

**PLANNING APPEAL – CALA HOMES.** The Planning Inspectorate have taken the decision that this Appeal will now be determined by a Public Inquiry, commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The Parish Council have been granted Rule 6 party status which means we can take a very active part in the inquiry and add substantively to the case being made by the local planning authority to refuse further housing development.

**PARISH PLANNING** – The following application has been received: 9 Beckford Road, Alderton (20/01282/FUL) - Erection of 2 No. two storey detached dwellings and provision of associated vehicular access and parking areas and hard and soft landscaping (revised application following approval of application reference 19/01009/FUL).

Rear Of Orchard Road, Alderton (20/00943/FUL) - Change of use of land from agricultural to private equestrian and erection of stables and associated hardstanding. We have received notification that the agent has requested this application be withdrawn.

**VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS** – There are currently two vacancies and the Parish Council would like to invite applications from interested parishioners. If you would like more information about the role, details of eligibility or a co-option application form then please see our website for further details or contact the Clerk. Please note, all Parish Councillors are volunteers; they do not get paid anything.

**ALLOTMENT PLOTS** – The site is full and we are operating a waiting list. If you would like to add your name to the list then please contact the Clerk.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – This will be held on **25<sup>th</sup> May 2021**, at **7.30pm**, in the Village Hall. Please note this is a proposed date and very much subject to Government guidelines at the time. At this meeting residents are given a chance to hear the latest news on what has been happening at the Parish Council and within the local community. Village organisations, the School and Borough Councillors are all invited to provide reports and presentations.

**Next Parish Council Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (but subject to Government guidelines at that time).**

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## VILLAGE NEWS

**OAK HILL C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL** Alderton base

Grade 2 Point 2 - Point 3 (£17,711 to £18,065 pro rata ) 1 hr 15 mins per day

We are looking for a LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR to join our existing team at Alderton on Thursdays and Fridays. Closing date for applications for the Lunchtime Supervisor post is Friday 23 April 2021

Please telephone the school office 01242 620448 for further information.

## POLITE REQUEST

If you have a GINGER CAT visiting you, please could we kindly request that you do not feed him. Percy is on a special diet, but the vet is genuinely concerned about his increasing weight and possible health issues, so we can only assume he is getting or helping himself to additional food elsewhere. He is very friendly (and likely to take full advantage of any food opportunity!), so please feel free to gently shoo him away. He lives in St Margaret's Drive but may visit anywhere in the village.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Easter Sunday:** we are delighted to say that our first service of 2021 will be on **Easter Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9.30pm** (in co-ordination with Dumbleton) There will be social distancing in place and members of the congregation are requested to wear masks. The Church will then be open daily for private prayer. Then the next service in Alderton will be on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am and then unless things change will be on

the 2nd and 4th Sundays from May onwards at 10.30am. It is hoped to resume the church bookstall from **12th April**.

### **Friday April 30th:**

To begin your celebrations of the May Day weekend, we are once again offering our well supported **takeaway meal service**.

Helen West and Gill Cogzell will be preparing the meals, as before. The menu is:

Beef Casserole with Jacket Potato  
Lamb Casserole with Jacket Potato    Gluten Free  
Vegetarian Chilli with Rice - Gluten Free

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Apple Pie  
Bakewell Tart (Gluten free available)

Please choose 1 main and 1 dessert for £10

A menu flier is available in the Shop or the Church.

Please order your meal by **Saturday April 24th** by contacting Helen West 620587 / 07941 373030 or [helenmarywest4@gmail.com](mailto:helenmarywest4@gmail.com) Make sure you include your name, contact number and full address!

The meals will be delivered for you to be reheated at home (Village only) between 5 - 7pm. Please indicate preferred time slot:

5-5.30, 5.30-6, 6-6.30, 6.30 - 7pm. Please have the correct money ready in an envelope with your name on.

If you can spare some time to do some tidying up gardening in the churchyard it would be much appreciated. This would be done at a time to suit you, as at the moment, we can't meet collectively. Any queries, contact Helen West 620587.

### **ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL**

The month of March has certainly brought us lots more fun, play and learning at Acorns!! Our little acorns have enjoyed lots of outside learning this month including the excitement of some new little friends in our preschool garden.....frogspawn!! We have been learning all about the life cycle of a frog and our acorns have been eagerly keeping an eye on our new garden friends to see if they have grown.....lots of exciting froggy fun! We have also celebrated Mother's Day this month, with our little acorns creating some beautiful crafts and cards which they took home ready for the day itself.....we had some very spoilt mummy's and some very excited little acorns!! Our fantastic "Hello Spring" preschool display is looking fabulous, with handmade bird nests, daffodils and paper plate umbrellas, we are certainly celebrating all that Spring has to offer, come rain or shine, we do love the Springtime! We have enjoyed lots of role playing, music, dance, stories and messy crafting fun throughout the month and we are very much looking forward to enjoying lots more preschool fun and learning next month.

We are very pleased to announce that after Easter, Preschool will be able to re-open on Mondays. We will be open 4 mornings a week, Monday to Thursday 9-2pm. If you would like any more information about Preschool. please contact Steph on 07842 161159 or email [aldertonacorns@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonacorns@gmail.com) . Or check out our website at [aldertonacorns.org.uk](http://aldertonacorns.org.uk).

We are also looking into ways of safely re-opening the very popular Toddler group on Fridays. We know you have all been missing getting together and hope to re-open possibly in May depending on Government guidelines.

Fundraising. The draw for our beautiful Easter hamper closes on **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and the winner will be contacted soon after.

The BBQ and Treasure Hunt will now take place on **July 10<sup>th</sup>**. This of course depends on the lifting of social distancing restrictions.

### **EVESHAM BAT CARE**

The sun was shining today and the weather is finally warming up. Walking around the village I've noticed the daffodils are blooming and the birds are singing more and starting to gather nesting materials. We've already had a pair of collared doves looking to nest in our cherry tree, and hopefully we'll get some birds using our nest boxes again this year. With the warmer nights, bats are also starting to come out of

hibernation. At Evesham Bat Care we've already had a couple of bats come into care that hadn't managed to fatten enough before winter, and so have emerged from hibernation skinny and weak. So far, they've all just required feeding up, and once they're a healthy weight again we'll be able to release them. If you find an injured bat, please call the Bat Conservation Trust's National Bat Helpline on **0345 1300 228** and they'll be able to advise you on what's best to do and put you in contact with your nearest available volunteer bat carer.

Thank you once again for all the donations of stamp and oral hygiene items, the funds from this terracycle scheme have really helped keep us going this last year. With Covid restrictions lifting we hope to start bat walks again later this year. The exact timing will depend on the government's guidance, which we are keeping a close eye on, but we hope to be able to see you all again soon. In the meantime, if you have any more donations the white box is under the car port of 12 Orchard Road. Thank you once again.  
Aimmie Woodman, 12 Orchard Road, 620373

**GARDENER'S ARMS** [gardeners1@btconnect.com](mailto:gardeners1@btconnect.com). 01242 620257 [www.gardenersarms.biz](http://www.gardenersarms.biz)

. We are so excited that we will be opening our beautiful beer garden on **12<sup>th</sup> April** and we will be able to see you all properly! With our fully stocked outside bar we can serve you food and drink in a completely safe environment. This is such an idyllic location for you to stop off after your walk (don't forget to bring your dog) or bike ride and enjoy the Spring sunshine with a tasty treat from our garden menu.

We will have slightly different opening hours as follows:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – welcome back opening – 3pm-9pm

Tuesday - Saturday 3pm – 9pm

Sundays 12pm – 4pm

We will still be serving our delicious takeaways until we are back fully open. So, you can still enjoy our takeaway offers, 2 main courses for £18.95 Monday-Thursday, 2 homemade pizzas 2 for £20.95 or treat yourself to a freshly prepared fish and chip supper for just £8.95. We also have a cracking roast available on Sundays, available for delivery or collection from 12 until 2:30pm.

Just because the restaurant is currently closed, it doesn't mean that you have to let important occasions go by without celebrating! Our takeaway menu offers a selection of delicious starters, main courses, sides and desserts, suitable for all dietary requirements and all freshly prepared with locally sourced ingredients. You can even add a bottle of wine or a few beers to your order if you have your takeaway delivered, so there is no excuse you can still enjoy a special 3 course meal to celebrate that important occasion. We also have a children's menu and dog menu available too, so the whole family can join in the celebration, same great quality food, just served in your own home.

For any businesses who would like to thank their workers with a little treat, we can offer all businesses within 6 miles of Alderton, an amazing hot meal at lunchtime – everything is safe with a non-contact delivery for free if the order is over £50. Please just give us a few days notice for your order!

**NEXT NEWSLETTER** Deadline for copy is **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. All items must have Name & Tel No. of sender. Our e-mail address is: [AldertonNewsletter@googlemail.com](mailto:AldertonNewsletter@googlemail.com) or deliver to Caroline Page, Corner Cottage, Stow Road. The newsletter is also available at [www.aldertonvillage.co.uk](http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk)