

PLANNING INQUIRY – CALA HOMES. The Parish Council wish to thank all parishioners who submitted objections to this development proposal. The Inquiry took place over four days, commencing on 6th July and we put forward arguments on social cohesion, proportionality, landscape, transport, flooding and ecology. The Planning Inspectorate have not indicated when the decision will be issued.

PARISH PLANNING – One new application has been received: 11 Beckford Road, Alderton (21/00886/FUL) - Erection of a rear conservatory

The following applications have received permission for development:

- 4 Ellenor Drive, Alderton (21/00539/FUL) - Erection of a rear extension
- The Wilderness, 3 Beckford Road, Alderton (21/00408/FUL) - Conversion of existing lean to into a timber framed garage and erection of a front porch.

PLAY AREA VOLUNTEERS - We are looking for additional volunteers to help carry out weekly checks at the playground, making sure the equipment is in working order, clearing up any litter and doing some general tidying up, strimming etc. If you'd be interested in joining this group then please get in touch with Simon Finch on 07729 073267.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE 11TH AUGUST 2021, 6.30pm - 9pm – This is a temporary rolling road closure for the Bugatti 10K Athletics Road Race. The route runs through Dixton, Alstone, the B4077 (between Little Washbourne and Alderton), Gretton Fields and Gretton Road to Prescott.

Next Parish Council Meeting: 17th August (if required) or 21st September 2021, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (but subject to Government guidelines at that time).

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VILLAGE NEWS

ALDERTON 5K RUN - SAT 28TH AUGUST 2021, 11AM START

After an unplanned year off Alderton's 5k Run is back. We're a fast, flat and super-friendly run that this year will raise around £1,500 for Alderton Acorns. The course is ideal for clocking a good time and we welcome new runners, under 16's, dogs and pushchairs, have medals for all and family-friendly stuff while you run. To find out more or to enter online go to www.alderton5k.co.uk.

Warning of travel disruption

Our paramount concern is for the safety of our 200 runners, and we'd appreciate if local residents could please keep Beckford Road towards Beckford clear of cars and use an alternative route. The course starts at the Gardeners Arms, goes past Great Washbourne then turns back to the finish on Alderton Playing Field. Access to Beckford Road will be limited at the following times:

- Gardeners Arms > Franklin Road - 11am to 11.10am
- Beckford Road to/from A46 - 11am to 11.45am
- Great Washbourne - 11.10am to 11.30am
- Albutts - please leave Albutts by 11.10am

COVID-19

We'll of course be strictly following all Government and Sport England guidance on events to ensure the safety of our runners, volunteers, and residents.

If you have any questions. please contact Mark Watts-Jones on 07973 963539 or mwjmail@gmail.com. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

REGARDING THE LATE VANESSA FARBROTHER NEE FLETCHER (LATE OF THE HOBNAILS INN)

A message from her husband.

Hi all, Just to let you all know that at long last Ness will return to her true home, (Little Washbourne) where her heart has always been, on **Wednesday 18th August** at 7.30pm. We will spread her ashes in the field at the back of The Hobnails (Thanks to the new landlord) while the England's Glory Ladies Morris Dancers perform either in the field, if dry or on the top car park if not. A light buffet and tea will be served afterwards. This will not be a sad occasion, please look on it as a time for happy memoirs while you help me complete Ness's last wish, returning to her home.

Hope to see you on the 18 August. Steve

ART EXHIBITION

A date for your diary. Two Alderton residents, Lilian Watkins and Linda Appleton are members of Artemisia Art Group. Artemisia is holding an Art Exhibition.

on **Saturday 28th** and **Sunday 29th August** 10am - 6pm and **Monday 30th August** 10am - 4pm. Stanton Village Hall, Stanton. WR12 7NE.

We are a group of ten lady artists, we all love colour and hope you will come along to enjoy viewing all our paintings.

A POLITE REQUEST FROM FRAMPTON FARM

As the harvest season approaches, we would like to ask all the dog walkers of Alderton to please ensure that they do not let their dogs run through our growing crops. The wheat is nearing maturity and can be seriously damaged by allowing dogs to roam in and out. Crops which have been flattened cannot ripen and are incredibly difficult to harvest. Many thanks for your co-operation.

ALDERTON VILLAGE SHOP. 01242 620201

Firstly, I like to thank all my customers during these hard times for supporting your local shop. Since the last Newsletter, not much has changed & we are still not quite out of danger from **COVID19**, therefore, I am going to stick to the same rules as before and request all customers not to enter the shop without wearing a mask and enter one at the time please.

This is very important, in order to keep **me** and the rest of our community safe. If you are exempt from wearing the face covering for medical reasons, please let me know. But if you have not got any mask or have left it at home, left it in your other jacket or dog run off with it, **PLEASE** stay outside and call me. I am always happy to serve you outside, so you do not have to come into the shop without the face covering (except for the Post Office you must have a face covering). I really appreciate your cooperation.

My opening hours also would not change.

The Shop is open **Monday to Saturday, 8am until 1pm.** Post office: **9am to 1pm.**

I was asked about the **Friday Kids Treat** time. Unfortunately' it was not supported by parents, so I don't think I am going back to it when schools open. Sorry to few kids that occasionally used it!

On the more personal note, as most of my friends & customers know, soon I need to visit my mother in Iran, who has been in isolation at her home since the beginning of lockdown. Unfortunately, at the moment the way that travel situation to Iran is, I cannot put a specific date on my journey. hopefully I can give you plenty of notice. Of course, unless I can find some help to keep the shop open (even if for couple of hours a day), I will have to close the store and post office for duration of me time off (plus days in quarantine on my return). I am truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause to my customers.

I Would like to thank everyone for continuing to support your village shop.

CHURCH NEWS

We're looking forward to the Hillbillies event on **Saturday August 21st** at 6pm - it will be fun to be able to celebrate, hopefully in the sunshine. Please note that this is a ticket only event - there will be no tickets available at the gate. In case of cancellations, you could ring Helen West 07941 373030. There are a very small number of tickets left.

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

The Memorial service for Carla will take place in St Mary's church on **Friday 6th August** at 2pm followed by afternoon tea. Please could you contact Jane Kent if you plan to attend, so we are aware of numbers, on 01242 620291 or by email cjanekent@btinternet.com.

The planned Wine & Cheese fundraising evening has been moved to **Saturday 14th August**, due to a date clash with the rearranged Hillbillies concert. This will be at 6.30pm in the garden of Great Washbourne house. Tickets will be £10 per head, to include cheese platter, accompaniments & one glass of wine. There will be a raffle and bar.

Hope you might come & join us. Advance purchase of tickets would be appreciated so we have an idea for catering, but you can just turn up on the night. Please contact Jane Kent (01242 620291) or Karen Cox (01242 620633) for tickets.

OAK HILL C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

The last few weeks have flown by in a rush of mixed emotions. Staff, Governors and children have worked so hard to support and help each other through to the end of this academic year, which feels like such a huge achievement. We have been very mindful of our community and the impact of Covid rates and keeping each other safe.

At our Dumbleton base, staff arranged a very exciting trip to All Things Wild in Honeybourne, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The children had such a busy day and saw kookaburras, an armadillo, a bearded dragon and a very noisy turkey!

Over at our Alderton base, Year 3 and 4 went to Sudeley Castle for a fun filled and information packed day. I think several children enjoyed pretending to be kings or queens for the day!

Year 5 and 6 went to Boundless Outdoors in Malvern to test their outdoor pursuits and team building skills. The children were full of stories of their adventurous day and many faced their fear of heights. They showed such resilience throughout the day and cannot wait to go back again.

Year 5 and 6 have also been busy practicing and then filming their end of year show. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was performed last week and staff and children were very pleased with their efforts.

We are very fortunate to have access to sports fields in the villages of Dumbleton and Alderton where we held our Sport's Day. To comply with Government guidelines, we were unable to invite parents to attend, which was such a shame. Everyone took part in all races and had a really good time.

On the last day of term, we held a virtual assembly for Mrs Kettle, who is retiring after 31 years. Carole is such a kind, caring and thoughtful person, with a very calm and helpful approach and always goes above and beyond what she can bring to the school. She is so popular with children and staff and will be missed very much.

The end of any academic year always feels mixed, with staff and children feeling a range of emotions. This has been a particularly challenging year of ups and downs but with many good things too. We have wonderful teachers, governors and children, who we are very proud of. Staff have put so much effort into educating and providing every opportunity they can for our children. It will be lovely for everyone to have a well-earned break this summer.

ALDERTON ACORNS

We have enjoyed another exciting and fun filled month at preschool, enjoying lots of exciting changes to our preschool garden and some very special new resources to accompany it too. We are delighted to have been awarded a grant from The Greenfields Trust which we have used to create a wildlife/minibeast outdoor learning area complete with a hedgehog house, insect tower, spider house, butterfly shelter and lots of new garden tools and resources for our little acorns to use to support their garden learning and adventures. This month has also seen lots of creativity at preschool with some amazing artwork being created outside, paints and sunshine are the perfect mix after all. We enjoyed our very own festival day at preschool this month too which was lots of fun involving bubbles, messy play, music, dancing and even some special handmade headwear and wristbands.... music and giggles could probably have been heard from Alderton and beyond. We sadly have now said goodbye to 5 of our little acorns who will be starting their school journey in September and although we will all miss them terribly at preschool, we wish them all the luck in the world for their new and exciting school adventures. Our summer break has now begun but we very much look forward to lots of new adventures, learning and to welcome some new little acorns to our fabulous acorns team in September.

The fundraising continues even during the holidays with our next big fundraiser being the 5K run on **Saturday August 28th**. We have to say a **HUGE** thank you to Mark Watts Jones for organising this. Refreshments, cakes, children's obstacle course and lots of fun to be had.

Then on the **30th August**, Bank Holiday Monday, we shall have a stall at the Dumbleton Fete with some crafty makes for the little ones.

Spaces for September are filling up rapidly so if you would like your child to join our lovely group, please contact Steph on 07842 161159 or by email aldertonacorns@gmail.com to arrange a visit.

If you would like any more information about Preschool, check out our website at aldertonacorns.org.uk.

WILDLIFE AND THE WEATHER

I hope everyone was able to survive the extreme heat we've just had ok; our Golden Retriever didn't like it very much. Wildlife has also been struggling to find enough water, and we've had quite a few dehydrated bats come into care. Putting out a shallow dish of water on the ground can really help our small mammals, like hedgehogs, get through these dry times. If you don't have a shallow dish you can fill a larger dish with stones so that smaller mammals, like baby hedgehogs, can stand on the stones to safely drink. Keeping bird baths topped up is also a great help for our feathered friends. I personally love watching birds bathe, especially the fledglings that are learning how to do it properly. Our garden is currently inundated with fledgling starlings learning how to feed themselves for the first time.

I just wanted to thank everyone once again for all their donations for Evesham Bat Care. We're incredibly busy at the moment, and the very hot, very dry weather is causing some bats to struggle. Whilst our oldest baby bats are currently being weaned and are starting to learn how to fly, we had a female in labour come into care the other day. This is incredibly unusual for this time of year, but carers across the country are reporting very late babies, all probably caused by the strange weather this year. So far, it's shaping up to be a very long bat care season as these later babies will need more support to get fit for winter hibernation. Your donations are greatly helping us at the moment with buying all the supplies needed to raise these baby bats. If anyone has any other oral care items or stamps they'd like to donate, the white box is around the side of 12 Orchard Road. Thank you. Aimmie Woodman, 12 Orchard Rd, 620373

Orchard Road Development

I just wanted to update everyone on the ongoing situation with the Orchard Road Development. Two previous sales of the land have fallen through and on contacting the selling agent this week (week commencing 19th July) I have been informed that it has been sold subject to contract again. I have left my details with them to contact me if this sale also falls through. Paul Woodman, 12 Orchard Road

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is **Wednesday 25th August 2021**. 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