

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This will be held on Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will focus on broad topics such as housing, the playing field, and allotments. There will be an opportunity for questions and general discussion on topics of interest.

Light refreshments will be available.

Councillor Vacancy

At the Parish Council meeting on 15 March 2022 the resignation of Councillor Hughes was accepted. The vacancy will now be advertised by Tewkesbury Borough Council. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk at aldertonpc@gmail.com.

CALA Development

The Parish Council has raised with Cala and Tewkesbury Borough Council a number of issues relating to the early stages of the Development. Please note that responsibility for conditions associated with the Development rests with Tewkesbury Borough Council. Major work is not expected for a few months.

Our understanding from Cala is that *“construction works will start late Spring/early summer 2022, roads sewers and infrastructure works will start early summer and take us into autumn 2022. House foundations will start late summer 2022, followed by the start of the superstructures of the houses in the Autumn of 2022. We aim for the site to be completed in autumn/winter 2023. The construction method statement and traffic management plans have been approved by Tewkesbury BC as part of the conditions associated with the permission 19/007722/FUL. The details of all approved documents can be viewed online.”*

Highways

We have had advanced notice from Highways England, that the A46 will be closed overnight between Teddington Hands and Beckford on **19 April, 20 April, 21 April, and 22 April**, 9pm to 6am. No restrictions will be in place throughout the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend.

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.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be at the Village Hall on **19 April 2022**. Please note the new start time of **7pm**. It is hoped that the new area Police Community Support Officer, Theresa Hirions, will give a brief report.

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VILLAGE NEWS

LITTER

There is litter being thrown onto the verge between Great Washbourne and Alderton on a regular basis - takeaway food packaging, drinks containers, etc. If anyone reading this is the culprit, please take your litter home with you, rather than leaving it for some kind soul to pick up. Thank you." Unfortunately, the same message applies to Willowbank Road and Dibden Lane.

CHURCH NEWS

Easter Day Service; this will be at the later time of 11.15am in Alderton (to fit in with Dumbleton having a service) and we would love you to join us. The Church will be decorated with spring flowers so come and see them - the Church is open every day.

Cream Teas on **Easter Monday 18th April**: we are planning on having these in the Village Hall in the afternoon. Please look out for the posters for further details.

Help in the Churchyard: every year we have a work party to smarten up the churchyard before Easter, getting rid of overgrown weeds and making sure the graves look neat. It would be great to have your help to do so on **Saturday April 2nd** starting at 10am so we would love it if you would come along with your gardening tools!

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

At last month's meeting, we welcomed a young nurseryman just starting out on the club speaking circuit. Aaron Pleciak, a manager at Mill Lane Nurseries, Drakes Broughton near Pershore. He delivered a talk packed with topical gardening advice to an audience of 45. Aaron brought a good selection of plants, shrubs, roses and even a tree. He described many of them and told us which growing conditions they prefer. He also talked about Mill Lane and the range of gardening products they stock. He took questions and joined in with Tom in a discussion on gardening tasks.

Tom brought members up to date with club news regarding the recent AGM, presentations were made to two retiring committee members, Liz Sissons and Ann Pegg. They have been replaced by David Ruscoe and Beverley Lewis. We still have one vacancy on the committee for an outings officer, to organise trips and days out to gardens etc. So, if you would like to volunteer for this role, do get in touch. Orders were taken for compost and possible outing destinations in 2022 discussed. The raffle was drawn for 6 prizes.

The chairman proposed the vote of thanks to Aaron for his enthusiasm and ambition which shone through the meeting and saying how important it is to encourage youth into horticulture. It is hoped that Aaron can be welcomed back for more talks in the future.

At our next meeting we welcome a veteran of gardening talks, one of Britain's most experienced horticulturists, former presenter of central tv's gardening time programme, Howard Drury. His talk will be The Best Gardening Tips. It is also our fourth birthday meeting so look out for a slice of cake and maybe a glass of something bubbly. See you there on **14th April**, doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start.

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

Great Washbourne will be holding a Family Fun Quiz in St Mary's Church on **Saturday 9th 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 £12 adult (£6 kids) to include a hot 2-course supper and are available from Jane or Karen in Great Washbourne. Please email Jane Kent (cianekent@btinternet.com) or Karen Cox (rupert.cox@btinternet.com) to book your table. There will be a pay bar and raffle. All proceeds are to the church.

WINCHCOMBE LIBRARY CLUB

Do you enjoy books, but have difficulty getting to the library? We meet monthly to choose books and chat over a cup of tea and biscuits. It's a lovely informal group and everyone is welcome. We supply books of all tastes and styles, in normal print or large print and audiobooks are also available. Free transport can be provided if you need it. Please telephone the library and we can arrange this on 01242 602772. We meet on 1st Monday of the month 10.30am -12.30pm

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