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ORCHARD ROAD AND DIBDEN LANE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS - These planning applications are provisionally set to be considered by Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Committee on 25th September 2018. 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 application has received permission for development: 8 Church Road, Alderton (18/00655/FUL) – Erection of a 1.5 storey rear extension. The following application has been refused permission for development: 17 Beckford Road, Alderton (18/00682/FUL) - Erection of a single storey front extension & rear conservatory

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.

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.

CHANGING FACILITY SOLAR PANELS – Earlier in the year the Parish Council 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 now awarded the Parish Council with funding to cover the cost of the project in full. The Parish Council are most grateful to Greenfields Trust for their support.

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.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR – Alderton's defibrillator can be found in the old phone box in Cambridge Square, Alderton, GL20 8TZ. Cambridge Square is at the junction of Blacksmiths Road, Beckford Road and School Road in Alderton. The defibrillator is available 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. There is no phone in the telephone box, so to use it, you must first call 999, from a mobile phone or land line to get a code to access the defibrillator. The defibrillator is designed for use by non-experts and it will talk you through its use.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting: 18th September 2018, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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VILLAGE NEWS

ARC GROUP will meet for coffee in Wyevale (Blooms) Garden Centre on **Wednesday 5th September** at 10.30 am

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. Entries must be returned to Sian Tryner, 28 Beckford Road by 8pm on **Friday 21st September**. If you need a new show schedule these can be picked up from the village shop.

ALDERTON 5K RUN

Warning of travel disruption - - Saturday 1st September 2018

The annual Alderton 5k Run will take place on Beckford Road from the Gardeners Arms up past Great Washbourne to the A46 where it turns before finishing on Alderton Playing Field. 150 runners are raising money for an Alderton charity and many of these will be children. The safety of these runners is our paramount concern and we would appreciate the support of local residents so please keep the course clear of cars and use an alternative route.

The time that access to the road will be limited is:

- Alderton - Alderton Grange/Charles Church - 11am to 11.10am
- Alderton - Beckford Road to/from A46 - 11am to 11.45am
- Great Washbourne - 11.10am to 11.30am
- Albutts - please leave Albutts by 11.10am

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mark Watts-Jones on 07973 963539 or mwjmail@gmail.com. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

To find out more or to enter go to www.alderton5k.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our next event is the **Barn Dance, September 29th** with 'The Bees Knees'.

Tickets are £15 to include a lovely supper, Bar and raffle. There are still some tickets available from Sian Tryner, stryner@btinternet.com. 620906 or 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.

Tai Chi classes resume at Alderton Village Hall on **Saturday September 8th** at 10:15am. Beginners are very welcome. Contact Olly on 0750 8686315 or visit www.cheltenhamgloucestertaichi.com .

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

Acorns has taken six lovely weeks to rest and is excited at the prospect of the new academic year, 2018-2019. We are wishing all our school beginners a calm and happy start to their life at Oak Hill.

Term begins for all on **Wednesday 5th September** where we will be welcoming new families into the Acorns committee. Starting the year with a harvest, a tidy up down at the allotment and exploring changes in the environment as the Autumn draws in. We will also be celebrating traditional nursery rhymes from Jack and Jill to Ring-a-Ring a Roses using actions and movement to explore them. All of which will make for plenty of fun and hands on learning!

Fundraisers

By the time this reaches you, Acorns' summer fundraisers will have taken place. The Dumbleton fete toy stall and the Alderton 5K run. We are hoping for some sunshine to help these events run smoothly.

Toddlers-stay and Play

Toddlers returns to the hall after a summer of touring local parks on **Friday 7th September**, with the first Boogie Beats session on **29th September** at 10.30. All are welcome to join the group which starts at 10 am and finishes at 12 pm offering a range of fun activities and the chance to meet other local families.

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

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

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.

GOTHERINGTON SINGERS are always happy to welcome new members, so if you love singing why not give us a try? Come along to one of our practices and see what goes on, join in the singing and see if you like us! We are a very friendly bunch and you will be made very welcome. Previous experience is not necessary, just a love of singing. We sing a wide variety of music, visit our website to hear some of our recordings. We meet at Gotherington Village Hall at 7.45pm on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays of the month, and at Bethesda Church, Cheltenham on 2nd and 4th Mondays. Lift share available.

For further information phone 01242 523168 or 07976624736, or use the contact form on our website. www.gotheringtonsingers.co.uk

FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER HOME VISITS offered in Alderton. I am a Foot Health Practitioner (DipCFHP MPSPract) and accredited with the Alliance of Private Sector Practitioners. In addition, I have a background in health and social care, am local to the Cotswolds area, have a valid DBS check and full insurance. I can help with ingrown toenails, calluses and corns, verrucae, toenail trimming and general foot maintenance. Please contact Alexandra Hardy on 01242 512013 or 07847 577311 or email ali@fabfootcare.me for further information or to make an appointment.

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!

GARDENERS ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

Now that the kids are back at school, put your feet up and treat yourself to some 'you' time at the Gardeners Arms this September.

We are holding our monthly pub quiz on **12th September** this month, so sharpen up your pencils and your brains as this one will prove to be one of our trickiest yet. Make sure you call ahead of the quiz, on 01242 620 257, to book your team's place.

One of our favourite performers, Adam Cross, will be performing on **7th September** from 9pm – make sure you don't miss his sure to be amazing performance. Every Friday for the rest of September our house band, Bucket & Shep, will be playing classic tunes to kick off the weekend.

Our September Gin of the Month is Aber Falls Orange Marmalade Gin, made using Welsh water from the mountains around Aber Falls. This gin offers a refined balance of sweet and bitter orange flavours, the pine flavour of juniper and a citrus hit with a warming aftertaste, guaranteed to tickle your taste buds!

If you're looking for some top-quality sporting entertainment, then look no further, as we'll be showing all televised Premiership games throughout September, as well as F1 fixtures and the Ryder Cup.

We like to keep our community up to date with our latest events and news. If you haven't yet signed up for our newsletter, please drop us an email at gardeners1@btconnect.com. You can also pop by to view our menus, or phone 01242 620 257 for more information about our events and to book a table.

ALDERTON NEWSLETTER

As I have some space in this month's edition, I have included the newsletter extract from the Annual Parish Report. It explains how the newsletter is funded, produced and distributed.

The newsletter has been produced for over 40 years during which time it has played an important part in keeping the village up to date with all the issues affecting us all. In recent times this has included the creation of the ANDP Alderton Neighbourhood Development Plan, details of local planning applications and details of local events and items of general interest to our readers.

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). Cash donations and reams of paper are always welcome and can be dropped in to John at 14 St Margaret's Drive or Caroline at Corner Cottage, Stow Road.

A few points of information about the production of the newsletter.

- Deadline for newsletter is **25th** of the previous month.
- Please ensure contributions are received before the deadline.
- Also remember that events early in following month should be submitted for the previous month's newsletter, to give people time to get the information in their diaries.
- Please keep your submission to the newsletter as short as possible.
- Priority will be given to village events, personal notices and general village information.
- We are happy to advertise new small businesses, but we cannot repeat the adverts each month because of lack of space.
- We aim to distribute the newsletter by the end of each month but this is not always possible.
- We reserve the right to reduce entries to fit the space available.

We have been asked by several people why we don't stop producing a paper copy of the newsletter and save money by sending it by email. On face value this may seem a good idea, however we must consider the following:

- Someone would have to create and maintain a database of every email address for each household in the distribution area, which would be very time consuming for the person involved. The new data protection legislation would make this task even more difficult as we would be storing a large amount of data.

- By producing and delivering a paper copy to every household, we know that everyone has received one. If it was distributed by email, we could not guarantee this.
- There are people in the village that do not have access to or chose not to use the internet.
- Therefore, for now, we will continue to produce and deliver a printed copy to everyone as usual.

And finally a huge **THANK YOU** to our printer, John Appleton, to our contributors and our wonderful band of distributors for their support and commitment. Without their help, the newsletter wouldn't exist.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Tuesday **25th September 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