for our exceptional, quality products and service, so we felt it was the right time to embrace a new name." Weatherfield Marquee Hire & Event Support will continue to offer a wide range of marquee options for any occasion, from weddings, large parties, celebrations and charity balls, to product launches and much more. Wayne added, "Whilst the name has changed slightly, we would like to assure clients that our outstanding products, service and attention to detail will remain the same." For further information, call 01953 885151 or visit www.weatherfield-marquees.co.uk