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ORCHARD ROAD DEVELOPMENT - The application for 5 bungalows, on an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, behind Orchard Road may now be considered at the February meeting of Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Committee. There is still time to comment. Just go onto the Tewkesbury Planning Portal and follow the process outlined. You can also read comments to date.

OTHER PLANNING – One new planning application has been received: The Old Chapel, Beckford Road, Alderton (18/01212/FUL) – Demolition of rear store and erection of single storey rear extension.

The following application has received permission for development: (18/00558/FUL) Part Parcel 8900, Dibden Lane, Alderton Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use for private, non-commercial use only, associated erection of stable building including integral tack room and hay store, provision of hardcore access track for vehicular access with horse lorry turning and parking area, and retention of existing fencing (part-retrospective)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS – The Parish Council have asked Gloucestershire Highways to resolve the following repairs:

Church entrance – this will be programmed asap.

Ellenor Drive – eroded surface on pavements and alley way. Highways have requested estimates for making safe the worst sections.

Road surface adjacent to Gardeners Arms/junction of Beckford Road and Willow Bank Road - the velocity jet patcher will attend the village to carry out surface repairs. As yet we do not have a date for this.

Church Road, damaged broad box - repair scheduled to take place asap

School, damaged barrier - awaiting outcome of utility searches then repair can be programmed.

Unfortunately progress with the installation of the Speed Indicator Device is proving slow and we have asked County Councillor Roger Wilson to help us get this completed.

Tewkesbury Borough Council have also been asked to carry out some road sweeping in the village to clear the kerbs.

ALLOTMENT SITE – DOG WALKING. The allotment site is private property and as such access is limited to allotment plot holders only. **Please do not use the site for dog walking purposes.**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – This will be held on **26th March 2019, at 7.30pm**, in the Village Hall.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE – YOUR COMMUNITY ALERTS. Sign up for local news and alerts in your community. By registering with this service you will receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice - directly to you. Registering is completely free. It will also help the local policing team to better police your neighbourhood. Go to www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk for further information and to sign up.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting: 19th February (if required) or 19th March 2019, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Car parking in the village Concerns were raised in the last newsletter regarding Village Car Parking. This was regarding the junction at Beckford Road / Gardeners Arms but there is also an issue with car parking generally throughout the village. Cars are often parked at or very near, even opposite junctions which inevitably blocks visibility with our narrow roads. This presents a real problem in School Road at the time when dropping off /picking up children. Please consider other road users when parking your car.

THE ARC GROUP

We will meet for lunch on **Wednesday 6th February** at 12 noon in the Flag and Whistle, Toddington

ALDERTON VILLAGE SHOP. 01242 620201

As most of you are aware, I had to take an emergency time off due to family circumstances which meant I had to close the post office for month of November.

Firstly, I like to thank all our customers for your patience and understanding & apologies for any inconvenience caused.

I also like to take this opportunity to say a big thanks to Gina for her kind help and support. Her hard work meant shop was kept open daily for your daily essentials during my absence.

Lots of our new customers are still not sure about the post offices banking system.

As the major banks are closing their brunches, Post Office Is taking more of the high-street banking roles. So before driving to town check with me, I may be able to save you time and petrol.

I also would like to welcome all new residents, who have recently moved to the village and thank you all for your support, and for those of you who have not been in our shop yet,... it is worth a visit. We love to meet you.

We are open six days a week from 8am to 5pm (Wednesdays 8am to 1pm & Saturdays 8am to 2pm).

As many of you have heard, Kemerton Village shop closed down just before Christmas. That leaves Alderton shop and Beckford shop remaining.
(this is something to think about, If you like to have a shop & post office in your village)
Please continue supporting your local shop and Post Office. Thank you.
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VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING The next coffee morning will be held on **February 7th**. 10:15-12 noon. The last two mornings have raised £80 for village funds .Many thanks for your continued support. New faces always welcome.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the New Year's Eve Party such a fabulous event. The Village Hall was transformed for the evening and along with fabulous music, food and company, it was a great success. Over £900 was raised for Village Hall funds.

Our next event is a **Games Night** on **Saturday 23rd March** from 5-7pm. Come along and play your favourite board games or try out a new one. More details next month.

Paracise classes with Lesley Roberts at Alderton Village Hall on **Tuesday evenings at 6pm.** £5 per 45 minute class. No need to book, just turn up. Look at www.paracise.com to see what it's all about – a gentle but effective workout to uplifting music – Gentle on the joints, low intensity, improves mobility, flexibility, posture, balance and co-ordination - and it's all done standing up
Suitable for all but especially for those who are over 50, or anyone who wants to get started or return to exercise regardless of age.
Contact lesley@cotswoldsfitness.com or 07769 651060 for more information.

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

Our January talk by Julie Ritchie of Hoo House Nursery provided inspiration and ideas for colourful plants to nurture through all the seasons. The joy of perennials as they return every year seen in pictures of plants in full bloom assured us that warm days will return.

The February Meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th February.** David Cramp from the RSPB will be discussing **Wildlife in the Garden.** How we can identify it, attract it and protect wildlife in our local environment. Village Hall opens at 7.0pm for a 7.30 start. Members £2.50 and Guests £5.00. All welcome.

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

Happy New Year!

With lights and decorations now put away, we focus on moving forward into 2019!

The children as always are enjoying learning about what the outside environment offers but with a chill in the air, time spent in the garden is a little shorter. We are, however, observing the speed in which the daffodils are growing; giving us all a sense that spring will soon arrive on our doorstep! Our main project for January has been the Big Garden Bird watch. The children have discovered fascinating facts about our local birds, used binoculars and created a 'hide' in preparation to gather the data for the RSPB.

Shout out - as we are trying to keep on the move when outside, Acorns is looking for a football net (small to medium) and a ball hoop (basketball/netball) to attach to the wall. If you have either of these and feel they are ready for a new home, we would be very grateful.

Fridays have been busy this January with Acorns welcoming many new families with little ones as young as three weeks old coming to join in the fun. With the older ones enjoying the 'rainbow rice' or painting beautiful pictures, the younger ones discover the world around them in the soft area. Acorns Stay and Play Toddlers offers something for all ages!

Baby Massage - will be on Friday 1st and Friday 15th Feb 9.15 am - 9.45 am- please bring a towel, any questions contact **Judith on 07837402692**

Big Thanks

This year Acorns was lucky enough to be one of the chosen charities for the 'Alderton Charity Football Match' played on Thursday 27th December. The teams were (as always) Married verses Singles and was a 'spectacular' game to watch. This year's champions were the singles! Thank you so much to all who, year after year, make this event possible. It has become quite an Alderton tradition. The donations received from this will help Acorns purchase a much needed iPad so thanks again.

Acorns Quiz and Curry Evening - Saturday 2nd February

As this newsletter hits your doormat, the annual Quiz and Curry event will be taking place. We are sure, as always it will be a lovely evening made possible by the support and donations from our community. We look forward to sharing the events of the night with you!

If you are interested in joining the fun at Acorns during the upcoming year, please let us know either by calling 07842161159 within school hours or, alternatively, email aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.co.uk so you can receive your welcome information pack and register your child's space.

Acorns preschool hours Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm, Toddlers-stay and play Friday 10 am-12 pm

The Annual Alderton Charity Football Match took place on 27th December seeing the "Singles" beat the "Marrieds" 4-3 in one of the most exciting games in recent years. A total of £950 was raised and will go to various village organisations and groups. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to a great day by watching, playing or helping with the fundraising.

Winchcombe Town Junior Football Team: If your child is interested in joining a local football team then Winchcombe Town FC have teams from Mini's (U-7's) to U14's. Teams train on Tuesday evenings at Winchcombe School from 5.30-6.30pm and matches are on Saturday mornings for all teams up to U11 (Sunday afternoon for U12's and U14's). If you are interested in giving this a go please contact Rupert Kinder on rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com or just turn up to a training session on any Tuesday.

Bats

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to 2019. I just wanted to let everyone know that I am a registered BCT bat carer, so I rescue grounded/injured bats and try to nurse them back to health and release them back in the wild. If anyone has any bats or finds any grounded bats the BCT has a great website with lots of advice <https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/help-with-injured-grounded-bat>. They also have a helpline on 0345 1300 228 that is active Monday to Friday 9:30am - 4:30pm all year and is extended to 5:30pm-10:30pm from May to September by volunteers, but this is for emergencies only. The main thing to be aware of is avoid handling live bats with your hands, as they will bite if they feel threatened. There are 17 breeding species of bat in the UK and all are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act as they are vulnerable to disturbance and habitat loss. Modern buildings often provide very little in terms of roosting spaces and some modern building materials are toxic/hazardous to bats. The most common species of bat is also our smallest, the pipistrelle, and the rarest are the Horseshoes, which are the bats that hang upside down and have the unique shaped noses. A great time to see bats is about 20mins after sunset, when they start emerging to hunt but can still be seen against the fading light. At the moment most bats are hibernating but once it warms up they should start emerging to feed up and get ready to give birth in May/June time. If any has any other questions they can also contact me, Aimmie Woodman, at 12 Orchard Road 620373.

Wanted Three bedroom property to rent in Alderton in early 2019 (subject to house sale). If you are looking for a long term tenant please get in touch with Eleanor eleanor@pizazzconsulting.com / 07766760673.

GARDENERS ARMS ardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

The New Year is well and truly under way! We can't believe January is over already, but not to worry, we have loads more to look forward to in February!

This month is all about showing that special person in your life that they are simply the best! Our special Valentines menu is filled with local, beautifully prepared food, a perfect way to treat yourself and your loved one! To see our set menu simply visit our website (www.gardenersarms.biz) or if you prefer, you can just pop in to see us here in Alderton (GL20 8NL).

Did you know we will also soon be including dietary information from the UK's two leading weight management programmes to some of the dishes on our menu? This means that you can still treat yourself without the expense of ruining your diet!

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.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Monday 25th February 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
