

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.

REMINDER

ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL OPEN MEETING - There are at present several vacancies for committee members or just willing volunteers. The meeting is in the Village Hall on **Monday October 30th at 8pm** – if you are interested in hearing about how the hall is run, and are willing to contribute in any way, please come along to find out ways *you* can help.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

ALDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – A reminder that the public consultation on the Alderton NDP closes at 5pm on Monday 30th October 2017. If you wish to make comments then please go to Tewkesbury Borough Council's website where you will find copies of the Plan documents and how to respond: <https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/aldertonneighbourhood-plan>

Following on from the recent Regulation 16 consultation the next stage in the process will be an independent examination of 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. Tewkesbury Borough Council will appoint an appropriately qualified and experienced person to carry out the independent examination, but the appointment has to be agreed with the Parish Council. The Borough Council will send to the independent examiner the Plan and supporting information, plus a copy of any comments received during the Regulation 16 consultation. Once the examination is complete, the examiner will issue a report to the Borough Council and the Parish Council.

B4077 ROAD SAFETY – At the time of going to press the installation of the signage for the new 50mph speed limit is nearing completion. It's been agreed that the Parish Council will pursue the purchase of a speed indicator device (SID) which can be moved around various problem locations within the parish. The device will display the speed of an approaching vehicle, along with the message 'slow down' if it is exceeding the set speed threshold. The SID will be purchased through the County Council's Community Match funding grant whereby the Parish Council and County Council each provide 50% of the funding.

DOG FOULING – The Parish Council have received complaints of dog fouling outside the school. A reminder to any dog owners who fail to clear up after their canines – it's illegal, it's anti-social and there isn't a dog pooh fairy out there. Bag it and bin it in the dog waste bins please.

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.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - Everyone at some time will experience problems and the Bureau can help with any issue, for anyone, ranging from debt and employment to consumer and housing and everything in between. Face to face drop ins and appointments are available at the offices in Tewkesbury or the outreaches in Winchcombe and Bishops Cleeve. Telephone 01452 527202, email: info@gloscab.org.uk or www.gloucestercab.org.uk

VOLUNTEER LITTER PICKERS -We are looking for volunteers to pick up litter around the village. For more details please contact our parish clerk.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 21st November 2017, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

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VILLAGE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL Thanks for joining us last month at the village hall coffee morning. £80.00 was raised for the village hall funds, next months will be on Thursday 2nd November 10-12 noon, look forward to seeing you all

ARC GROUP will meet for Coffee on **Wednesday 1st November** at the Flag and Whistle, Toddington at 10.30 am.

ALDERTON CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE on **Saturday 4th November** 10am to 12.30pm in the Village Hall. If you are new to the village, this is a very popular event in the Alderton calendar . Sue Parry is having a stall for **MACMILLAN** and would be grateful for any cakes/quiches, pies or puddings. Donations to Sue (620343) beforehand or to the Hall just before, or during the sale.

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

Walking to the Church the children were greeted by the Vicar Julia Hook, who kindly answered questions and supported the children as they fully explored the church. The children placed food parcels on the table as we talked about others who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

We have been spending a great deal time in the garden. Observing the final autumn changes, enjoying the blast of colour before the dull. The children have enjoyed planting 'sensory' herbs in the large stone pots, with them focusing mainly on the digging and the watering!

Acorns took a trip down to the allotments where chickens were fed, potatoes were dug and carrots pulled. As the seasons continue the children will be taking on the own small allotment taking responsibility for managing and maintaining the area. Look out for updates!

As part of the literacy week celebrations Acorns crossed the road to spend a beautiful afternoon with the children from years 5 and 6. Sharing stories in a relaxed atmosphere, a perfect way to enjoy the written word. The Acorns community is ever-growing as we continue to welcome new families. For more information please do not hesitate to contact us on 07842161159 within school hours or pop in for a chat.

ALDERTON PLAYGROUND Progress on Alderton's new playground continues . We still need volunteers to help prepare the site, so if you're interested, get in touch Simon Finch [07729073267](tel:07729073267) sifinch1@sky.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.

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 are open six days a week from 8am to 5pm (Wednesdays 8am to 1pm & Saturdays 8am to 2pm).

Please continue supporting you local shop and Post Office. Thank you.

GARDENERS ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

Visit us at The Gardeners Arms in November and try our new Gin of the Month, Jinzu. This intriguing gin is Scottish-made and Japan-inspired, with an English woman at its heart.

We also look forward to this month's guest musician, Adam Cross, who will be here to entertain us with live music on **Friday 3rd November**. On other Fridays throughout November we welcome back our wonderful in-house musicians Bucket & Shep. This month's quiz is on **Wednesday 8th November**.

There are plenty of things to celebrate in November with Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, Cheltenham Races and The Gardeners Arms bringing home their brand-new puppy!

If you haven't yet signed up for our newsletter, then drop us an email at gardeners1@btconnect.com

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Saturday **25th November 2017** 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