

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

RECENT BAD WEATHER – The Parish Council would like to thank Gareth Watkins, our Snow Warden, and Alistair Albutt from Great Washbourne, for all their work in clearing the roads around the village after the recent snow. All their efforts have been very much appreciated.

ALDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Good news! We have just received the Independent Examiner's Report on our NDP which, apart from minor adjustments to wording, is as put forward for examination. You can read the report via: <https://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk/> then click on the NDP REPORT Button.

The Examiner's Report will be discussed by the Parish Council at an Extraordinary Meeting on 5th April, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. The next step is to then seek approval from the Borough Council's Executive Committee to take our NDP to Referendum.

PLANNING NEWS – No new applications have been received. The following applications have received permission for development:

27 Willow Bank Road, Alderton (17/01344/FUL) – Construction of new dwelling to rear (Revised scheme following approval of application no. 15/00512/FUL).

Part Parcel 8900, Dibden Lane, Alderton (17/01364/FUL) – Change of use of land, erection of timber building and access track to be used for agriculture and private equestrian uses.

ALLOTMENT PLOTS – Please get in touch with the Clerk if you wish to add your name to the waiting list.

CAMBRIDGE SQUARE TELEPHONE KIOSK - Please be aware that there are groups of thieves that are turning up in villages and attempting to remove kiosks. They claim to be from BT, but of course are not! Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – This will be held on **24th April** 2018, at 7pm, in the Village Hall.

Next Parish Council Meetings: 5th April 2018 (Extraordinary Meeting), 17th April 2018 (if required) otherwise 15th May 2018, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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VILLAGE NEWS**ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB**

Following a successful consultation meeting we are pleased to announce that Alderton Gardening Club is now active. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm – both members and non-members are very welcome. The club welcomes everyone whatever their level of gardening knowledge. We look forward to seeing everybody at the inaugural meeting.

'AN EVENING WITH REG MOULE' on **Thursday 12th April at 7.15pm** in Alderton Village Hall

The Gardening Club proudly presents the BBC presenter and Godfather of soil for an evening of gardening expertise. Raffle and refreshments available. £5.00 non- members. or £2.50 members

Membership fees are a modest £10.00 per year and membership forms will be available at the opening meeting.

ARC GROUP We will meet for lunch on **Wednesday 11th April** at 12 noon in the Flag and Whistle at Toddington.

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

The next village hall coffee morning will be held on **Thursday 5th April**, This will be the last one of the season so we would like to thank everyone for their support. Hopefully we will be back in the autumn.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our next event is the **Pamper Evening on Thurs 19th April 7 - 9.30pm.**

Mini treatments £8 each. Massage, Manicures, Henna Hands, Hair Glittering, Indian Head Massage, Facials. To book, contact Sian on 07790 342157 or email stryner@btinternet.com

Free entry, Prosecco and nibbles, raffle.

Bingo. Sat **May 12th**, 5-7pm. All ages welcome.

£6 adults, £4 children, to include hot dogs and ice cream.

Barn Dance. Sat **Sept 29th.**

New Years Eve Grand Gala Party. Dec 31st.

Did you know the hall is available for hire at reasonable rates. You can also hire out the tables, chairs, glasses, cutlery and crockery. Contact Janet Holman for bookings on 620625

TAI CHI LESSONS.

Following a successful taster session, Olly Leonard has agreed to run a block of 6 Tai Chi classes starting on **Saturday 7th April**, (excluding May 5th).

Saturday morning, 10.15 - 11.15am in the Village Hall.

The cost will be £40 for a block of 6 classes or £8 per session pay as you go.

For more information and to book your place please email info@cheltenhamgloucestertaichi.com or phone 0750 8686315

VILLAGE PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

As the start to spring and the new growing season has been so cold, we have decided to postpone the Village show until September to allow more time for growing and for produce to be available. There will be a meeting to discuss planning for this event on Tuesday 10th April, 8pm in the Gardeners Arms. If you are interested in coming along or helping in any way contact Sian on 620906 or email stryner@btinternet.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Easter Bank Holiday Cream Teas: Fed up of dull winter days? Join us for a friendly welcome and home-made cream teas in the Village Hall on **Bank Holiday Monday 2 April between 2.30-4.30pm.** Bring your friends and family and beat the winter blues! Waitress service comes at **£5 per head** for home-made

scones, cream and Kay's best raspberry jam, not to mention a regular top up of tea or coffee. Stalls include spring flower baskets, gifts, jewellery, preserves, cakes, children's bran tub and raffle. Entry free but do have a go at winning the Easter Cake as you come in. All proceeds go to St Margaret's Church

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUPO AND TODDLERS

March winds shall blow and we shall have snow!

Exploring the outdoors has been a challenge this month with trips to the allotment postponed and spring walks cancelled. Nevertheless, we've had fun! With some beautiful flower arrangements made for some very deserving mums, watching growth through daffodils planted in doors and exploring bright colours within our expressive arts. Music and movement within our Toddler session has been a great success with children being able to be creative with movement and sound.

As always, to find out more please do not hesitate to call 07842161159 within school hours or pop in for a chat.

Alternatively email us at aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.com

Dates **Toddlers** CLOSED 30th March GOOD FRIDAY
 OPEN Friday 6th and Friday 13th April

Pre-school RETURNS Tuesday 17th April

ALDERTON AND DUMBLETON BELL RINGERS

We are looking for new recruits to join our band of Church Bell Ringers.

Bell Ringing is an enjoyable and sociable hobby that gives you exercise whilst at the same time keeping your mind active. We practise on a Thursday evening and of course ring for Sunday Services.

We also have, as a group, a lot of social activities.

If you would like to have a go or would like further information, contact:-

Paul Smith, Tower Captain – 01242 620130 or 07563153934

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

A Family Fun Quiz will be held in St Mary's Church on **Saturday 19th May** from 6.30pm to 10pm, in aid of local church funds. This is suitable for all ages and you can come as a team of 4-5 or join one on the night. Tickets cost £10 adult (£5 kids) to include a hot 2-course supper and are available on the door, though good to let us know so we can book a table for you! There will be a pay bar and raffle.

More details from Jane Kent (01242 620291) or Karen Cox (01242 620633)

The Great Washbourne Summer Supper will be held on **Friday 29th June** in the garden of Great Washbourne House. Some local Cheltenham musicians will be providing us with light music during the evening. Please hold the date for now, more details will be available nearer the time.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE STEAM RAILWAY

The exciting news for everyone interested in the heritage of this area is that steam trains will once be again be running between Broadway, via Toddington, to Cheltenham Racecourse for the first time in 58 years. This all starts this Easter weekend and is the culmination of many years hard work by hundreds of volunteers. With over 100,000 visitors to the railway last year and much larger numbers expected over the

coming months, this local heritage railway is now one of the largest in the country and a major contributor to the local economy. Do come and enjoy the ride through the Cotswolds sometime this year.

OVERBURY BOWLING CLUB

On **22 April 2018 from 14:00**, Overbury Bowling Club is holding an Open Day where you can experience this fun, social and sporting activity. To 'give it a go', come along on the day when we will be pleased to meet you and will provide you with everything necessary to try out bowls. Directions are on the club's website along with contact details. For more information, contact Overbury Bowling Club at info@overburybowling.net or one of the club officials listed on www.overburybowling.net

MANICURE AND NAIL CARE SERVICE

I'm Annie and I live in Church Cottage in beautiful Alderton. I offer a Manicure and Nail Care service, in the comfort of my home. My company is "PERFECT 10" and I aim to provide 'Dainty Digits' for everyone. I offer a 'VINYLUX' NAIL POLISH finish but the product I specialise in is 'CND SHELLAC'. This is an ultra hard coating that adds strength and allows your nails to grow naturally. Available in a myriad of colours and can remain chip free for up to two weeks. Whether you have a special event coming up, need to buy a luxurious gift, or just fancy being pampered, it would be lovely to hear from you.

Free tea, coffee, or Prosecco during your appointment.

01242 621105 or 07779 314 551

Momentum22@hotmail.co.uk

FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER HOME VISITS offered in Alderton. I am a Foot Health Practitioner (DipCFHP MPSPract) and accredited with the Alliance of Private Sector Practitioners. In addition, I have a background in health and social care, am local to the Cotswolds area, have a valid DBS check and full insurance. I can help with ingrown toenails, calluses and corns, verrucae, toenail trimming and general foot maintenance. Please contact Alexandra Hardy on 01242 512013 or 07847 577311 or email ali@fabfootcare.me for further information or to make an appointment.

PIANO IN NEED OF NEW HOME

Full size upright piano in need of new home. This piano has been in our home for over 20 years but now it needs new little hands to practice their scales upon it. It has an iron frame and has signs of wear around it but after it has been tuned up would make an ideal instrument for that budding Mozart in your family.

FREE to the right adoptive family Contact 620333

THANK YOU Kay Brown would like to thank all those who gave her a gift for her "25" birthday. She had a lovely afternoon and hope you did too.

MARY LEE (WALKER) formerly of Alderton passed away peacefully at home in Norton on 1st March 2018. The Memorial service will take place on Tuesday 17 April at 12 noon in Tewkesbury Abbey . At Mary's request please don't wear mourning clothes All welcome.

GARDENERS ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

It's officially spring, so it's definitely time to plan lovely days out and about. April is National Pet Month – our lovely dog Teddy is all settled in now and looking forward to meeting your dogs, so do bring them along with you. He even has his own Instagram account now, look out for [cotswoldsteddy](#)

Prescott Bike Festival is **14th-15th April**. We're a short drive from where it's being held, so please do book a table if you're planning to stop by, as we'd love to see you over that weekend.

Our quiz this month will be held on **Monday 9th April**, so please make a note of that and get your teams ready.

The regular Friday music acts this month are Macca, on 6th April, and Bucket and Shep for the rest of the month. Food from our tasty new menu and live entertainment is the perfect way to kick off the weekend! Celebrate the spring weather with our new lunch menu and don't forget that we have some lighter options too – so stop by before your walk, or book a table to catch up with friends.

If you haven't yet signed up for our newsletter, then drop us an email at gardeners1@btconnect.com to be kept up to date with our latest news. You could also pop by to view our menus, or phone us on 01242 620 257 for more information about anything coming up and to book a table.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Wednesday 25th April 2018 All items must have Name & Tel No. of sender. Our e-mail address is: AldertonNewsletter@googlemail.com or deliver to Caroline Page, Corner Cottage, Stow Road. The newsletter is also available at www.aldertonvillage.co.uk
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