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. CALA HOMES - Thanks to all the villagers who attended the CALA presentation and made their views known about another housing development. If CALA proceed with a planning application, the Parish Council will raise strong objections and villagers will get the opportunity to comment.

OTHER PLANNING – One new planning application has been received: 9 Beckford Road, Alderton (19/00590/FUL) - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement two storey dwelling plus partial mezzanine level, attached double garage with first floor level living accommodation over, and provision of associated hard and soft landscaping

PLAYING FIELD – ROADSIDE FENCE. The wire on the fencing has been damaged due to people climbing over the fence. This wire was originally put in place to stop children going through the fence onto the road. Please use the gate to access the Playing Field.

DOG FOULING – A new Public Space Protection Order has been introduced which now gives Borough Council officers more powers to tackle dog fouling across Tewkesbury Borough. As part of the order, dog walkers can not only be fined £100 for not picking up after their dogs ,but can now also get a £100 fixed penalty notice for not carrying dog poo bags. Environmental Health Officers will be working with parish councils to spread awareness of the new Public Space Protection Order across Tewkesbury Borough.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE 7TH AUGUST 2019, 7.15pm - 8.45pm – This is a temporary rolling road closure for the Bugatti 10K Athletics Road Race. The route runs through Dixon, Alstone, the B4077 (between Little Washbourne and Alderton), Gretton Fields and Gretton Road to Prescott.

A46 (M5, J9) TO TEDDINGTON HANDS – RESURFACING. The road will be resurfaced between J9 of the M5 and the Teddington Hands roundabout. This will take place from 22nd July to 17th August, Monday to Friday and will be completed overnight between the hours of 8pm to 6am. A signed diversion route will be in place. The schedule could be subject to change due to weather conditions, or unforeseen circumstances.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting: 20th August (if required) or 17th September 2019, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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VILLAGE NEWS

We live at the end of Dibden Lane leading into the village from Toddington end. My husband often has days off in the week when a lot of us are out, and has now lost count of the numerous occasions that someone has come onto our drive and tried our front door to get in.

The first few times it was assumed it was delivery vans, as we were expecting deliveries. However, for the most recent incident on 11th July, a vehicle pulled up, someone got out , came into our front hallway (we have a shared hallway with our next door neighbours) and tried both our door and also next door's. My husband went to check on who it was for them to quickly depart, with nothing having been delivered.

There is no proof, but it does appear that there are people touring the village trying doors in the hope they can get in. WE do not have a front door with a Yale lock, so it is up to us to make sure we keep the door locked at all times. Just recommending that everyone be vigilant, otherwise one day they will succeed.

ALDERTON CHURCH Cafe Church: We would love you to join us for a special time of fellowship, fun and refreshment at our first Cafe Church on **Sunday August 4th** at 10.30am at **St Peter's Dumbleton**. We will be starting with real coffee, croissants and fruit juice and some fun activities for young and old! August's theme is friendship - come and see.

THE ARC GROUP A reminder that we do not meet in August.

Alderton Knitters aldertonknitters@gmail.com

After a few responses to the enquiry for interest about a "knit and natter" group, the first session will be at 2pm on **Monday August 5th** in The Gardeners Arms, Alderton.

All welcome from experienced knitters and crocheters, to those who'd like to learn a new skill.

No pressure, just a chance to get together to knit. No need to book, just turn up.

Alderton 5k Run - Sat 31st August 2019, 11am start

Now in our 9th year the Alderton 5k is a fast, flat and super friendly run that this year will raise nearly £2,000 for Alderton Acorns, our much loved village Pre-School and Playgroup. The course is ideal for clocking a good 5k time. We welcome new runners, under 16's, dogs and pushchairs, have medals for all and family-friendly stuff for the kids while you run. To find out more or to enter online go to www.alderton5k.co.uk.

*****Warning of travel disruption*****

The safety of our 200+ runners is our paramount concern and we'd appreciate the support of local residents to please keep the road clear of cars and use an alternative route. The course starts at the Gardeners Arms, goes past Great Washbourne to the A46, before turning and coming back to finish on Alderton Playing Field. The times that access to Beckford Road will be limited is:

- Alderton - Alderton Grange - 11am to 11.10am
- Alderton - Beckford Road to/from A46 - 11am to 11.45am
- Great Washbourne - 11.10am to 11.30am
- Albutts - please leave Albutts by 11.10am

If you have any questions please contact Mark Watts-Jones on 07973 963539 or mwjmail@gmail.com.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

Volunteers

We'll have over 200 runners in 2019's run. If you could spare a couple of hours on the morning of Sat 31st August to help with marshalling, safety, car parking or anything else then please contact Mark Watts-Jones on mwjmail@gmail.com or 07973 963539. Thanks!

ALDERTON VILLAGE PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW 2019 Saturday September 14th.

The show schedule is out and you should all have received a copy with details of how to enter. Extra copies are available in the shop. Doors open to exhibitors at 8:30am and judging begins 10:30am. Viewing admission to the hall is from 1pm and it is FREE to come along and view the exhibits with the Presentation of Trophies and Prizes at 3:00pm. Do come along and see what a talented community we have in Alderton. If you need any more details, contact Sian Tryner on 620906/07790 342157 stryner@btinternet.com

VILLAGE HALL Following an application made by the Village Hall Committee, we were fortunate to receive a grant from the Greenfields Trust, based in Gretton Fields, for the replacement of the existing fluorescent lights in the hall with more efficient LED lighting of lower wattage. These new lights have now been fitted - you may have noticed them and hopefully will agree that the lighting is much improved.

Our thanks go to Greenfields Trust for providing the funds, and to Keith Page, Nick Fowles and Brian Lucas for giving up their time to replace the fittings.

STEVE BOWLES IS RUNNING IN THE CHELTENHAM HALF MARATHON FOR THE SUE RYDER HOSPICE ON SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER IN MEMORY OF TASH PARRY.

I'm now 2 months into my training with the amazingly professional group Team Incredible. I have officially registered my details on the Cheltenham Half Marathon website and got my Sue Ryder running vest. Every Thursday evening I go to the hospice and join my new running friends where we focus on an aspect of training for the distance ahead. After a session we do a warm up and stretches to avoid injury. Besides my Thursday training, I'm on target following an 18 week programme increasing my mileage steadily, doing 2 x 8 mile runs in the last 2 weeks..A massive thank you to everyone who has dropped envelopes in the box or called at the house. Your generosity has now taken the total to over 300 pounds.

If you want to know more or have any questions please ask or contact me on

01242 620314, email stevekaren_2000@yahoo.com, Facebook or my page on JUSTGIVING.COM.

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

During July 38 members enjoyed an excellent trip to Hestercombe Gardens. A beautiful day dawned and after a smooth journey, members wandered through the Georgian landscape with ponds, woodland paths and arbors. The formal gardens of Gertrude Jekyll were framed by the house designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. The formal gardens were particularly impressive. The café and plant nursery were also appreciated, and many boxes of plants found their way to the coach for the trip home. There are pictures on the village website in the Gardening Club 'Past events' section.

Next Meeting - Thursday 8th August - Terry Walton

We're pleased to announce that at our meeting on 8th August we will welcome Terry Walton to the village. Terry is a gardening broadcaster on Radio 2's the Jeremy Vine show and will talk about 'Gardening in the media spotlight'. Terry will be making a tour of the village allotments in the late afternoon and will talk and sign books at the Village Hall in the evening.

This is a ticketed event and over 90 tickets have been sold so far, we have just a few left as the village hall maximum is 120. To make sure of your place tickets can be obtained in advance by request from maldertongardeningclub@gmail.com. Please state if you are a member (£2.50) or Guest (£5.00). All welcome at the Village Hall. Opens 7pm for a 7.30 start.

OAK HILL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children at Oak Hill Church of England Primary School outperformed National figures across all subjects both at the expected standard and at a higher standard across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

This year has seen incredible academic achievement complemented with inspirational activities including recent school trips to spectate Gloucestershire Cricket, visit Sudeley Castle to learn about Kings and Queens and some fun hands on discovery at Cheltenham Science Festival. The entire school have also recently enjoyed performing their version of The Lion King to a packed school hall. It has been an incredible end to a wonderful year at Oak Hill.

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS STAY AND PLAY

Happiness and tears all at the same time...

It has been an extremely full month at Acorns! Starting with our sports morning down on the playing field, the children bathed in sun cream and stood in a sea of colourful hats as they made ready for the races! From running to crawling, dressing up to walking backwards, the fun was endless. Traditional events were also held such as the all-famous 'wellie wanging' and the biggest kick, all of which managed to entertain around 35 children and their families. This annual sports event is one of the highlights of the Acorns calendar which pulls together the whole Acorns community, many of whom stay on after to share picnics while enjoying the beautiful area in which we are lucky enough to live and work.

From sports to theatre...

Crossing over the road, this year we were honoured again to take VIP seats to the first production of Oak Hills' 'The Lion King'. As always, the cast exceeded themselves with an outstanding performance and tissues were required as they produced the most moving scenes of such an iconic Disney classic; a huge well done to all involved, it was a most enjoyable morning.

All aboard...

As the term came to a close, we packed up and set off to Toddington station for a journey through our wonderful countryside. Filling two carriages, we stepped back in time, taking life a little slower if only just for a couple of hours!

Arriving at the last week of term, we were all extremely tired but happy as the children found that last burst of energy to complete a kids Zumba class. Dancing, jumping and enjoying the music, they had a whale of a time followed by a tearful celebration of the leavers who, having shared their early years with us, are now moving on to their next adventure.

Acorns is now closed for the Summer until **Wednesday 4th September**, Toddlers is operating in a park run over the summer, so please check our Facebook for dates and details.

Events in the Summer

Acorns will be opening a play tent at Dumbleton Fete on **August 26th (Bank Holiday Monday)** at 2.00 pm again this year. We will be providing a shaded space where the little ones can explore Duplo or make a play dough masterpiece so look out for our sign as you wonder around the traditional village fete.

Dumbleton Cricket Club Fete – Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August, 2pm-5pm

, Dumbleton's hugely popular fete will take place on August Bank Holiday Monday at Dumbleton Cricket Club – come along and enjoy a fun packed afternoon of entertainment! This year we are planning a Gun Dog Display, Zorbing, 25 ft Climbing Wall, Archery, Live Music, Punch and Judy, Merry-go-Round, Bouncy Castle, Craft Stalls, Pig roast, BBQ, Cream Teas, Licenced Bar, Bric-a-brac, Bottle Stall, Cake Stall, Produce Stall, Tombola, Book Stall, Whiskey Wheel, Face painting, Egg Throwing, Skittles, Coconut Shy, Second Hand Children's/Ladies Clothes and lots of games and competitions for both adults and children. Entry and Parking are free and there's good disabled access. Great entertainment for all ages!

Batty for Bats

I would like to thank everyone who came along to the bat walk on Saturday, it was a great turnout and we had a lovely time. We raised £100 for Evesham Bat Care, which is an amazing amount and the most we've ever raised on a bat walk. This will help us provide all the bats we currently have in care with milk and mealworms so thank you once again. We're also still collecting pringles tubes, stamps and empty toothpaste tubes so if you have any of those please drop them off at 12 Orchard Road.

Just like us humans, wildlife will struggle in this baking hot weather. Finding enough water is the main issue, but as the ground bakes hard finding enough food will also become an issue for creatures that dig for their food. Baby animals struggle in particular and can dehydrate very quickly. If you can put out a shallow dish of water you would really help the local wildlife keep going, and if you're interested in feeding the local wildlife now is the time to start, they could use all the extra help they can get. If could also keep an eye out for any wildlife that look like they're struggling in the heat, looking skinny and weak, then Vale Wildlife Hospital at Beckford would be happy to check them over for you. Hopefully this heat wave won't last too long and we'll return to our normal weather soon.

GARDENERS ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

Our gin of the month for August is JJ Whitley's Pink Cherry. This gin has a smooth finish with the tastes of sour cherry, marzipan and almonds. Perfect for an English summer day in the garden paired with Fever-Tree tonic. Pop down to the Gardeners and let the summer be-GIN!

Have you always dreamed of tying the knot in the tranquil Cotswold countryside? Let us help you make that dream a reality. Set in historic Alderton, our 16th century pub offers the perfect backdrop for an intimate countryside wedding. With plenty of food and drink options, the Gardeners can help make your wedding day just that bit extra special!

Perhaps you have a slightly smaller event to plan? The Gardeners offer a great setting for small get-togethers such as summer BBQs, christenings and birthday parties. We can cater to all dietary requirements with our vast choice of vegan, gluten-free and vegetarian dishes. There is something for everyone! Give us a call on 01242 620 257 and we can discuss planning your event.

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. 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.

<p>NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Sunday 25th August 2019. 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</p>
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