

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS** [www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk)

**ORCHARD ROAD DEVELOPMENT** - The application for 5 bungalows, on an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, behind Orchard Road has still not been considered by Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Committee. The outstanding matters relating to highways issues have not been addressed by the applicant and the Borough Council has received no indication from the applicant that they intend to address these outstanding matters.

**OTHER PLANNING** – The following application has received permission for development: 58 Willow Bank Road, Alderton (19/00080/FUL) - Single storey rear extension

**HIGHWAYS MATTERS** – The Parish Council have now ordered the Speed Indicator Device and it should take about 6 weeks for this to be delivered. We have asked the County Council if it would be possible to install a “children playing” sign on the eastern end of Beckford Road and they will investigate this.

**PLAYING FIELD** – The Parish Council have agreed to look into the cost of installing some fencing and a self-closing gate around the play area to prevent dogs accessing the play equipment. We are also aware of the poor state of repair of the north eastern boundary fence and are trying to establish the liability for repair with the County Council.

**WALES & WEST GAS PIPE UPGRADE** – Works commence in Alderton in the first week of April to replace the metal gas pipes with plastic, as the old ones are leaking. Willow Bank Road will be the first road to be worked on and this will take them quite a while to do. The other roads affected will be: Beckford Road, St Margarets Road (up to no. 21), St Margarets Drive, Ellenor Drive, Orchard Road and Brookside. This looks to be a rolling programme and residents will be informed nearer the time as to when their roads will be affected.

The white lines on the road are from BT as they go ahead of Wales & West to mark out where the telecoms are, so no phones get cut off. The project end date is 20th September but they think the works will be completed before then. If residents have any queries then please direct them through the Parish Council and we will liaise with Wales & West.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – held on 26<sup>th</sup> March gave everyone a chance to hear what the various groups in the community have been doing during the past year and their plans for 2019. Specific points raised during the evening will be dealt with at the May Parish Council meeting.

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

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** 16<sup>th</sup> April (if required) or 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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**VILLAGE NEWS**

**THE ARC GROUP** will meet for lunch at 12noon in Brown's Restaurant, Tewkesbury Garden Centre on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Village Hall Coffee Morning** will be held on **Thursday 4 April** 10.15 to 12 noon. Last month a total of £43.00 was raised. As this is the last one of the season, we would like to thank everyone for their support.

## **SAVE OUR SHOP**

Upon moving to the village, a month ago, it has come to my attention the lack of support that Yari receives at the village shop. As a new, member of the village, this has upset me deeply and I feel that such a wonderful asset to our village community should not be taken for granted.

It is due to unfortunate circumstances that I have moved to the village, however it has been a great comfort to me to go to the village shop to not only purchase my regular treats (jaffa Cakes) but to also share a friendly conversation with a really nice man.

My plea to you to support Yari and the brilliant shop does not come from him, it comes straight from me. We are fortunate enough to benefit from a local shop and Post Office and an owner that can simply not do enough for his customers.

I ask you to question whether you could do more to help Yari and the shop by purchasing just a few items a week as without a drastic change in the lack of the village's support, we are at risk of losing our brilliant shop!

I urge you to spread the message and fight for Yari and our village shop. I hope this message will encourage others to join me. Thank you.

Harriett Matthews, 17, granddaughter of John and Sue Parry.

## **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

### **Pamper Evening**

Our next event is a **Pamper Evening** on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** from 7-9.30pm.

Only £10 for a mini 20-minute treatment.

Treatments to include: Reflexology, Massage, Relaxation, Hair Sparkles, Facials and manicures.

Raffle and Refreshments. Free entry.

It is best to Pre book your treatment to avoid disappointment. Contact Sian on 620906/07790 342157 or email [stryner@btinternet.com](mailto:stryner@btinternet.com)

A date for your diary. **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, a **Barn Dance** with Hetty Pegler's Tump. More details next month.

Is there a handyman in the village who would be able to fix the Village Hall table tennis table?

It is in need of some repair or failing that, it will have to be scrapped.

A massive thank you to Janet Holman for her many years of service as booking secretary.

If you need to book the village hall the new booking secretary is Debbie Andrews: 07778534121

**Help!** Has anyone got a spare piece of roofing felt? The playhouse at Preschool is in need of some tender loving care and needs a new roof covering to protect it from the elements and extend its life for a few more years. If you think you could help contact Becky on 07842 161159.

## **ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB**

This month heralds the first anniversary of the club. We are delighted with the success of the club meetings this year and the February session on pruning by Duncan Coombs was appreciated by over 60 people. The first **Annual General meeting** will be held at the Village Hall on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** to elect a committee following the initial work by the organising group. All are welcome and anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Tom Cullimore on [thomascullimore4@gmail.com](mailto:thomascullimore4@gmail.com).

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Alderton Gardening Club's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday meeting –**

#### **Gardeners Question Time with Reg Moule and BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Dominic Cotter.**

Reg Moule 'The Godfather of Soil' returns to celebrate this evening with his radio show partner Dominic Cotter in a Question Time format. This meeting will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Come along with some questions! There will be a couple of people on the door to note down your questions which you can provide verbally or by emailing Tom prior to the event. Members and guests are all welcome.

**A FASHION SHOW** run by M & Co in Tewkesbury will be held in Alderton Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm on

#### **Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Alderton Villagers will be modelling a selection of clothes of their choice for men, women, children and teenagers! So do come along and support them, choose your spring and summer wardrobe and have a fun evening. There are no clothes available to buy on the evening - the evening is just an opportunity to see some of the range of clothing that M and Co stock. There will be a paying bar. The tickets are priced £5 for adults (children under 14 free) and canapés will be included in the price. Tickets are available from Helen West (620587) Gill Cogzell (620303) and Ivona McIlwraith (620688) or available on the door. Do come and join us!

### **ALDERTON CHURCH**

**Churchyard Tidy up:** this will be on **Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>** starting at 10am. Everyone will be very welcome to help us - the more the merrier so we can keep our beautiful churchyard looking smart. So do bring along your tools and come to help in any way you are able. We would really appreciate any help from the whole of the village community as we always seem to run out of time to get what we want done!

**Easter Monday Cream Teas in Alderton Village Hall:** Come along with your friends and families on **Easter Bank Holiday April 22<sup>nd</sup>** to enjoy our home made cream teas. Our waitresses will be ready to take your orders between **2.30 and 4.30pm**. Cost: £5 per head for scones, cream and jam plus tea or coffee. There is no charge for entry but donations towards the repairs of St Margaret's Church are really welcome. We keep costs as low as possible but please be generous if you can afford more! Children are welcome; squash and small cakes available for under 14s. Pay the waitress when ordering and don't forget to visit the stalls before you leave. A great event for the whole community - don't miss it!

### **ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS**

Jump Forward into Spring...

As the days are warming up and the blossom begins to decorate those bare branches, the children have used this time of year as an inspiration and have painted some beautiful blossoms using colour mixing and 'fingerprints' to create flowers in bud. With jackets still needed in the morning, we have emptied and refilled the sand pit which now became home for many different types of dinosaurs (which seem to be the chosen topic), tided and cut back an area in preparation for the new mud kitchen, but most of all, enjoyed the fresh air going home happy - if not a little tired!

"In the Spring at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." - Margaret Atwood. A most fitting quote for the little people of Acorns.

Another topic we have explored this month is 'emotions'; from an exploding pop bottle to demonstrate a build up of anger (such a popular experiment that we had to run it twice!) to a lovely circle group of 'pass the smile' to support the magic of happiness when it is shared through a smile.

### **Egg Hunt: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2 pm - 4 pm, £2.50 a child**

The event is being hosted by Oak Hill School (FOOHS) and Acorns. The Hunt will start at the Village Hall leading down to the Church and, there, the children will be searching for visual clues to help them on their quest for a chocolate egg. The afternoon is suitable for all ages, with Easter art activities in the hall and refreshments for those hardworking adventurers (and parents/carers/Grandparents).

A lovely, fun, family activity for a Sunday afternoon.

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

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

### **Overbury Bowling Club Membership List is Open**

With the new outdoor season beginning in April, Overbury Bowling Club are holding an Open Day to welcome new members. If you have wondered whether bowls might be the challenge you seek, come to the Open Day on 19<sup>th</sup> May 14:00 and try this very social and sporting activity with the help of one of our coaches to get you started on the right path.

For more information, contact Overbury Bowling Club at [info@overburybowling.net](mailto:info@overburybowling.net) or one of the club officials listed on [www.overburybowling.net](http://www.overburybowling.net)

**GREAT WASHBOURNE** will be holding a Family Fun Quiz in St Mary's Church on **Friday 12th April** from 6.30pm to 10pm. As in previous years, this is suitable for all ages and we hope you will come along with your friends (teams 4-5 or join one on the night). Tickets cost £10 adult (£5 kids) to include a hot 2-course supper and are available on the night or in advance from Jane Kent/Karen Cox (Great Washbourne) and Carla Edelston (Alderton). Please ring or email Jane Kent (01242 620291/[cjanekent@btinternet.com](mailto:cjanekent@btinternet.com)) to book your table! There will be a pay bar and raffle. All proceeds are to the church.

**The Great Washbourne Summer Supper** will be held on **Friday 28th June** at 6-30pm, in the garden of Great Washbourne House. Please put this date in your diary - more details to be available nearer the time.

### **Mother's day special offer**

Why not treat your mum to a voucher or take up the special offer of a reflexology/full body massage with complimentary back massage? (£45)

The foot scrub, massage and moisturise was popular last year so I have decided to repeat this: For just **£10** you can have a foot pamper to get your feet flip flop ready!

[Judith.humphreys64@gmail.com](mailto:Judith.humphreys64@gmail.com) 07837 402692/01242 620376

### **SPRING IS ALMOST HERE**

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for the stamps they donated for Evesham Bat Care. We're planning on sending them off at the beginning of April and the amount we've had should get us a nice amount of money that'll help us feed the bats this summer. Now it's starting to warm up again and we are officially in Spring, animals are starting to come out of hibernation. If you'd like to feed hedgehogs then now is the time to start looking out for them. Many hedgehogs are quite thirsty when they wake up from hibernation so putting out a shallow dish of water will really help them. Last year lots of hedgehogs were seen around St Margaret's Road, Elinor Drive and Willow Bank Road. Vale Wildlife Hospital are also looking to release hedgehogs that they have overwintered so if you think you can help give them a call after 2pm on 01386 882 288 and they will be able to advise you if your garden is a suitable release site and what you need to do to safely release them.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB & PRIVATE TUTORING**

We are really excited that we now have an After School Club at Dumbleton Village Hall which provides childcare for all children based at both Oak Hill Primary School bases. All school holiday clubs take place at Ashton-under-Hill. Please visit our website at: [www.littlebiglearners.co.uk](http://www.littlebiglearners.co.uk) for more information.

### **GARDENERS ARMS** [gardeners1@btconnect.com](mailto:gardeners1@btconnect.com). 01242 620257

There is certainly a lot to celebrate in April. Perhaps Easter gets you egg-cited? Or maybe you need to make up for your terrible April Fools' Day pranks by buying your friends a pint at the Gardeners Arms! We have a mouth-watering selection of real ales.

If ales aren't your thing, why not make this Good Friday, a great Friday with our extensive selection of speciality gins? Our Gin of the Month this month is Sipsmith Lemon Drizzle,

which we suggest you have with lemon Fever-Tree tonic and fresh lemon.

Here at the Gardeners Arms, we love to celebrate Easter with our loved ones, so why not hatch a plan to have lunch with the whole family? We have something for everyone, with egg-cellent options for vegans, gluten free, children and even doggies!

However, Easter isn't the only important date this month. Shakespeare's birthday is on the 23rd April, and we think if William Shakespeare was still alive, he'd want to celebrate his birthday today with a pint of real ale and a duo of vegan slider burgers. Forsooth, my liege!

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](mailto: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.

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