

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk

ALDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Following the successful Referendum result in June, Tewkesbury Borough Council has now formally agreed that our NDP will be made part of the Development Plan for Tewkesbury Borough and will be used when determining planning applications within the parish. It is already being used as a major argument against the proposed developments in Dibden Lane and Orchard Road. The Parish Council wish to thank both the current and previous Chairmen of the NDP Group, along with all the volunteers, who dedicated so much of their time to bringing the Plan to fruition.

ORCHARD ROAD AND DIBDEN LANE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS - No dates have yet been set for consideration of these planning applications by Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Committee. There have been a significant number of objections from village residents and objections can continue to be made via the Tewkesbury Planning Portal, even if the normal date for comment has passed.

OTHER PLANNING NEWS – The following new applications have been received:

- 8 Church Road, Alderton (18/00655/FUL) – Erection of a 1.5 storey rear extension
- 17 Beckford Road, Alderton (18/00682/FUL) - Erection of a single storey front extension & rear conservatory
- Part Parcel 8900, Dibden Lane, Alderton (18/00558/FUL) - Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use for private, non-commercial use only, associated erection of stable building including integral tack room and hay store, provision of hardcore access track for vehicular access with horse lorry turning and parking area, and retention of existing fencing (part-retrospective)
- 1 Franklin Road, Alderton (18/00552/FUL) - Installation of 2x velux windows to the side elevation.

NEW PLAY AREA – DOUBLE WIDTH SLIDE – Unfortunately the slide has been cordoned off due to a health and safety issue. A post installation safety inspection identified that the metal on the slide was very hot due to the recent sunny weather. We are currently trying to rectify this problem with the supplier of the play equipment, who designed the layout of the area. In the meantime please do not use the slide.

B4077 ROAD SAFETY – The posts for the Speed Indicator Device are now installed and we're awaiting a response from Gloucestershire Highways as to when the Device will be fitted.

ROAD CLOSURE OF ST MARGARETS DRIVE FROM 27/08/2018 TO 29/08/2018 – The closure extends from the junction of St Margaret's Rd to Willow Bank Rd and is for the installation of a new pipe by Severn Trent. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained during the closure.

OVERHANGING TREES – If you have trees or shrubs that overhang onto pavements or footpaths, then please ensure that these are cut back so they do not cause an obstruction.

ALLOTMENT BONFIRES – In view of the continued dry weather could plot holders please refrain from lighting any bonfires whilst this weather continues.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting: 21st August 2018 (if required) or 18th September 2018, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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ALDERTON VILLAGE WEBSITE - LOCAL BUSINESSES

If you run a local business and would like it promoted on the Alderton website www.aldertonvillage.co.uk then let Mark Watts-Jones know on mwjmail@gmail.com. Any local business is welcome from taxis to dog walkers, beauty therapy to IT, let's see what Alderton and around has to offer. The Alderton website has had 2,500 different people visit it so far in 2018 so it could be worth it!

VILLAGE NEWS

PARKING IN BROOKSIDE ,ALDERTON is becoming a problem for residents and visitors alike. Please have some consideration for other residents who live there.

ARC GROUP does not meet in August.

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

During July 14 garden club members enjoyed a visit to Moreton Hall Gardens where we were treated to a wonderful tour and talks by the owner, Anne Olivieri and the Head Gardener. For our August meeting we return to the Village Hall. On Wednesday **9th August**, Marion Stainton will be our guest with a talk on plants from the Himalayas 'For the Love of Blue Poppies - What have the Himalayas ever done for us? Doors open at 7pm, everyone is welcome.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Barn Dance, September 29th with 'The Bees Knees'. Don't forget to book your tickets. Tickets are £15 to include a lovely supper and are available now from Sian Tryner, stryner@btinternet.com. 620906. They are also available from Alderton Village Stores.

New Years Eve Party. The band and disco have been booked so invite your friends and get ready to party. More details later.

Village Produce and Craft Show. Saturday September 22nd in the Village Hall. You should all have had a copy of the show schedule so have a look through and see if you could enter a class. Vegetables may be in short supply this year due to the lack of water so how about trying your hand at writing a limerick or taking a photo of the local area.

CHURCH NEWS

Alderton's Summer Supper will be held on **Saturday 25th August** from 6 – 8pm in the Churchyard (Village Hall if wet) There will be a 2 course supper served, with a bar available. Tickets priced £7.50 for adults, £5 for children, are available from Ivona McIlwraith 620688 and Helen West 620587. Please join us for a social summer evening of food, wine, chat and background music. All proceeds go to the Church building funds.

Thank you to everyone who took part in St Margaret's annual church fete on 16th June and to all who contributed via the gift envelope scheme. With your help, the grand total of £2,200 will enable us to meet the running costs of this ancient and beautiful building and carry out the maintenance jobs highlighted in this year's quinquennial survey. If you wish to contribute and didn't manage to do so at the time, gift aid envelopes can be found in the church and contributions can be posted in the wall safe at any time.

The wildflower area which provides a much needed source of nectar for butterflies and bees will be cut this month after the summer flowering plants die back. There is now a rich variety of meadow flowers to be found there and even on a quick visit you should be able to spot pollinators at work. There is a picture quiz in the church porch to help you identify the wild flowers.

Sue Thurland

The family of Sue Thurland would like to thank everyone who attended the service of thanksgiving for Sue's life. She will be sorely missed but her love of teddies and cuddly toys lives on - we will revive the teddy tombola in her name at this year's Christmas Bazaar on **1st December** and we hope her granddaughters and great grandchildren will be there to take part. If you have soft toys to donate to make this a highlight of the 2018 Christmas Bazaar, contact Ros (01242 620560)

Dumbleton Cricket Club Fete – Bank Holiday Monday, 27th August, 2pm-5pm

Dumbleton's hugely popular fete will take place on August Bank Holiday Monday at Dumbleton Cricket Club – come along and enjoy a fun packed afternoon of entertainment! This year we are planning a Gun Dog Display, Zorbing, 25 ft Climbing Wall, Ferret Racing, Archery, Live Music, Punch and Judy, Merry-go-Round, Bouncy Castle, Craft Stalls, Pig roast, BBQ, Cream Teas, Licenced Bar, Bric-a-brac, Bottle Stall, Cake Stall, Produce Stall, Tombolas, Book Stall, Whiskey Wheel, Face painting, Egg Throwing, Skittles, Coconut Shy and lots of games and competitions for both adults and children. Entry and Parking are free and there's good disabled access. Great entertainment for all ages!

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

As you read this, Acorns will be taking a well earned rest for the summer, this term has been the busiest yet so here are just a few of the amazing things we have done...

Sports Morning

Friday 6th July witnessed the Acorns families enjoy a traditional sports morning. As parents, grandparents and friends spread out picnic blankets and poured cool drinks, the children prepared themselves for their races ranging from egg and spoon to running, backwards walking to the dressing up race. It was a beautiful event which finished with the parents' race and an awards ceremony. It is moments like these that offer endless childhood memories, with this in mind, we would like to thank the football club for their support with marking and lining out the track and the Parish council for helping arrange the event. An all-round community morning!

Train trip

On Thursday 19th July, Acorns invaded Toddington Train Station being given our own carriage - which we filled with both kinds of volume-and a return ticket we set off for Cheltenham. Finishing with a picnic at Toddington. Another lovely day filled with a magical steam train.

The Greatest Show

Being V.I.P guests, Acorns crossed over School Road to watch the children of Oak Hill perform their summer concert. This year it was 'The Greatest Show'. Sitting beautifully as the audience, the children joined in with the singing and clapped along. It was FANTASTIC! It was a proud event for all as we do believe we have some drama school candidates here in Alderton. We thank Oak Hill School for the warm welcome.

September

Acorns starts back **Wednesday 5th September** where we will be welcoming many new families. The Acorns week has changed as we are now opening our doors on a Thursday, offering more families the opportunity to attend the community group. So from 5th September we will be open Monday to Thursday, 9-3 with Toddlers stay and play Friday morning 10-12. As always, for more information call 07842161159 or, alternatively, email aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.co.uk

Dumbleton fete 27th August If you have any toy donations for Acorns' nearly-new toy stand please call 07972217216 to arrange collection.

Toddlers over the summer As always toddlers stay and play moves from the hall during the summer, instead meeting at local parks from 10 am. Information will also be available on the Acorns' Facebook page.

3rd Aug: Gotherington, **10th Aug:** Broadway, **17th Aug:** Evesham, **24th Aug:** Bredon, **31st Aug:** Teddington

This year...

It has been an exciting yet somewhat busy year for Acorns. From the allotment to garden projects, egg hunts to church events, we have had a wonderful year. It is with the support of the local community that these experiences have been made possible for the little people of Alderton and the surrounding villages. So many of you contribute to the group in one way or another and we want to end this academic year with a big thank you as we really do appreciate all your kind acts. We look forward to next year,

Alderton 5k Run - Saturday 1st September 2018, 11am start warning of travel disruption

On Saturday 1st September between 10.50am and 11.40am Beckford Road from the Playing Field up to the A46 will have 150 people running on it to raise money for an Alderton charity. Many of these runners will be children. The safety of these runners is our paramount concern and we really appreciate the support of Alderton and Great Washbourne residents to please keep the course clear of cars and use an alternative route. The run is out-and-back from the Playing Field so the road is only inaccessible for about 15 minutes in each direction. If you have any concerns please contact Mark Watts-Jones on 07973 963539 or mwjmail@gmail.com. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

How to enter

Now in our 8th year the Alderton 5k is a fast, flat and super friendly run with 100% of the entry fees going to Alderton Acorns, our much loved village Pre-School and Playgroup. We welcome new runners, under 16's, have medals for all, wine for the winners and family-friendly stuff for the kids while you run. To find out more go to www.alderton5k.co.uk. Entry is £10 for adults, £5 for under 16's.

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

Many thanks to all who came to support the Family Fun Quiz in May and the Summer Supper in June. Both events went very well, raising £720 from the quiz & £1000 from the summer supper. Both monies will be used to help with running of the village church.

Our next event will be on the evening of **Friday 5th October** when Karen & Rupert Cox will give a talk on their recent visit to South Africa. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters.

GREEN FIELDS TRUST The Green Fields Trust was set up in 2015 by a group of residents in the Gretton and Alderton area to administer the funds (around £4,000 per annum) flowing to the community from the owners of the solar installation at Lower Stanley. Projects which were granted funds in March 2018 are already underway and the next application deadline is 30 September 2018.

The Trust seeks candidate projects from the Gretton, Alderton and Prescott areas which promote environmental objectives, such as: carbon reduction, energy efficiency, renewable local energy generation, biodiversity and wildlife habitat creation, sustainable, local food production, local flood protection, alleviation of fuel poverty, alleviation of food poverty, waste reduction and recycling transition movement objectives such as promoting a local economy, food, fuel and transport services. For an application form and details about the process, go to www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk.

HEDGEHOG SURVEY.

just wanted to thank everyone who has reported hedgehog sightings to me over the past month. There have been at least 8 separate sightings of hedgehogs in Alderton and 3 in Great Washbourne, and I now know there're at least 2 hedgehogs visiting Orchard Road, 2 visiting Eleanor Drive, 1 visiting Willow Bank Road and 2 adults and 2 babies in Great Washbourne. This has been really useful information to know. As it's been so hot and dry recently, lots of animals are struggling to find enough water. If people could put out a shallow dish of water it would really help hedgehogs. If you want to help them by feeding them as well then a basic cat or dog food is a good food for them. If you want to stop cats getting at it then a plastic box placed overtop, with a hole cut out for hedgehogs and a brick on top will work. Once again, I would just like to thank everyone for their sightings

OVERBURY BOWLING CLUB

Overbury Bowling Club's Dan Mason and Neil Williams competed in the Worcestershire County 2-wood Men's Singles competition, where Mason achieved a place in the semi-final after a closely fought 'Overbury Derby' against clubmate Williams. Despite not making the final, this was a great result and achievement for Dan Mason and Overbury Bowling Club.

New members, both young and senior, are always welcome to join in this very social and sporting activity. The club has both equipment and qualified coaches to get the inexperienced up and running quickly. For more information, contact Overbury Bowling Club at info@overburybowling.net or one of the club officials listed on www.overburybowling.net

GARDENERS ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

Gather together your best brains for the next Gardeners Arms Quiz Night, on Wednesday 8th August at 7.30pm. Make sure you call ahead of the quiz, on 01242 620 257, to book your team's place.

Our highly anticipated Gin Festival will be taking place on August 18th and 19th! Expect talks by big name gins and tonics, entertainment stalls fit for all the family and great food to tuck into. One of our favorite bands, Kings of the Hill, will be performing their best songs on both the Saturday and Sunday nights, so make sure you don't miss out and join us for a fun-packed weekend.

Can't wait until the Gin Festival? Then give our Gin of the Month, Polo Gin, a try with a carefully selected tonic in on our sunny patio with friends. With the long summer we've been enjoying, there really is no reason not to.

After all the World Cup and Wimbledon madness, you may think that the best sporting events of the year are done and dusted, but you'd be wrong! There is still plenty of sport showing this summer, including the England v India cricket at Edgbaston from 1st to 5th August.

<p>NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Saturday 25th August 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</p>
