

<b>PARISH COUNCIL NEWS</b>
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**SYLVIA CROKE** - Sadly Sylvia died suddenly at the beginning of February, after a short time in hospital. She had been a Parish Councillor for ten years up until October 2013 and was also the Council's Allotment Supervisor during that time. Sylvia did a lot more for the community than most people are aware of, especially for the allotments and Alderton is infinitely the poorer without her. Sylvia's family will be placing a bench on the allotment site in her memory. The funeral has been arranged for **Friday 9th March**, at 2.30pm, at Cheltenham Crematorium, with the wake in Alderton Village Hall. Anyone attending will be most welcome to go on to the funeral tea afterwards, but if you wish to do this then please email [celia.j.nicholson@gmail.com](mailto:celia.j.nicholson@gmail.com) so refreshments can be prepared accordingly.

**ALDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN** – Alderton's Neighbourhood Plan was subject to a Hearing on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The Hearing at Tewkesbury Council offices largely consisted of questions from the Examiner for the Tewkesbury Borough Planning Manager and for the Parish. There were a number of Developers there also, who had commented on the Plan. We now await the report from the Examiner on our Plan, however there is no timescale for this. Thanks to the villagers who attended to support the Parish representatives.

**PLANNING NEWS** – One new application has been received: West Barn, Lower Stanley Farm, Gretton Fields (18/00046/FUL) - Application for a change of land use and creation of a hard-surfaced tennis court with surround fencing

**B4077 ROAD SAFETY** – Gloucestershire Highways are happy to support our application for a community speed indicator device and the next step will be to discuss and agree locations for the SID.

**NEW PLAY AREA** – The supplier has now confirmed that the installation of the new play equipment will take place in late April/early May.

**ALLOTMENT RENTS** – for those notified, rents will be collected between 7 – 7.30pm in the Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**ALLOTMENT PLOTS** – The site is currently full, but please get in touch with the Clerk if you wish to add your name to the waiting list.

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

**SEVERN TRENT WATER – IMPROVEMENTS TO ALDERTON SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.** The work involves the installation of new process equipment to improve the treatment capacity of the works and the scheme is planned to commence in March 2018, with completion by the Autumn of 2018. There are no expected road closures and no planned night or weekend work. A contractor, CiM6, will be carrying out the work on Severn Trent's behalf. If parishioners have any issues about the work before, during or afterwards, please contact the following during normal office hours on the numbers shown here:

David Baker	CiM6	Construction Manager	07920 712380
Harry Hughes	CiM6	Project Manager & Community Liaison	07544 877642
Mark Calcutt	Severn Trent	Programme Manager	07789 903248

**Next Parish Council Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.** All welcome.

**Parish Clerk:** Tamsin James, 9 Bowler Road, Northway, Tewkesbury, Glos, GL20 8RZ  
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<b>VILLAGE NEWS</b>
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**ARC GROUP** We will meet for coffee on **Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>** in the Flag and Whistle, Toddington at 10.30 am. – an opportunity to go to the Garden Centre.

**VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**

The next coffee morning will be on the **Thursday 1st March** 10 until 12 noon. Last month takings were £44.85 which was given to the village hall. We look forward to seeing you there

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Don't forget to come along and try out the

**Tai Chi Taster Session. Sat March 3rd,** 10.30am, £1. Suitable for anyone with normal balance for their age but maybe not for anyone who relies on a stick or frame.

**Pamper Evening, Thursday 19th April.** 7.30-9pm. Mini treatments £8 each. Massage, Manicures, Pedicures, Hair Glittering, Indian Head Massage, Facials. To book, contact Sian on 07790 342157 or email [stryner@btinternet.com](mailto:stryner@btinternet.com)

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

**Barn Dance.** Sat September 29th.

**New Years Eve Grand Gala Party,** December 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

## Village Produce and Craft Show

We are planning to resurrect this lovely village event and have a provisional date of **Saturday 14th July**. More details in next month's newsletter. Meanwhile, if you would like to get involved or help out in any way please contact Sian on 620906 or by email [stryner@btinternet.com](mailto:stryner@btinternet.com)

## ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

**Open Consultation Meeting:** following the appeal made by Tom Cullimore in last month's newsletter about a Gardening Club, a very favourable response was expressed and an initial discussion has taken place. To find out more about the club, you are all invited to an open meeting to discuss your ideas and its format on **Thursday 8th March** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We look forward to meeting you there.

It has just been confirmed that we have been able to book **Reg Moule**, Radio Gloucestershire's gardening expert as our first guest speaker on **Thursday 12 April** 7.30pm in the village hall. Details to follow in next month's newsletter

## CHURCH NEWS

**Mothering Sunday: Sunday March 11th.** There will be a service in Alderton Church at 10.30am. This will be a family service and we would love to welcome all ages to this special service so do come along and join us! All mothers will be given a small posy of flowers.

**Churchyard Tidy up: Saturday March 24th** at 10am. We always try to do this so that the churchyard looks smart for Easter and it is more fun to do this all together. We would love to have as many people as possible from the whole community so do come and join us. We are a small but friendly group and would appreciate your help. Just bring along some tools and we will provide refreshments. If you can't make this date, do go along on another day.

**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 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

## **ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS**

Acorns running towards Spring!

With yellow flowers opening up and tiny buds visible on the tree, we are confident to say that we are almost there.

The children have spent so much time outside this month with the biggest attraction being the new sandpit! It is a large sunken pit which the children can truly explore, it's almost as if they are on the beach with buckets, hidden treasure and sand pancakes (keeping it topical!). Acorns sends great appreciation to Keith Page for who, without his help, this would still be a pipe-dream, Thanks Keith.

Toddlers has welcomed many new families of late, with a wonderful Friday morning shared during half term as whole families came together to play, with the doors open and (luckily) with sunshine the children really showed the true meaning of a community Pre-school Playgroup, just lovely!

Toddlers operates Friday mornings between 10-12 from the Village Hall please do not hesitate to contact regarding Toddlers/Pre-school on 07842161159 during school hours or email us at [aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.com)

## **Quiz and Curry Evening**

With two different curries, some amazing desserts (all homemade by local residents), a well stocked bar and don't forgot the quiz, the evening was lovely with laughter filling the hall to create an amazing atmosphere.

Our Thanks extends to all who helped make this event possible, as it was with your support we made an grand total of £2100!

## **Community Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sunday March 25th between 2-4 pm Easter Egg Hunt     £2.50 per child**

Oak Hill C of E Primary (FOOHS) and Acorns Pre-school and Toddlers are joining together to create a spring filled afternoon within the village.

The Hunt will start at the Village Hall leading down to the Church and there the children will be searching for visual clues to help them on their quest for a 'chocolate' egg. The afternoon is suitable for all ages, with Easter art activities in the hall and refreshments for those hardworking adventurers (and parents/grandparents).

## **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**

Many people who tried bowls on Overbury Bowling Club's 'Have-a-Go' stall at the Winchcombe Country Show in 2017 wanted to wait for the new outdoor season before continuing. The new 2018 season is now about to begin. If you have wondered whether bowls might be the social activity you seek, come along and try it with the help of one of our coaches to get you started on the right path. 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](mailto:info@overburybowling.net) or one of the club officials listed on [www.overburybowling.net](http://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.

## **GREEN FIELDS TRUST - DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?**

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. A launch publicity flyer was distributed with the September newsletter - more information including grant application process and forms can be obtained on the website at [www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk](http://www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk) or from any of the trustees.

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.

The first application deadline is approaching - **31 March 2018**.

## **GARDENERS ARMS** [gardeners1@btconnect.com](mailto:gardeners1@btconnect.com). 01242 620257

Believe it or not, it's almost Spring already! There's ever such a lot going on at the Gardeners Arms, so get your diaries out – we don't want you to miss anything.

Throughout the month, our Friday night musical guests are Jamie Knight on the 2nd, Kings of the Hill on the 16<sup>th</sup> and Bucket and Shep entertaining on other Fridays. Our quiz will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> this month so get your quiz hats on, or perhaps come and enjoy the Six Nations on our big screens!

We're sure you're already aware, but Mother's Day is 11<sup>th</sup> March. If you haven't booked a table yet, don't miss the chance to treat mum to a lovely time. There will be, as always, a fantastic selection of vegan options on the menu and lots of great drinks to choose from.

Then we have the Cheltenham Festival starting on 13<sup>th</sup> March. As we're a convenient 9 mile drive from Cheltenham Racecourse, you're welcome to book a table in advance or just pop in to celebrate any winnings! Then to round off the month, Easter starts with the Bank Holiday Friday on 30<sup>th</sup> March. As always, there is a fantastic selection of food on offer but this month we'll be revealing our brand-new and revamped menu, so book a table and bring your friends for a tasty treat! If you haven't yet signed up for our newsletter, then drop us an email at [gardeners1@btconnect.com](mailto: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 620257 for more information about anything coming up and to book a table.

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