

**From the Editor**

Just to remind you, we do not produce a newsletter for the end of December so the next one will be printed at the end of January 2018.

I would like to thank our band of willing volunteers for distributing the newsletter every month and to John for printing it for us. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the village a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**ALDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN** – The Regulation 16 consultation ended on 31<sup>st</sup> October and the resulting comments are available on the Borough Council's website at: <https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/alderton-neighbourhood-plan> Responses were received from parishioners, various statutory consultees and five developers.

At our November meeting the Parish Council agreed the appointment of the Independent Examiner for the Alderton NDP. This will make sure that the proper legal process has been followed and that the Plan meets the basic conditions, including general conformity with strategic local policy. Once the examination is complete, the Examiner will issue a report to the Borough Council and the Parish Council.

**PLANNING NEWS** – One new application has been received: Cherry Tree House, Gretton Fields, Gretton (17/01140/FUL) - 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension. French doors at rear first floor level with juliet balcony. Existing single storey rear extension and conservatory to be integrated into the house. The following application has received permission for development: The Barn, Wrens Nest Villa, Stow Road, Alderton (17/00316/FUL) - Conversion of existing barn to residential use.

**B4077 ROAD SAFETY** – The installation of the 50mph signage on the B4077 is now complete but we intend to have a meeting with Gloucestershire Highways in the New Year, as the Parish Council feel that some signs are not sited in the right places.

**DOG FOULING ON ALLOTMENTS** - A reminder that the allotment site is private property and therefore not provided as an area for dog walking and toileting purposes. Plot holders expect to be harvest fresh fruit and vegetables, not dog waste left by irresponsible owners. Please walk your dog elsewhere and do not let them stray onto the allotments.

Tewkesbury Borough Council operates a system whereby residents can report instances of dog fouling via their website. If the owner fails to pick up and you recognise the owner and are willing to give a statement to this effect, then the Borough Council will consider a prosecution. The website details are: [www.tewkesbury.gov.uk](http://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk) and you need to go to the Report It section, under which you will find an option "Dog mess/fouling". This contains an online form for you to complete and can be used to report problem areas, or owners who fail to clear up. Alternatively, you can ring their Environmental Services on 01684 272191.

**There are five 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 and Dibden Lane.**

**ALLOTMENT PLOTS** – The site is currently full, but please get in touch with the Clerk if you wish to add your name to the waiting list.

**Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (if required) or 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.**

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## VILLAGE NEWS

### DOG POO

In the past three weeks, I have counted at least 8 different incidents of dog mess being left on the pavement between the School and Cambridge Square. Whilst this is extremely unpleasant anywhere in the village, this area has a very high footfall, with lots of families with children, toddlers and babies in prams / push-chairs making their way to and from school and pre-school. For all of us, having to clean dog mess from our footwear is horrible, but when children bring that into the school premises and the village hall it spreads germs, can make them unwell and means that staff end up cleaning it up rather than getting on with working with the children. When I have found dog mess that has not yet been trodden on and squashed into the pavement, I have found a bag and picked up and disposed of the mess correctly. I should not have to do this, and it is often too late. The dog mess should not be left there! Please, please, please pick up after your dogs. from Mrs. V Kinder, Alderton resident and Chair of Governors at Oak Hill C of E Primary School.

### VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNINGS

The next two village hall coffee mornings will be held on **Thursday 7th December** and **Thursday 4th January 2018** The total of £70.50 which was made last month was donated to the Village Hall funds . We look forward to seeing you there.

### ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL

During the meeting at the end of October we had 11 volunteers come forward to help with the running of the Village Hall and we have now formed a new committee. Judith Humphreys was voted in as Chairperson, Kaye Hunt as Treasurer and Sian Tryner as Secretary. Volunteers would still be very welcome and if you feel you could help in any way please contact the committee on the e mail below. We would like to gather information as to what sort of activities you would like to have in the Village Hall and so ask you to complete the survey attached to this month's newsletter and return to Yari in the shop. Alternatively ideas and suggestions can be e mailed to [aldertonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonvillagehall@gmail.com).

Dates for your diary:

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Table Top Sale. 10am - 12pm. Small table £5, Large table £10. To book your table e-mail [aldertonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonvillagehall@gmail.com) or phone Sian on 620906.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** - Pamper Evening

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** - Bingo Night

**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>** - Barn Dance

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2018** - New Years Eve Gala Party

**THE ARC GROUP** will meet for a Christmas Lunch at the Gardeners Arms on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** at 12 noon ( menus have already been distributed and choices made).

Remember we do not meet in January.

### MARRIED MEN V SINGLE MEN FESTIVE FANCY DRESS CHARITY FOOTBALL

The game is on **Saturday 30th December** at the Alderton football pitch , 11am start. Lots of fun including fancy dress teams (the cold war theme !), BBQ and man of the match awards. All back to the Gardeners after the match for charity auction of Man Utd football tickets , raffle , fines and lots of banter  
If anyone would like to play please contact Mark Goodwin at [mark1.goodwin@yahoo.com](mailto:mark1.goodwin@yahoo.com).

### CHURCH NEWS

**St Margaret's Christmas Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday 2nd December at 2-4pm in the Village Hall**. Children please note that Santa will be calling so bring your Xmas present list and don't forget to visit the Acorns games stall as well. Mums and Dads will find lots for them too, from Christmas decorations, holly, and mistletoe to a range of craft and gift stalls for last minute presents. The Bazaar is also the last opportunity to buy our raffle tickets. This year, the raffle has top prizes including a Red Letter Day dinner bed and breakfast at a range of hotels across the UK, dinner for two at the Gardeners' Arms and a family ticket for the GWR railway. The raffle will be drawn just before 4pm. Tea and homemade cakes are available for refreshments. Entry £1 Children free.

**THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** will be held on **Sunday 17th December at 3.30pm** in Alderton Church in order to raise funds for the charity The Children's Society. This charity supports disadvantaged children in the UK who experience a wide range of problems: family issues, running away from home and sleeping rough, children who feel they have no future, disability, mental health problems to name but a few. Candlelit oranges fill the church in the darkness and it is a special way of beginning the Christmas celebrations. The service will be led by our new Vicar, Rev'd Julia Hook who has taken the service here before. We would love you to join us and we welcome people young and old!

**HARVEST COFFEE MORNING** on 7th October at the Gardeners' Arms raised £225 for the Salvation Army. Many thanks to all who supported this event.

**ALDERTON CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE** Your generous support for the Charity Christmas Fair helped our charities raise a total of £2500 through donations, cards, goodies and gifts. Next year's Fair will be held on Saturday 4th November 2018.

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT** Thank you so much to everyone who brought, cakes etc. for us to sell at the Charity Sale. The total raised, including the cakes raffle and donations was £400 which we have forwarded for MacMillan Nurses and the Skin Cancer Research Fund (SCaRF)

#### **ALDERTON PLAY AREA**

Progress on Alderton's new playground continues and we are close to finalising details of the playground equipment with Wicksteed and the Parish council. Once this has happened we'll have a date for the start of the work.

Many thanks to those that have already contacted me, we still have a requirement for volunteers to help prepare the site, so if you're interested and would like to know more then please get in touch with me.

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#### **ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL**

Bonfire night brought the opportunity to explore colour and sound through some really creative activities that the children at Acorns thoroughly enjoyed!

Some beautiful and very individual Poppies were painted to mark Remembrance Day with the display being placed in the church for the Sunday service.

Both displays are up in the hall, please enjoy them if the opportunity arises over the Christmas period.

Toddlers has been very creative as the children have been making sponge print pictures, exploring glitter and working together to create a big paint picture. They wore smiling faces as they enjoyed playing, singing and snack time.

As it is December, we can now talk about Christmas! With the children singing songs that are familiar, warm and jolly, there are smiles all round as they prepare for the nativity which, this year, is called 'Sleepy Jesus'. Which will most certainly be a heart warming performance.

Acorns finishes for Christmas on the 15th December with the whole Acorns community joining together between 10-12 am. The music company 'Boogie Beats' will be entertaining us; followed by a visit from 'a jolly chap' dressed in red and finishing with a 'bring and share' party lunch.

As always, to find out more please do not hesitate to call 07842161159 within school hours or pop in for a chat. Doors open to 2018 on **Wednesday 3rd January**.

#### **ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT**

**Saturday 27th January - 7.30 for 8.00 pm**

Delicious curry, delectable desserts and a well stocked bar. Teams of 6. £15 per person. To book your table, call Sian on 620906/07790 342157 or email [stryner@btinternet.com](mailto:stryner@btinternet.com)

## **Alderton Village Store....Tel: 01242 620201**

We are now getting ready for Christmas at Alderton Village Store. As usual, soon we will start taking orders for Christmas Turkey, Vegetables and other locally sourced seasonal goodies. Get ahead with your planning and place your orders early.

I would like to bring your attention to some of our new range of products , such as our Pork Pies and new White Fox Vintage Cheese from award winning Pudding & Pie Co. So try them and you will come back for more. Remember, Thursdays and Saturdays are French Bread Days.

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).

As most of you know, it is always very difficult for me to take time off from work, however I have now decided to take a holiday after Christmas (around the end of January, *no date set yet*) when the trade is very slow.

Unfortunately that means I have to close the post office for this period. Of course, with Trisha's help, we are hoping to keep the shop going (part time hours at least) so that you can still use the shop for your daily essentials. I am sorry for any inconvenience it may cause. Please continue supporting you local shop and Post Office. Thank you.

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

Have a Merry Christmas and ring in the New Year with us at The Gardeners Arms.

Not only are we celebrating Christmas with December's Gin of the Month, Edinburgh Christmas Gin – the clue's in the name! – but we also have Christmas Party Menus throughout December, ending with a wonderful Christmas Day Menu. We're happy to cater for any size, big or small, so do give us a call to book your table now!

Moving on to New Year, we're always up for a celebration and welcome you all to enjoy some background music, our ever-popular menus and even some relaxed party games if you wish to join in, before celebrating as the New Year rolls in.

Music is always at the forefront of our minds, with Adam Cross on 1<sup>st</sup> December and plenty of live music from Bucket and Shep throughout December and January.

We're still looking forward to our ever-popular quiz nights, so call us to book your spot on **6<sup>th</sup> December** or **10<sup>th</sup> January** and prove your knowledge to the world.

We're also looking forward to introducing our new white German shepherd pup, Teddy, to the world, so come in and visit and get to know the newest member of your team. He's always on the lookout for new friends, so bring your dogs along to enjoy a meal as well with our doggy menu.

One thing to look out for is our Christmas Opening Times. Have a look on our website to be sure we're in to welcome you in from the cold to sit by our fireplace and try one of our hearty warming meals to keep out the winter chill. If you haven't yet signed up for our newsletter, then 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 620257 for more information.

Ivona in Blenheim Close, wishes all her friends and neighbours in the village an Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year. A donation in lieu of cards will go towards the printing costs of the Village Newsletter.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Thursday <b>25th January 2018</b> All items must have Name & Tel No. of sender. Our e-mail address is: <a href="mailto:AldertonNewsletter@googlemail.com">AldertonNewsletter@googlemail.com</a> or deliver to Caroline Page, Corner Cottage, Stow Road. The newsletter is also available at <a href="http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk">www.aldertonvillage.co.uk</a>
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