

The Alderton Newsletter is edited, printed and distributed by a willing band of volunteers each month (except January). We produce 429 copies on each production run. The newsletter is distributed free of charge to every household in Alderton, Great Washbourne, Alderton Fields and along the main road from Frampton Cottages to Windmill Farm.

We produce either a 2 or 4 sided newsletter, depending on how many entries we receive to be included in each edition. The newsletter does not receive any regular funding and survives on donations to cover the cost of paper and printing. We have calculated that the newsletter costs approx. £500 per annum (£1.16 per household ). We are currently investigating how to make it easier for anyone to donate to the newsletter production costs but in the immediate future the collection box will be in the Village Shop . Thank you, Yari, for looking after it for us. Also thank you to everyone who has donated reams of paper to us. It all helps.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**ALDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN** – Tewkesbury Borough Council's Executive Committee have now approved our Neighbourhood Development Plan for Referendum which will give all parishioners the opportunity to vote on our Plan. The Referendum is expected to take place in either June or July. This will be organised by the Borough Council's Democratic Services as a proper formal ballot. A simple majority of those voting is required to endorse the Plan and if endorsed, it is a matter for Tewkesbury Borough Council to adopt it. The Plan then becomes an important constituent of the Planning System. Further information, including updated copies of the Plan, will be made available before the Referendum. The Parish Council are not permitted at this stage to run any election campaign.

**PLANNING NEWS** – One new application has been received: Latitude, Dixton, Gotherington (18/00280/FUL) - Erection of a side and rear extension at ground and first floor level.

The following application has received permission for development: 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.

**PLAY AREA UPDATE** – Works to install the new play equipment will start week commencing 7th May but will most likely begin near to the end of that week. The whole area will be fenced off whilst the works are being carried out. The project could take up to five weeks to complete, depending on the weather.

**B4077 ROAD SAFETY** - We're currently liaising with Gloucestershire Highways to decide on suitable locations, within the parish, where the Speed Indicator Device can be sited. Gloucestershire Highways have raised the issue of enforcement action with both their road safety team and the Police.

**CHANGING FACILITY SOLAR PANELS** – The Parish Council recently applied to Green Fields Trust (who manage the community funds from Lower Stanley Solar Farm) for grant funding towards the installation of solar panels on the Changing Facility. Our bid was successful and the Trust have agreed in principle to fund the proposed project either in full or part, subject to certain conditions. The Parish Council are very grateful to Greenfields Trust for their support.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held on 24<sup>th</sup> April gave everyone a chance to hear what the various groups in the community have been doing during the past year and their plans for 2018. Specific points raised during the evening will be dealt with at the May Parish Council meeting.

**DOG FOULING** – A reminder to any dog owners who fail to clear up after their canines – it's illegal, it's anti-social and there isn't a dog poo fairy out there. Bag it and bin it in the dog waste bins please. There are now six dog waste bins located around the village: by the war memorial, on the verge outside the allotments, at the entrance to the Playing Field, in the churchyard, by the Village Hall and along Dibden Lane.

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

**Next Parish Council Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.**

**Parish Clerk: Tamsin James, 9 Bowler Road, Northway, Tewkesbury, Glos, GL20 8RZ**

## VILLAGE NEWS

### ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

After a successful first meeting the club now has over 50 members, an amazing start and many thanks to all those who got the club off the ground. New members are welcome – no gardening experience required just come along to a meeting.

Next meeting- **Thursday 10th May.**

**Frank Hardy - 'Creating Focal Points in the Garden'.**

Frank is former vice Principal at Pershore College of Horticulture, and has designed/created Chelsea Show Gardens, working with both amateur and professional gardeners across the UK. He will be illustrating his talk with plants and pictures. All welcome - Members £2.50 Guests £5.00.

**ARC GROUP** will meet for coffee on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at 10.30 am in Brown's Restaurant, in Tewkesbury Garden Centre.

### VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

The coffee mornings held on the first Thursday of the month will be continuing for May, June and July. They will be run by the Alderton Mothers Union with all proceeds going to charity. Coffee, tea and cake will be available and there will be a raffle. Please join us on **Thursday 3rd May** at 10:00 and bring a friend.

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Why not come along to our next taster session and try out a new activity.

On **Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>** there will be a **Yoga taster session** from 10.30 - 12.00. Only £1.

If you have your own mat please bring it along. Yvonne the Yoga teacher will bring plenty of extras.

**Family Bingo. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 5-7pm.** All ages welcome.

£6 adults, £4 children to include hot dogs and ice cream. Tickets available from Alderton Village Store or Sian on 620906, [stryner@btinternet.com](mailto:stryner@btinternet.com).

Dates for the diary

**Barn Dance.** Sat Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.

**New Years Eve Grand Gala Party,** Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Annual General Meeting.** The Village Hall AGM will be held on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** at 7pm. We would welcome anyone with new ideas and especially anyone with DIY skills to join our maintenance team. Everyone welcome.

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

### Produce and Craft Show

The date has been set for **September 22nd** giving all the gardeners among you plenty of time to get sowing and growing. Lots of different classes, including Fruit and Veg, Flowers, Art and Craft, Baking and various junior classes. We are in the process of putting together the schedule which will be available later in the year.

### 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 VILLAGE STORES**

Firstly I wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thanks to Patricia Mills for her kind help and hard work, during and after my much needed holiday. Also during snow time when I could not get into the village and once again Trisha kindly managed the shop for me.

Starting with a good news, the season for our ORGANIC vegetables has started, so check the shop daily for in seasonal veggies.

Our new lines of Pies from award winning Pudding and Pie Company have proved to be popular, so we can now add to the verity, so let me know what you like so I can order them for you. There are plenty choices. Remember, Thursdays and Saturdays are French Bread Days.

Lots of our new costumers are still not sure about the post offices banking system.

As the major banks are closing their brunches, Post Office Is taking more of the high-street banking roles. So before driving to town, check with me, I may be able to save you time and petrol.

At the end of April, builders are starting to work on the shop's roof, which is in need of repairs. We have been told this should not affect our opening hours.

I also would like to welcome all new residents, who have recently moved to the village and thank you all for your support, and for those of you who have not been in our shop yet,... it is worth a visit. We love to meet you.

We are open six days a week from 8am to 5pm (Wednesdays 8am to 1pm & Saturdays 8am to 2pm).

Please continue supporting you local shop and Post Office. Thank you.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

**Advanced notice: St Margaret's Summer Fete and Gift Day** will take place on **Saturday 16th June 2-4pm** in the church and churchyard. Teas, stalls and activities for everyone. Please note that cream teas will replace lunches this year but we hope the normal lunch service will resume in 2019.

St Margaret's Church has undergone its statutory quinquennial survey this spring. As a result, some expensive repairs are due to take place in the next two years so donations and help are as always gratefully received. We recycle unwanted gifts (good quality only), books (novels preferred), plants, hanging baskets and lightweight pots, jewellery, handbags and scarves. If you have any of these to donate, wish to fund prizes for the activities, or could help out on the day, please contact Ros Smith 620560 or any church member.

## **ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUPO AND TODDLERS**

With the sunshine finally arriving, the children have really been enjoying Spring. With the garden full of bright colours and the tree full of blossom, laughter and voices have filled the air!

The 'digging pit' (the old vegetable area) has been transformed into a 'mud kitchen' which is being thoroughly enjoyed. From mud pies to mud-shakes, the children are fully exploring some good old-fashioned fun!

If you hear the sound of chatting and singing from your garden it could well be Acorns on their way to the allotments! The children have dug over the ground, planted potatoes and begun filling up seed trays as the growing season begins. We really are investigating and exploring planting from a tiny seed to edible fruits and vegetables whilst learning how we care and support the growing produce.

Acorns has welcomed many new families, with the youngest members of our community joining together on a Friday morning to share a safe play space, while parents/carers share a coffee and a chat.

Acorns is holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the **10th May**. Having had a busy and fruitful year, it will be lovely to hear how the committee led charity group has continued to grow with the support of an amazing community!

For more information relating to any aspect of the group please call 07842161159 within school hours or alternatively email [aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.co.uk).

### **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. Tickets available from Jane Kent (01242 620291), Karen Cox (01242 620633) or Carla Edelston (01242 620600)

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 in the June newsletter.

### **ALDERTON FOOTBALL CLUB**

Congratulations to Alderton on a 5 - 2 victory ( including a Matt Greaves hat-trick )over Abbeymead in the Glos. Sunday Intermediate final at Tuffley Rovers AFC. Promotion is still a possibility.

### **ALDERTON GOLF DAY 2018**

This year's Alderton golf day will be at Evesham Vale golf club on **Sunday 27th May**. First tee at 1pm. Cost is estimated at £38 each for that you get 18 holes of golf on a lovely course and a full English breakfast. £32 for just golf.

The competition is open to all men, women, children, relatives and friends of both residents and former residents. Up for grabs are the residents cup and plate. The Ladies vase and the "Not from round here" bowl for the non residents. And of course the Spam award.

So come along and join us in what has always proved to be a great fun day out.

Contact Rob Hayden on [robhayden68@hotmail.com](mailto:robhayden68@hotmail.com) for details.

### **EMMA'S DOG WALKING AND PET CARE SERVICES**

Are you out at work all day? Have a busy lifestyle? I offer dog walking services or a home visit tailored to your pets individual needs. I can look after dogs, cats, small animals, horses, chickens.

Bellabells777@outlook.com or telephone 07834840414

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**GARDENERS ARMS** gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

April blessed us with some lovely weather here at The Gardeners Arms and we had some great feedback on our brand-new menu. Now we are ready for an action-packed May!

If you haven't already tried our new lunch menu, then you're missing out. Now we have longer opening hours, you are welcome to come in for a leisurely lunch with your friends and also indulge yourself in our afternoon tea.

We're so excited to be hosting the Happenstance Border Morris Dancers. You'll find them in our car park at 7.45pm on **Thursday 24th May**. Do come along with the family and stop by for dinner.

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

The regular Friday music acts this month are Adam Cross, on 4th May, 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!

Our barman, Ian, is going to be Braving the Shave for Macmillan Cancer Support on the 4th May at 9pm, so make sure you are down at the pub to support him. Whoever donates the largest sum gets to make the first shave of his head!

If you haven't yet signed up for our newsletter, then please 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 620 257 for more information about anything coming up and to book a table.

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