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ORCHARD ROAD AND DIBDEN LANE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS - GOOD NEWS - the application for 60 new houses, plus an employment park, on Dibden Lane has been withdrawn. There is no explanation, but we would like to think the newly adopted Neighbourhood Plan had a bearing. Thanks also to all those villagers who sent in objections - nearly a hundred - and to those who studied and commented on the arguments put forward by the developer.

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. Some objections to the Dibden Lane proposal also mentioned Orchard Road but in order to be considered objections would need to be specifically related to the Orchard Road application. 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 – no new planning applications received.

ROAD SWEEPING – The Borough Council's street sweeper should be in the village within the next couple of weeks to clear the debris from the road gutters. Please note that they can only sweep the kerbed roads as the brushes can damage the verges if they sweep the un-kerbed roads.
(Editor's note - This has now been done)

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.

NEW PLAY AREA VOLUNTEERS - We now have a group of volunteers who will be carrying out weekly checks at the playground, making sure the equipment is in working order, clearing up any litter and doing some general tidying up, strimming etc. If you'd be interested in joining this group, then please get in touch with Simon Finch on 07729 073267.

VILLAGE PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW – Many thanks to Sian and all the volunteers who successfully organised and ran the recent Show. It was very well attended, with a high standard of entries from all the exhibitors.

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

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

Next Parish Council Meeting: 16th October 2018, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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VILLAGE NEWS

ARC GROUP the ARC Group will meet on Wednesday 3rd October at 12 noon for lunch at The Browns Restaurant, Tewkesbury Garden Centre

COFFEE MORNINGS IN VILLAGE HALL are back, the first of the new season will be on Thursday 4th October 10:15 till 12 noon.
It will nice to see you all again and hopefully new faces will come along and join, us everyone is welcome.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our next big event will be the **New Year's Eve Party**. Put the date in your diary.
Live Band, disco, bar, delicious food.

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 – New exercise class starting on Tuesday evenings

PARACISE classes with Lesley Roberts starts at Alderton Village Hall on **Tuesday 9th October, 6pm**. First class is a **free taster class** then it will be £5 per 45 minute class. No need to book, just turn up. Look at www.paracise.com to see what it's all about – a gentle but effective workout to uplifting music – Gentle on the joints, low intensity, improves mobility, flexibility, posture, balance and co-ordination - and it's all done standing up! Suitable for all but especially those who are over 50, or anyone who wants to get started or return to exercise regardless of age Contact lesley@cotswoldsfitness.com or 07769 651060 for more information.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Produce and Craft Show and especially to all those who entered exhibits at the show. It was a difficult year for fruit and vegetables, but we had a wonderful display. The cakes and biscuits on show looked and smelt delicious and the crafts were amazing. There is so much talent in Alderton.

CHURCH NEWS

The Summer Supper held at the end of August was a very successful event. People who came said that they enjoyed themselves and there was a lovely atmosphere in the hall. The evening raised £819 for the Church building fund which will be useful following the repairs needed to be done because of the last 5-year surveyor's report that has been carried out. Many thanks to all those who came, enabling it to be a happy evening.

Saturday 10th November at 7.00pm in St Margaret's Church: Centenary of the Great War - an evening of stories and songs marking the contribution made by the people of Alderton to the First World War. Sad, funny and remarkable, the programme for this event gives you the chance to hear some of the real-life stories that lie behind the names on our war memorial and sing along to popular songs of the day. You can also view a display of memorabilia collected from residents. More details to follow in November.

Sunday 11th November at 11 am: Notice of a special service of remembrance marking the centenary of the Armistice at the War Memorial.

Harvest Songs of Praise: **14th October** at 10.30am in St Margaret's Church. Do you have a favourite hymn? The annual Harvest Songs of Praise always includes requests from local people. Perhaps you want to remember a loved one, recall past harvest celebrations or just enjoy singing your own favourite hymn. Put the date in your diary and phone Helen West on 01242 620587 with your requests.

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB held its 5th meeting on 13th September. Our guest speaker was gardening journalist Mandy Bradshaw from Cheltenham, who treated us to an excellent presentation on 10 great Cotswold gardens. Superbly illustrated, using her own photography, Mandy made us all realise how lucky we are to have so many beautiful places to visit, right on our own doorstep. Our guest had broken her arm 5

days prior to visiting us, so we were very grateful to her for coming to our meeting despite her injury. Two new members joined making a total now of 69. Welcome to them both.

Our next gathering is on **Thursday 11th October**, when Professional Entomologist and Horticulturalist Roger Umpleby will be our guest. He is from Ashton under Hill and is chairman of Beckford and District gardening club. His talk is entitled "Bugs, the good, the bad and the ugly", doors open in the village hall at 7p.m for a 7. 30p.m start. All are welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing you -. 'For further information, and reports on previous meetings' Google Alderton gardening club.

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

Autumn is knocking...

It has been so much fun sharing the seeds of the Horse Chestnut tree investigating the contents of those prickly shells (one child, to our surprise, found four in one!). We also created large cardboard tubes to race the shiny balls of nature's fun - it's been a conkers month at Acorns!

Traditional Nursery rhymes have been enjoyed with an Egg-speriment to explore how 'Humpty' could not be put back together and then learning sign language to share 'Hey Diddle, Diddle' with everyone.

Unfortunately, the storms have prevented a full harvest at the allotment but, hopefully, it will calm soon, and we will be able to share our produce in time for Harvest Festival.

Acorns entered four items into the Produce and Craft Show on Saturday 22nd September and is delighted to say won second place for both our 'grow with love' sunflowers and a rather unusual 'wool cat'. We are feeling extremely proud!

Toddlers - Stay and Play Group

Our Friday morning (10 am-12 pm) stay and play group is, as always, lots of fun for families with children from birth upwards. The children are given the opportunity to explore a safe and stimulating environment at their own pace, while parents/carers have the chance to chat and enjoy coffee and cake with other local families.

Baby Massage Taster Group

As a group, we are always looking for new opportunities to support local families. Following the success of 'Boogie Beats' for the more physical members of our group, we turned our attention on our youngest members of the community.

Acorns will be trialling two taster sessions of Baby Massage with Local expert Judith Humphreys leading the classes. Benefits to baby massage range from aiding peaceful sleep to helping ease teething pain, along with being a lovely way to bond with your baby.

The taster sessions will run on Friday 12th October and 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

Alderton 5K

It seems like a very distant memory, but just a month ago, on a Saturday morning, Beckford Road was full of people - both distant and local - joining together to run the all famous Alderton 5K! It was a beautiful morning, filled with the smell of homemade cakes and coffee while the sound of happy children enjoying the new park created a lovely atmosphere. A record number participated with over 200 running! This fantastic event, which supports Acorns, is made possible each year by the relentless efforts of the 5K committee who - each year - regardless of weather, make this an enjoyable family event which puts our local community on the map! As always, our thanks go out to each and every one of these people.

For more information relating to any aspect of the group please call 07842161159 within school hours or, alternatively, email aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.co.uk.

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

OAK HILL C. OF E. PRIMARY CARETAKER VACANCY We are looking for a Caretaker to work 5 hours a week, 7.30 am to 8.30 am Monday to Friday. If you are interested, please ring the school office on 01242 620448 or email admin@oakhill.glocus.sch.uk for more information.

School Road, Alderton, Tewkesbury, Glos. GL20 8NP

Main Street, Dumbleton, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 7TH

Head Teacher: Mr Tom Holdstock

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

A South African adventure with Tear Fund. Karen & Rupert Cox will be giving a talk on **Friday 5th October** about their recent visit to South Africa. Start 7pm, tickets £6 (to include supper) are available from Karen (620633), Carla (620600) or Jane (620291), also on the door.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday 7th October 6pm in the church, followed by a Bring and Share supper in the church. Donations to the North Cotswold Foodbank would be welcomed (cash or dry goods).

NATIONAL REFLEXOLOGY WEEK

To celebrate recent celebrations of National Reflexology Week I am offering Reflexology Tasters for end of Sept and month of October. For only £15 you will receive a foot scrub and foot massage with some reflexology top tips. To book please call me: Judith 01242 620376/07837 402692

A date for your diary: THE ALDERTON CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR will be held this year on **Saturday 10th November** 10am - 12.30pm in the Village Hall. The Fair includes a wide range of charity cards and gifts - MacMillan Cancer Support, Guide Dogs, RNLI, the National Trust, Riding for the Disabled and the RSPB to name but a few of the good causes looking for your support. And as always, tea, coffee and cake and top-of-the-range raffle prizes make this an unmissable chance to get your Christmas shopping off to a flying start! £1 entry, children free. Proceeds to the charities and the Village Hall. Bring your friends and family

Once again, I will be doing a stall to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses. I would be grateful for any donations of cakes, savoury pies/quiches or puddings to sell. My details are below for contact for collection or delivery. Many thanks for your help.

Sue Parry, 12, Church Road 01242 620343 or 07787504872

HEDGEHOG SIGHTINGS I just wanted to thank everyone once again for their hedgehog sightings. I now know there are at least one family and several more adults who live around St Margrett's Drive as well as 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. However, a recent study by the University of Reading found hedgehogs at just 20% of the 261 sites surveyed, meaning that half of our countryside has no lost their hedgehogs, and the ones left need all the help they can get. One of the most important things we can do to help is to link up our gardens by allowing hedgehogs to travel through them. Hedgehogs travel around 1 mile every night in search of food and completely fenced/walled in gardens are a major obstacle to them. However, just a 13x13cm is enough to allow hedgehogs to pass through. You can either cut a hole in your fence, remove a brick from a wall or dig a channel underneath the fence/gate and your garden will be open to hedgehogs. For more information please contact me (Aimmie Woodman) at 12 Orchard Road, 01242 620373 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.

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 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!

GARDENERS ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

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 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.

As proud gin connoisseurs, Tarquin's British Blackberry and Cornish Wildflower Honey Gin is October's Gin of the Month. It makes for the perfect autumnal tippie when mixed with one of our Fever Tree tonic waters. Ask our bar staff for their recommendations when ordering.

Our next Gardeners Arms Quiz Night takes place on **Wednesday 10th October** at 7.30pm. Teams of 6 will undergo 10 gruelling rounds of general knowledge to become the new masters and win our coveted jackpot! Get your smartest friends together and book your team's place by calling 01242 620 257 or emailing gardeners1@btconnect.com today.

Guest musician Frankie Wesson is performing on **Friday 5th October** from 9pm. Her acoustic heartfelt original songs are drawn from personal experience in life, love and growing up. Her eclectic musical taste creates an acoustic pop-folk feel of transforming memories to music, straight from the pages of her diary.

Our regular band, Bucket & Shep, will also be performing throughout the rest of the month.

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 succulent three bird roast to home-smoked cod, we have a wide range of delicious dishes to whet your appetite. We've not forgotten about our vegan customers too. In fact, we have an entire menu dedicated just for you.

<p>NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Thursday 25th October 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>
