

**FROM THE EDITOR**

Please remember we do not produce a newsletter at the end of December for January 2018 so any entries for January will be included in the next edition.

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS** [www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk)

**ORCHARD ROAD DEVELOPMENT** - The application for 5 bungalows, on an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, behind Orchard Road has still to be considered by Tewkesbury Borough's Planning Committee. There is still time to comment. Just go onto the Tewkesbury Planning Portal and follow the process outlined. You can also read comments to date.

**OTHER PLANNING NEWS** – The following application has received permission for development: 1 Franklin Road, Alderton (18/00552/FUL) - Installation of 2 x velux windows to the side elevation.

**TEWKESBURY BOROUGH PLAN CONSULTATION** – The Preferred Options Tewkesbury Borough Plan has been approved for consultation from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 until 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Comments should be submitted via the Borough Council's website at [www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/boroughplan](http://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/boroughplan) where you will also find supporting documentation. A key role for the Borough Plan is to help to deliver the development requirements and growth and spatial strategy of the JCS, so the Plan therefore needs to be consistent and in conformity with it. This is still a draft stage of plan making which is to be subject to further public consultation. However, it marks a more advanced step in the development of the plan following the previous consultation as it moves towards its submission to the Secretary of State for its examination in public.

**CHANGING FACILITY SOLAR PANELS** – These will be installed on 6<sup>th</sup> November. The intention is that the income earned from the panels will be used to offset the running costs of the Changing Facility.

**NEW PLAY AREA - DOUBLE WIDTH SLIDE** – We are still trying to rectify this problem with the supplier of the play equipment, who designed the layout of the area.

**B4077 ROAD SAFETY** – We're currently awaiting a response from Gloucestershire Highways as to when the Speed Indicator Device will be fitted.

**VILLAGE SEWAGE PIPE** – Severn Trent have now confirmed that there will be capital investment in the pipe bridge and the next step is to design a replacement scheme.

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

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

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**VILLAGE NEWS****VILLAGE SHOP NEWS**

As most of our regular customers are aware, due to family circumstances, I need to take some time off work. Unfortunately, during my time away, (from **Monday 29/10/18 until 30/11/18**) the Post Office will be closed. However, with Gina's help and support we hope to keep the shop open part time, Monday to Saturday, 10:30am to 3:00pm (Subject to change). Opening hours would be on display, so please keep your eyes on shop window for details. Meanwhile, I would like to thank all of you for your kind support and understanding. Thank you for supporting your local shop.

**ARC GROUP** The ARC Group will meet for coffee at 10.30 am on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** at the M & S food Store, Worcester Road, Evesham. Please speak to Carla if you are not sure where to go.

**Village Hall Coffee Morning** will be held on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November** 10.15am – 12 noon. We raised £70.00 last month for village hall funds. Thank you to everyone and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our next big event will be the **New Year's Eve Party**.

Tickets are £20 and include live band, disco and buffet.

Book your table now. Tickets available from Sian on 620906/07790342157

or email [stryner@btinternet.com](mailto:stryner@btinternet.com)

Inspired by the entries at The Produce Show we would like to compile a recipe book to raise money for the village hall. If you could submit recipes which use produce from your garden&/allotment with maybe a photo or personal comment that would be great.

Please give your recipes to Judith Humphreys, 41 Willow Bank Road

Or email them to [aldertonvillagehall2017@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonvillagehall2017@gmail.com)

Hopefully we can get this ready for Christmas- an ideal stocking filler

## Regular classes at the hall include

Tai Chi – Saturday 10.15am. Contact Olly on 0750 8686315

Yoga – Monday 7pm. Contact Yvonne on 07776 180648

Pilates – Wednesday 7.30pm

Paracise – Exercise class on Tuesday 6pm

Contact [lesley@cotswoldsfitness.com](mailto:lesley@cotswoldsfitness.com) or 07769 651060 for more information

## ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

The club continues to grow and during October Roger Umpelby entertained us with a fascinating and informative look at the bugs in our gardens. His talk was illustrated with some wonderful closeup photographs, some of which Roger has kindly shared with us and can be seen on the Alderton Village website Gardening Club page. During the evening members also had the opportunity to purchase daffodil bulbs at a bargain price – the village should be very cheerful in the Spring.

Our next meeting is- **Mistletoe, Fact, Myth and Legend** on **Thursday 8th November Alderton Village Hall - Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.** Members £2.50 Guests £5.00.

Mistletoe is one of our best-known, but least understood plants. Our local area has an abundance of mistletoe visible in the trees throughout the winter - but what do we know about it apart from the Victorian Christmas tradition of kissing under the Mistletoe? Come and find out at our next meeting with a talk from Dr Micheal Jones, a former botany lecturer from Newman University, Birmingham. He will be discussing myths, legends and a few facts about this strange plant.

## ALDERTON CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

### Saturday 10 November 10am - 12.30pm

What makes a stress-free Xmas? Lots of lovely cards and gifts right here in Alderton Village Hall, with the proceeds going directly to charities of your choice. There is really no need to look further for your Xmas goodies! Coffee and cake and a super raffle make this an enjoyable way to spend Saturday morning. £1 entrance - children FREE

This year we are pleased to welcome two new charities: **Acorns Children's Hospice** and **Farms for City Children**, an organisation set up by War Horse author, Michael Morpurgo, to give deprived children a chance of a farm holiday. Do visit these stalls and give them your support, but there are also many old favourites waiting for you, including the **RNLI, RSPB, Guide Dogs, LINC, the National Trust, Cobalt, Parkinson's and Riding for the Disabled**. So whether you are looking for chutneys or calendars, stocking fillers or tea towels, Christmas cards or cakes, this is the place to come!

As in previous years, we are asking for your help with baking for the **MacMillan and Skin Cancer Research Fund** stall. Last year, we raised £400 with cakes, pies and quiches - can we beat it this year? Drop your contributions off at Gantier, bottom of Church Road, during the day on **Friday 9th November**, or deliver to the Village Hall **Friday evening between 6-7pm**. Ring Sue Parry on 01242 620343 with details.

## ALDERTON VILLAGE WEBSITE - LOCAL BUSINESSES

If you run a local business and would like it promoted on the Alderton

website [www.aldertonvillage.co.uk](http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk) then let Mark Watts-Jones know on [mwjmail@gmail.com](mailto:mwjmail@gmail.com). Any local business is welcome from taxi's 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!

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

With coats being a requirement in the mornings and the multi coloured leaves gathering at our feet, we can now say that Summer has long since left!

Harvest has taken place for Acorns as potatoes and carrots have been excavated using a range of machinery-all hand powered and environmentally friendly-diggers, tractors and dumpers were used creating many muddy knees!

Families contributed to the Harvest and the church collected the offerings which went to Trussell Trust Food Bank in Winchcombe. The children brightened up the Harvest with a beautiful display of sunflower pictures and vegetable prints that took pride of place in the church for the October Harvest Service.

### **Sports morning**

With trainers on and water bottles at the ready, we crossed over the road to enjoy a sports morning at Oak Hill School. Enjoying football and tennis in their lovely indoor space all of which made for a quiet afternoon! Sending our thanks to Oak Hill for making this space readily available, fun was had with the children eagerly awaiting the next visit!

Topics as always are selected through the children's interests. This month has very much been dedicated to those fantastic beasts that roamed and roared many, many years before us...the mighty dinosaurs! An incredible dinosaur world formed with a fully functioning volcano, mud pit and grass area.

### **Toddler and Baby-stay and play**

It has been wonderful to welcome so many new families to the Friday morning group. The hall has been filled with laughter play and chatter, from little ones learning to pedal for the first time to a safe space to breast feed, the group has a space for everyone.

### **Baby massage**

The second taster for Baby Massage is on Friday 2nd November at the Village Hall from **9.15 am till 9.45 am** (with coffee on offer after). Costing just **£2.50** a baby, it's not one to miss! Please bring along a soft towel/blanket/changing mat. Families are more than welcome to stay on for Toddlers after.

Any questions please contact **Judith on 07837402692**

### **2019**

If you are interested in joining the fun at Acorns during the up coming year please let us know either by calling 07842161159 within school hours or, alternatively, email [aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.co.uk) so you may receive your welcome information pack and register your child's space.

Acorns preschool hours Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm, Toddlers-stay and play Friday 10 am-12 pm.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **A tribute to commemorate the centenary of the end of the great war**

#### **Saturday 10th November at 7.00pm in St Margaret's Church:**

- an evening to hear some of the real life stories that lie behind the names on our war memorial, marking the contribution made by the people of Alderton to the First World War, together with an opportunity to sing along to popular songs of the day. You can also view a display of memorabilia collected from local residents. Tickets £5 to include canapés are available from Simon Finch 620395, Ros Smith 620560, Helen West 620587 or Alderton Stores. There will be a pay bar. The money raised will be shared between the British Legion and the Church.

**Sunday 11th November:** A service of remembrance marking the centenary of the end of the First World War will start **at the War Memorial at 11 am**, followed by a service in St Margaret's Church, led by Rev'd Michael Hand.

**Alderton and Dumbleton bell ringers** - ringing arrangements to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice

Alderton bells will be rung half-muffled prior to the 11 am remembrance service at the War Memorial.

In line with other ringers throughout the nation we have been encouraged by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to ring from 12.30 in the afternoon to specifically mark the Armistice. We will be ringing from 1.00 to 1.45 at Alderton, from 2.00 to 2.45 at Dumbleton and then again from 3.00 to 3.45 at Stanton.

During this year the Central Council, sponsored by HM Government, has encouraged all Ringers to support "Ringing Remembers" which is an initiative to recruit 1,400 new ringers to ring for the Centenary of the Armistice in honour of the 1,400 Ringers known to have been lost during the First World War. We are lucky enough to have two new Ringers who have progressed sufficiently well to be able to ring for our commemorative ringing, Bob Galvin from Alderton and John Chandler from Alderton. All new ringers will receive commemorative badges.

## **St Margaret's Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 1st December 2-4pm**

Come to the Village Hall for our annual rendezvous with Santa Claus on the first day of December. His busy schedule means it's an early date this year.

But don't forget there are also super stalls for your early Xmas gift shopping, Xmas decorations and goodies to buy for yourselves, plus raffles, tombolas and refreshments to make this a great afternoon out in the village. Look out for our Big Raffle tickets which are on sale throughout November and feature some superb Christmas treats to win this year. Prizes will be drawn at the close of the Bazaar at 4pm in the Village Hall. Contact Ivona, Sheila Russell or Ros for tickets (620560)  
Entry £1 Children free. Proceeds to St Margaret's Church

## **Hedgehogs**

I just wanted to thank everyone once again for their hedgehog sightings, I now know there's quite a few been spotted around St Margaret's Drive and Willow Bank Road. Now it's getting colder hedgehogs will be preparing to go into hibernation. If you want to help them, and you have a spare corner in your garden that you can leave messy, then leave a pile of logs, sticks and/or leaves for the hedgehog to build a nest in. If you're planning on having a bonfire, then please remember to check it for hedgehogs and other small mammals before you light it. If you move the pile or only build the bonfire on the day you plan to light it then this should prevent any animals from bedding down in it. If you could also keep an eye out for any hedgehogs that are too small to make it through winter. Ideally they could do with being at least 500g but anything less than 400g won't make it once it regularly starts to drop below 5c at night. If curled up they look smaller than an orange they're probably too small. Any small hedgehogs can be taken to Vale Wildlife Hospital, where they'll be looked after overwinter until it's warm enough to release them in the spring. For more information please contact me (Aimmie Woodman) at 12 Orchard Road, 01242 620373 [aimmie55@hotmail.com](mailto:aimmie55@hotmail.com) or see the hedgehog street website <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/link-your-garden/>. You can report hedgehog sightings at <https://bighedgehogmap.org/holes-for-hedgehogs-home/map-hedgehog-sighting> or pass them on to me. Thank you once again for all your help and sightings.

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

Now that the countdown is finally in double figures, we have released our fabulous Christmas menu and are now taking bookings for parties and Christmas Day. From a traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings to a succulent lamb wellington, we have a wide range of delicious dishes to whet your appetite. We've not forgotten about our vegan customers either. In fact, we have an entire menu dedicated just for you.

November just got a whole lot better with the arrival of our latest Gin of the Month: the stunning Lighthouse Gin! All the way from New Zealand under the watch of the iconic Cape Palliser lighthouse, pure mountain spring water is blended with hand-zested oranges, yen ben lemons and hints of native botanicals to create a premium gin of exceptional flavour and complexity. Each batch has its own subtle flavour which may best be appreciated in a dry Martini, a refreshingly flavoursome G&T, or even just on the rocks!

Everybody knows that the best way to start your day is with a hearty breakfast. That's why, here at The Gardener's Arms, we're open from 9am (10pm on a Sunday) and serve the best breakfasts in the world (probably) right up until midday! From a quick bacon butty to a hearty vegan full English breakfast, we have something for every stomach's desires.

Did you know our very own Teddy is on Instagram?! Take a peek at his page @CotswoldTeddy to find out what he's been up to. We love to meet new furry four-legged friends and have fantastic menus available for both you and your dog to re-energise after a long walk. SummerHouseJulie on TripAdvisor exclaimed: "Most state they are dog friendly but, in reality ,they are dog tolerant. We were so impressed by the service we (and our pups) received that we detoured on our way home to stop here again for food." Pop in and see for yourselves!

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