



Alderton Village Newsletter April 2024

Edition 514



Note from Editor:

Oh my goodness, will this rain ever end? A smaller newsletter this month. Don't forget to get any contributions in for May's edition to aldertonnews@gmail.com by 25th April. Any clubs, societies, what's ons, public messages welcome.

Mary Merheim

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www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/newsletter-signup

1. PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk
aldertonpc@gmail.com

Parish Council Annual Meeting – a note for your diary, this will be held on **Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall**. Refreshments will be provided. As well as reporting on events over the past year and the prospects for the next, the Parish Council will be encouraging local clubs, societies and other organisations to use this meeting as an opportunity to publicise their activities. It is hoped that new villagers will take this opportunity to find out more about local events.

Proposed New Development – Land West of Willow Bank Road [48 houses]
Final permissions have been given and conditions established for the start of this development.

Proposed New Development – Land East of St Margaret's Drive [48 houses]
The Parish Council have been notified by Pegasus that they are acting for Freeman Homes who will be advancing a reserved matter planning application for 48 homes. Pegasus have said they want to engage with the Parish Council and local residents on the detail of the proposals they will be advancing. Parish Councillors will initially be looking to have an early meeting at which they will reinforce the need to engage residents.

Proposed New Development- Land South of Dibden Lane [26 affordable houses]
Following discussion with their appointed Consultant, the Parish Council has now submitted detailed highway comments on issues relating to this proposal.

Development of new Strategic Plan – It was reported in the March newsletter that Cheltenham Borough Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council were consulting on a new Strategic and Local Plan (SLP). The SLP will cover the three council areas and “ provide a

new plan to deliver growth, manage development and protect our unique historic and natural environment.”

The Parish Council have submitted detailed comments on the initial thinking and a copy will be made available on the Parish Council website. We have now reached the end of this period of initial consultation.

Defibrillator – the Council have acquired a second defibrillator for the village at the Playing Field. The first is in the Cambridge Square phone box. Installation is the next stage.

Playground – repairs to the gate and new patching of the surface have been completed.

Flooding – reoccurring problems have been identified to our County Councillor and Gloucester Highways.

Allotments – a proposal from the Allotment Association to plant trees along the western boundary of the new allotments plot was supported.

All enquiries/ correspondence to the Parish Council should be sent to aldertonpc@gmail.com. Documents relating to the Parish Council can be viewed on www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at 7pm, 16 April 2024 in the Village Hall.

2. ALDERTON & GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

Welcome to new residents, wherever you live in the village. This newsletter is published monthly and tells you what's going on. The village website is at www.aldertonvillage.co.uk and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aldertonglos

We also have WhatsApp groups:

- 'Alderton residents' is for time sensitive information and answers to questions that locals know,
- 'For Sale/Free' is our group for selling and exchanging
- 'Alderton chatter' is for chatting!

To join the first two message Mark on 07973 963539 or email mwjmail@gmail.com. To join the chat group message Mary on 07826 019476

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS (Karen Cox, 01242 620633)

Saturday 27th April, 6.30-10pm - our annual family fun quiz will be held in St Mary's Church. It is suitable for all ages - bring your own team of 4-5 or join one on the night.

Tickets: £12 adult (£6 u12s). This will include a 2-course Hot supper & there will be a Bar. Tickets are available from Jane [07711 623 017](tel:07711623017)

All funds raised will go to the upkeep of our church. We hope to see you there.

Monday 29th April, 7.30pm. St Mary's Church AGM will be held at the church. Anyone is able to attend so please do come.

Friday 27th June, 6.30pm - our annual Summer Supper

GARDENING CLUB NEWS

www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club

Phil Kitson/Tom Cullimore

Another meeting and another wretched evening for weather! This though did not deter an audience of 54 who braved the elements to enjoy an excellent talk from Paul Green of Green's Leaves Nursery in Newent.

In the audience Tom counted 5 people who were visiting us for the first time, so a warm welcome to them all.

Paul trained at Pershore College and afterwards set up his own nursery business. He attends plant fairs and shows throughout the country and talks about his plants regularly at gardening clubs.

As ever a large amount of stock was laid out on tables in the Village Hall with Paul talking about the plant or individual shrub's individual merits, growing conditions and maintenance requirements. Paul is a very engaging speaker and there was much interaction with the audience leading to much laughter. Some of the plants selected for his talk included Willows, Dogwoods, Prunus, Carex, Tradescantia, Polemoniums, Fatsia, Lonicera, Phormiums, Salvias and Chaenomeles.

After speaking for 70 minutes Paul then took some questions. Following this Chairman Tom spoke for 10 minutes about Hydrangeas and then updated everyone on the latest club news. He also presented our member Marie-Anne with a £10 gardening gift voucher for her winning photo of crocuses entered in the club's newsletter competition.

Following this the bumper 11 prize raffle was drawn by our guest speaker, and then it was time for everyone to buy plants!! Paul did a roaring trade on these and that was just for starters from the committee!

Nurserymen like Paul Green bring expert knowledge with fantastically interesting plants and shrubs to clubs like our own. He is a great speaker, and we will have him back again in the future. All in all, it was another lovely and successful evening...despite the weather!

Next month we welcome Nick Morgan from the forest of dean. He will be talking about how to maximise the use out of your greenhouse. Nick trained with Reg Moule at Pershore institute of horticulture and went on to become the head of the glasshouse section at RHS Wisley.

“Make the most of your greenhouse” with Nick Morgan

Thursday 11th of April

All welcome 7pm for 730pm start.

£3 members, £6 non-members

OAK HILL SCHOOL

admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk

Well, what an egg-stravaganza the Easter celebrations were (slightly ahead of the Easter break) – our lovely school Easter service with Reverend Julia Hook and our amazing children delighted and was followed by a cracking Easter fair at the school attended by the wider community. Thanks to all our community support, we've raised an egg-cellent £1008.73 for diversity books in our libraries. Thank you to all who supported, attended and participated, donating or buying from the games and raffle - it was egg-straordinarily amazing achievement.

World Book Day provided a wonderful array of characters, our Key Stage 1 pupils are now all confident in their bike riding skills – thanks to the Bikeability team.

We're looking forward to more swimming, trips to Nature in Art, Pizza Express and The Science Fair, to name a few.

Our academisation is due to begin with Primary QuEST in early May.

ALDERTON ACORNS

Saturday 13th April Quiz & Curry Night 7pm for 7.30pm

Delicious homemade curries (including vegetarian), poppadoms and dips, delectable desserts, your favourite bar drinks (online card payments welcomed), and amazing raffle prizes! (inc. First Prize £100, Cheltenham Race tickets, a Hamper, Sudeley Castle Family ticket and much more).

Come and join us for a great night out supporting your local preschool and toddler group. Get your teams of 6 together and join us for a night of fun! Raffle tickets available from Yari in the shop, the team at Preschool and Toddlers, all parents of children at Preschool and on the night.

Thank you so much for your support.

To book your table call Sian on 01242 620906 or 07790 342157 (email: stryner@btinternet.com)



Alderton Acorns invite you to a

Q U I Z

& Curry Night

Sat 13th April

Alderton Village Hall
7pm for 7.30pm start

Teams of 6
£18 a ticket
Raffle & Bar

Call Sian Tryner to reserve your tickets on
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The poster features a black background with pink and yellow text. At the top, it says 'Alderton Acorns invite you to a'. Below this, the word 'QUIZ' is written in large, white, block letters, each letter on a separate white card with a small number in the bottom right corner (Q: 8, U: 1, I: 1, Z: 10). A pink ampersand is placed between 'QUIZ' and 'Curry Night'. 'Curry Night' is written in a large, bold, yellow-to-orange gradient font. Below that, 'Sat 13th April' is written in a large, bold, pink font. A pink vertical bar separates the date from the venue information. The venue information, 'Alderton Village Hall' and '7pm for 7.30pm start', is written in a white, cursive font. To the left of this text is a pink circular logo containing a drawing of three acorns. Below the venue information, the ticket details 'Teams of 6', '£18 a ticket', and 'Raffle & Bar' are written in a white, cursive font. At the bottom, contact information is provided in a white, cursive font: 'Call Sian Tryner to reserve your tickets on', followed by the phone numbers '01242 620906 or 07790 342157' and the email address 'stryner@btinternet.com'.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Mothing Sunday: we had a lovely Mothing Sunday Cafe Church which was well attended. People enjoyed the short service with small posies of flowers handed out to all people who care for others. Then drinks and cakes were also enjoyed! Over £100 was collected for the Mother's Union.

Churchyard Tidy up: thank you to all those who came to help to make the churchyard look smart - it looks especially lovely at the moment with spring flowers, particularly the primroses.

St. Margaret's Church AGM: will be on **Sunday April 14th after the 10.30am service.** Please do join us to hear past and future plans for the Church and share your ideas.

Flower Festival and Summer Fair: is on **Saturday July 27th.** The Flower Festival theme is the Olympics - we have a team of amateur flower arrangers so if you love flowers, please join us - it is fun!

We would also value any helpers for the Summer Fair where there will be stalls in the Churchyard and all day refreshments in the Village Hall - do contact Helen West - helenmarywest4@gmail.com.

This will also be St Margaret's Gift Day - when we celebrate our Saint and donate money to support the running of our Church.

3. WHAT'S ON?



Tewkesbury Choral Society
Dvořák and Vierne
Music for Chorus & Organ

Dvořák: Mass in D
Vierne: Messe Solennelle & other works

Tewkesbury Choral Society
John Wright (Organ), David Whitehead (Organ)
and Adam Tunnicliffe (Tenor)

Directed by John Holloway

Tewkesbury Abbey

Saturday 11th May 2024 at 7.30 pm
Tickets £18 (carers and children free; students £9)

- from members of the Society
- from The Abbey Shop (01684 856148)
- from Alison's Bookshop (01684 274600)
- on-line: www.ticketsource.co.uk/t-c-s
- at the door on the evening of the performance

Registered Charity 260811



7th April Roarsome Adventure, Cheltenham Prom near Waterstones. Meet a fully grown Raptor and 2 baby dinosaurs

14th April An Introduction to Insect Identification, Family event. 10 – 12. Tewkesbury Nature Reserve

17th – 18th April The April Meeting, Cheltenham Racecourse

18th April Foraging on Tewkesbury Nature Reserve with Rob Gould: The Cotswold Forager.

19th – 29th April The 13th Cheltenham Poetry Festival

21st April Tewkesbury High Street Food and Arts Market

26th April – 28th April Teddfest 2024 Teddington Hands Truck Stop. Truck Show, £5 adults and over 12, 12 and under free.

26th – 28th April Fresh:Art Fair, Cheltenham Racecourse

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