

# Alderton Newsletter - April 2025

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## Welcome to new residents!

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We also have WhatsApp groups:

- 'Alderton residents' is for locals-only information and updates.
- 'For Sale/Free' is our group for selling and exchanging.
- 'Alderton chatter' is our chat group.

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## 1. ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, TUESDAY 22 APRIL, 7PM, VILLAGE HALL.

This meeting is an opportunity to hear about events in the village and the work of the Alderton Parish Council.

### PLANNING UPDATES

**Proposed Development – Land south of Beckford Road [now 32 houses] 24/00393/OUT**  
Still waiting for some information about Highways matters.

**Proposed Development – Land Behind 52-74 Willow Bank Road [ 48 houses] 2400801/FUL**

Changes from original proposal to be considered by the Borough Council. The Parish Council have commented about the housing mix. Some clearance work has been completed. The Parish Council have complained that some of it was premature.

**Proposed Development – Land East of St Margaret's Drive [48 houses] 24/00655/APP, 24/00129CONDIS, 24/00678/DEM**

Application for Reserved Matters approved. Awaiting development.

**25/00143/FUL Frampton Farm Cottages, Dibden Lane – Erection of prefabricated log cabin**

**25/00176/FUL 20 St Margaret's Drive – Rear extension.**

## **FLOODING**

A further meeting was held on 18th March with interested parties. There is now a flood alleviation plan to put in flood prevention measures on the hill and it is hoped this work can be completed by the Autumn. Some other interventions are proposed closer to the village including ditch clearance. Culvert repair work on Willow Bank Road is also planned. A possible foul water leakage has been identified in the field behind the lower part of Orchard Road and is being reported to Severn Trent.

Just a reminder that the Parish Council has obtained empty sandbags and a supply of sand which are at the allotments. Those villagers whose houses are at risk of flooding can fill [needs a spade] and take away bags. Please let the Parish Clerk know if sandbags or sand are running low.

## **OLD VILLAGE SHOP IN ALLOTMENTS**

Unfortunately, renovation work has had to be cancelled because of the poor state of the existing building.

## **DOG FOULING**

There have been further reports of dog fouling in the Playing Field, the Millennium Copse and other parts of the village. Further signage is being obtained and dog walkers are reminded of the need to always have with them the means to pick up mess. The Council is keen to avoid the need to consider restricting access to the Playing Field/ Millennium Copse [used by Forest School].

## **VILLAGE HALL**

The Council received an update on work being done to identify necessary and potential improvements.

Information about the Parish Council can be viewed on [www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk).

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: at 7pm Tuesday 15 April 2025 in the Village Hall.

## **2. ALDERTON BUSINESSES & SERVICES**

### **THE GARDENERS ARMS**

[www.gardenersarms.biz](http://www.gardenersarms.biz)

#### **DELICIOUS WEEKEND DEAL**

- **10% off every Saturday and Sunday in April** when you order two courses – available on Sunday roasts too!

#### **WEEKDAY SPECIAL OFFERS**

- **Tuesday & Wednesday:** enjoy a two-course set menu for only **£14.95** – available at lunch or as an evening treat every Wednesday.
- **Thursday:** our irresistible burgers are **30% off every Thursday**.
- **Friday:** classic fish and chips for just **£11.95 every Friday**.

## EVERYDAY ENJOYMENT

- Our wine selection starts at **£19.95 per bottle**, on Shiraz and Sauvignon Blanc.
- We open every day at **9:30am for breakfast**, start your day right!
- And for a perfect pick-me-up, **Coffee & Cake** (or swap it for a bacon butty!) for only **£7.95**.
- **Dog friendly!** Check out our doggy menu, which includes your four-legged friends favourites!

**TAKEAWAY SERVICE AVAILABLE** – please pre-order and collection only.

Please call us on 01242 620257 to make a booking or online at [www.gardenersarms.biz/book-a-table-3/](http://www.gardenersarms.biz/book-a-table-3/)

## ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL

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### ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL – CAN YOU HELP?

We hope that many of you agree that Alderton Village Hall is an invaluable village facility. However, it relies on volunteers to run and maintain it, and we would be happy to hear from anybody who could help us with:

1. Fund-raising ideas and helping the Social Committee at coffee mornings and other events
2. Social media posts to advertise events and activities at the hall
3. Maintaining the website, and other IT issues.
4. Maintenance and repair jobs at the hall.
5. Being part of the re-development working group.

There are at present several vacancies for committee members – if you are interested in hearing about how the hall is run, and are willing to contribute in any way, please email [kaye@mahunt.plus.com](mailto:kaye@mahunt.plus.com) or phone 07846020148.

We have been working on exciting plans for re-development of the hall. We are planning a public consultation on May 24th 10am - 12 and would like as many people as possible to attend to let us have their views on the proposals for changes to the hall.

We need your input to ensure we are providing a facility that you will want to use! So please save the date and come along.

### MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS, FIRST SATURDAY OR EVERY MONTH

Our monthly café/coffee mornings are usually held on the first Saturday of each month from 10am-12 midday. Everyone is welcome to join us for fresh coffee, tea or hot chocolate and delicious home-made cakes made by the Village Hall volunteers. Come along on your own or meet up with friends. Please note; dogs are not allowed at Village Hall coffee mornings unless specifically advertised as a dog friendly event.

### **PLANT CAFE, SATURDAY APRIL 5TH, VILLAGE HALL**

In addition to the normal refreshments and cakes, Alderton Gardening Club have arranged for three plant suppliers to come along with plants to sell, ready for our spring planting season.

### **MAY COFFEE MORNING**

There will be no Coffee morning in May due to it being a Bank Holiday weekend and volunteers away on holiday.

### **CANINE COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY JUNE 7TH, VILLAGE HALL**

Well-behaved dogs on leads are very welcome to join us for this morning. Homemade doggie treats will be available to buy as well as the usual tea, coffee and cakes. Takeaways also available.

### **TAKE A STALL AT OUR COFFEE MORNINGS**

We are looking for villagers who would be interested in having a table/stall at our monthly Village Hall coffee mornings to sell their products or promote their business. This could be an opportunity to introduce yourself to the Alderton community and all we ask in return is a prize for the raffle. There will be no other cost. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact Sian on 07790 342157

### **VILLAGE PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW, SAT AUGUST 31ST IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

This year's Village Produce and Craft Show will be held on Saturday August 31st in the Village Hall.

## **OAK HILL Cof E SCHOOL**

<https://www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk/> / [admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Alison Sharkey & Robyn Ball

In addition to our jam-packed curriculum lessons and activities we have been very lucky to enjoy and participate in some amazing events, activities and trips. Rowan class children have enriched their curriculum by sampling exotic foods from around the world and visiting Eastnor Castle and Reception children have learned balanceability bike riding and been on some expeditions with Alderton Acorns to Forest School.

Elm class have improved their swimming skills this year, studied violin in Music lessons at school, culminating in a performance to pupils and parents and a further concert to other schools in Winchcombe. Some travelled to Birmingham for the Young Voices experience with the Year 5 and 6 pupils and Year 4 children went to Isbourne Valley for an internet safety production.

Redwood class experienced interactive science at We The Curious in Bristol and some pupils sang at the Young Voices concert. Year 5 pupils visited Winchcombe School for their High School Musical matinee and Year 6 have completed their bikeability courses.

## **OAK HILL SCHOOL EASTER FAIR, THURS 10TH APRIL, 2PM**

Please see the posters that will be appearing shortly around the village and we look forward to seeing you at the event on 10th April from 2pm.

### **But there is so much more to come.....**

- Easter Service at St Margaret's Church
- Farm visit for Reception and Year 1
- Another farm visit for Years 2, 3&4
- Swimming lessons for Years 5&6
- Swimming gala and more summer sporting events

## **ALDERTON ACORNS**

[www.aldertonacorns.org.uk.co.uk](http://www.aldertonacorns.org.uk.co.uk)

### **Can You Help Keep Alderton Acorns Thriving?**

Alderton Acorns Preschool is a much-loved part of our village, providing a warm, nurturing environment where local children can learn and grow. As a charity-run Preschool, we rely on a dedicated volunteer committee to help with fundraising and decision-making—and now, we need your support!

This August, two of our valued committee members are stepping down, and we urgently need to fill their places. Without a full committee, our Constitution prevents us from running the Preschool.

### **Could you spare three to four hours a month?**

Our monthly meetings take just a couple of hours, but being part of the team does mean getting involved beyond the meetings. Whether it's helping to plan fundraising events or supporting small tasks in between, we all play a part in making sure the Preschool thrives. The time commitment varies depending on what's happening, but we work together to share the load and the rewards of seeing the Preschool flourish make it all worthwhile!

The key leadership roles (Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) are already covered, so we're looking for two friendly, enthusiastic people to join our team. No special skills are needed.

Being part of the committee is a great way to meet people, make a real difference in the community, and support our fantastic Preschool team, led by our wonderful new manager, Katie Chandler. Whether you have experience in events, a passion for community projects, or just want to lend a hand, we'd love to welcome your energy and ideas.

If you're curious or want to know more, please get in touch with myself, Katie or any of the \*committee members via email or WhatsApp. We'd love to hear from you!

**Let's work together to keep Alderton Acorns growing for the next generation.**

Thank you!

Ali Armishaw

Chair ([chair@aldertonacorns.org.uk](mailto:chair@aldertonacorns.org.uk))

\*Andy & Grace Robertson  
Cathie and Andy Bridges  
Gaynor Kingston

## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

### **MUSIC TO DELIGHT CONCERT**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Concert "Music to Delight" – it was great to see the Church filled with you all and you said how much you enjoy their voices and their range of songs. Thank you to everyone who made food for the evening. The profit was shared between St Margaret's Church, Alderton and St Mary's Great Washbourne and each made £603 – Alderton's money will be put towards a new heating system. Thank you also to the singers and the pianist for giving us such excellent entertainment.

### **CHURCHYARD CLEARANCE, SATURDAY APRIL 5TH STARTING AT 11AM**

We're starting at 11am to enable you to go to the Plant Fair and Coffee morning at 10am first! We always smarten up the Churchyard before Easter and we would really appreciate any help from people. Visitors often say what a lovely churchyard it is so do come along with any gardening tools and hopefully it will be a warm day – and we will supply you with another coffee and biscuits!

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

As it always is, the Church will be decorated for Easter Sunday so do come in and have a look at them – they last for quite a while in the building and the Church is open every day.

### **VE DAY 80th AFTERNOON TEA, MONDAY 5TH MAY, 3PM TO 5PM VILLAGE HALL**

Victory in Europe (VE) Day 2025 will mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. While VE Day itself is May 8th, to support this year's momentous anniversary, the Bank Holiday Monday 5th May has been officially dedicated to community celebrations!

Therefore on Monday 5th May we will be holding an afternoon tea for £5 per person to include a plate of sandwiches, cakes and tea in Alderton Village Hall between 3pm and 5pm. Come and join us to celebrate our Second World War veterans, to both remember their efforts and to honour the freedom that VE Day represents. It will be great to see you.

All proceeds will be shared between The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and St Margaret's Church for a new heating system.

## 3. CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### GARDENING CLUB NEWS

[www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club](http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club)

Phil Kitson/Tom Cullimore

For the March 2025 meeting of Alderton Gardening Club, we welcomed renowned garden photographer and speaker Adrian James from Offenham for his talk, Folklore and More. Before the meeting, Adrian shared his experience of giving talks to various gardening clubs. He was impressed by the thriving state of our club and the large turnout of over 60 members despite the cold weather.

Chairman Tom opened the evening with a welcome, gardening tips, and club updates before introducing Adrian. The talk covered folklore, traditions, and sayings related to snowdrops, wassailing, Morris dancing, brambles, hawthorns, and the Green Man. Adrian's engaging and humorous storytelling, combined with his exceptional photography, made for an entertaining and informative session. His presentation was well-received, and he answered questions about his talk and his own garden, Langdale, which has been featured in Gardeners' World magazine and regularly opens under the National Garden Scheme (NGS).

After a round of applause, Tom provided further club updates. Highlights included news from the recent AGM, an update on the compost order, the upcoming coffee morning and plant sale, and a committee change. Sarah Hughes is stepping down after years of dedicated service, and Jono Lewis is stepping in, taking over the raffle duties from his wife, Beverly, who will now handle speaker bookings alongside Nicki and Sheila, who will coordinate outings.

Jono then took the stage for his first raffle as the club's first male raffle coordinator, assisted by Adrian, who drew the nine prize-winning tickets. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks and more applause. It was encouraging to see new faces, with two new members joining on the night.

Looking ahead, 68 tickets have been sold for the special event featuring Pippa Greenwood on June 12th, with 52 tickets still available. Members can secure tickets for £10, and non-members for £15.

A reminder was given for the coffee morning and plant sale on April 5th at Alderton Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Three nurseries will be selling a wide variety of plants, alongside a table from the Alderton Allotment Association offering vegetable plants and seedlings. There will also be a raffle and refreshments.

Next month's meeting on Thursday April 10th will feature Pauline Wickens speaking on Bach Flower remedies. This meeting will mark the club's 7th anniversary, though the celebratory



cake and drinks will be served in May upon our secretary Julia Alvis's return. Members £3, non-members £6—everyone is welcome! 7pm for a 730pm start.

## ALDERTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB

**12 years and still going.....unlike our bodies the day after playing.....**

Quick reminder that Alderton has a cricket team. No pitch but we do have a team. Our matches are on Wednesday evenings against most of the other local clubs.....who do have a pitch... This season starts with the opening match of a Tri-Series against our old rivals Childswickham with whom we now compete for the Priors Tipple Cup.

We then have games nearly every Wednesday through to mid-August, as well as the annual weekend inter-club game and not one but 2 matches against our friends over the hill in Dumbleton, including the Gordon Hayden Shield match. Chuck in a few socials (Golf day, cricket festival trip) and we have a pretty full summer. Here are our games through to the end of May:

30/04 v Childswickham (played at Fladbury)

07/05 v Great Alne

14/05 v Ashton

21/05 v Moreton

28/05 v Gotherington

We are always open to new players, young/old, male/female, regardless of ability. Or, indeed, just come and watch. If anyone is interested in getting involved please do WhatsApp me on 07747614815.

## ALDERTON ALLSORTS MEN'S SKITTLES TEAM

<http://www.tmsl.me.uk/>

The mighty Alderton Allsorts triumphed in the Tewkesbury and District Skittles league Division 2, winning the league by 30 points and securing promotion to Division 1 as champions. We're a friendly bunch with most of us having connections to Alderton. The league starts again in September and if anyone would like to try out let Guy Stirling-Lee know at [guystirlinglee@gmail.com](mailto:guystirlinglee@gmail.com).

## 4. EVENTS

### ALDERTON 5K RUN, SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 11AM

Now in our 14th year Alderton 5k Run is one of the fastest and friendliest local 5km runs. We're a charity run with all proceeds supporting Alderton Acorns Pre-School and Toddler Group, our much-loved village preschool.



- 🏃 Fast, mostly flat course.
- 🏃 Ideal for all levels - finish times range from 16 to 45 mins.
- 🏆 Medals & free finish line photos.
- 👨‍👩‍👧 Family-friendly.

We welcome all runners, from experienced club runners to Couch to 5k, and everyone in-between. Under 16's, pushchairs, dogs on canicross leads, and escorted runners are all welcome.

Find out more and enter online at [www.alderton5k.co.uk/](http://www.alderton5k.co.uk/)

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## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOTICE FROM FRAMPTON FARM

Yes, it's that time of year again, when we make our annual plea to all the dog owners in the area to please keep your dogs on a lead when walking through (or near) fields where there are ewes and lambs. Sadly, we have already had one incident of an out of control dog, with no owner in sight. On this occasion the dog was contained in one of the arable fields, so luckily did not get in with the sheep. However well you think you know your dog and believe it to be perfectly behaved, most of them love a good game, so if they see sheep running, they want to join in. Fun for the dog, terror for the ewes and lambs! As we say every year, we appreciate it is a small minority of irresponsible dog owners.

And again, please don't put us in a horrible position where we would have to destroy a dog to stop it killing and injuring farm animals.

Many thanks for your co-operation.  
Gareth and Mel Watkins, Frampton Farm

### HIGHWAY CODE AND HORSES

Please can you remind villagers to take care when driving past horses. I have just started riding my horse again and some people still drive passed too fast and close. I am lucky that my horse is so good but even she can jump sideways.

#### **Highway Code - Rule 215 - Horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles.**

Be particularly careful of horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles especially when approaching, overtaking, passing or moving away. Always pass wide and slowly. When you see a horse on a road, you should slow down to a maximum of 10 mph. Be patient, do not

sound your horn or rev your engine. When safe to do so, pass wide and slow, allowing at least 2 metres of space.

Thanks!

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