

PLANNING APPEAL – At the beginning of December the Parish Council were informed that Cala Homes had submitted an appeal for refusal of planning permission for residential development of up to 28 units, including means of access and landscaping at Willow Bank Road, Alderton (19/00772/FUL). The appeal is to be decided by an exchange of written statements from the main parties, followed by an Inspector's site visit. As a consultee who made comments on the planning application, the Parish Council was able to take part in the process by submitting additional comments to the Planning Inspectorate by the deadline of 31st December 2020. The decision date for this appeal has not yet been decided by the Planning Inspectorate.

PARISH PLANNING – The following application has received permission for development: 10 Beckford Road, Alderton (20/00959/FUL) - Alterations to existing chimney stack.

The Parish Council have submitted a comprehensive objection response for the application Land To The Rear Of Orchard Road, Alderton (20/00943/FUL) - Change of use of land from agricultural to private equestrian and erection of stables and associated hardstanding. As we have objected, this application will be determined by the Borough Council's Planning Committee but as yet we have no date for when this will be.

DOG FOULING IN DIBDEN LANE – The Parish Council have received the following comments from a parishioner: *"I know this will probably come as no surprise to you, we have been taking local walks from home for exercise and enjoy walking up to the village via Dibden Lane. We have been disappointed, indeed disgusted, to find as we walk out of the Village in Dibden Lane on the right hand side every few yards there is a pile of dog mess in the grass verge. As it all looks similar it seems that it is probably the same dog, where the owner allows this to happen and does not bother to clear it up. It is very unpleasant. To our minds it does not show the village in a very good light to other walkers who may be visiting the village!"*

A reminder to any dog owners who fail to clear up after their canines – it's illegal, it's anti-social and there isn't a dog pooh fairy out there. Bag it and bin it in the dog waste bins please.

A46 RESURFACING WORKS – Highways England will be resurfacing the A46 between M5 junction 9 and Teddington Hands roundabout in February and March. The work will be carried out overnight between 8pm and 6am, Monday to Friday and delivered in phases as follows:

Phase 1 - 8 February to 26 February, the A46 will be closed between A46/B4079 Aston Cross and Teddington Hands roundabout.

Phase 2 - 1 March to 11 March, the A46 will be closed between Northway Lane and A46/B4079 Aston Cross.

Phase 3 – 12 March to 19 March, the A46 will be closed between M5 junction 9 and Northway Lane.

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 Meetings: 16th February or 16th March 2021, both at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (but subject to Government guidelines at that time).

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NEW ALDERTON WHATSAPP GROUP

In the last few weeks in Alderton we've experienced floods, road closures and two lost dogs. In each of these cases WhatsApp has been a great way to get the message out to our community really quickly. However, there are only a few people in our groups so we thought it is time to make a village WhatsApp group that anyone can join.

It is not intended to be a chat group but will be for the things that we can help each other with:

- Time-sensitive things like floods or lost dogs
- Shared knowledge like road closures or "Suspicious caller in XYZ Road"
- How we can help each other like "Can I borrow a ladder?" or "Can someone help me with...?".

What it is not for:

- Local gossip
- Sharing conspiracy theories or alternative facts
- Obviously no unsubstantiated allegations or other personal conflict

If you would like to join message Mark Watts-Jones on 07973 963 539 or email mwjmail@gmail.com and I'll add you to the group.

ALDERTON VILLAGE SHOP.

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Firstly, I like to thank all my customers during these hard times for supporting your local shop. I am very grateful for all your kind Christmas messages and generosity.

Since the last Newsletter, not much has changed & as we are still in LOCKDOWN, in line with Government guidance, all customers must wear face covering when entering the shop. It 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. I really appreciate your cooperation.

Finally, I like to remind you that, the **Till** in my shop and **I** are both old, and at times we may make mistakes, so please check you change, before leaving the shop to avoid any embarrassment.

Once again thank you for supporting your local shop.

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OAK HILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Although 2021 hasn't been the start we anticipated, lots of exciting things are still happening at Oak Hill. In January we have welcomed a new head teacher to our school, Mr Adam Greaves. Mr Greaves has previous experience of being a head teacher, is a keen sportsman and runner and even had a previous career in Archaeology! As the current pandemic settles, we are sure he will become a more familiar face to many of us in the village.

Many children are currently doing their school work from home, but they are still working very hard and we are so proud of their amazing resilience and hard work. Our reception children have recently written letters to the superheroes around us, including rubbish collectors and postal workers to thank them for all that they do. Children in Years 1 and 2 are spending time learning about Brazil and the wonders of the Amazon Rainforest whilst Years 3 and 4 are exploring animals, money and measurements. In Years 5 and 6 our children have enjoyed learning about famous environmentalists such as David Attenborough and have been busy writing biographies whilst also learning about the Creation Story versus the Big Bang Theory.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the Green Fields Trust. As a school we have been very fortunate to benefit from funding for the Provision of Forest School Equipment and Supplies from the Gretton Solar Farm Ltd through Green Fields Trust (www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk). With their generous grant, we have made numerous improvements to the Forest School area at Dumbleton and purchased pond dipping supplies to be used at Alderton. As a result of these improvements, the children will be provided with opportunities to grow vegetables and plants and learn about local wildlife through observation and the enhancement of the wildlife habitats. Children at the Alderton base will also be able to benefit from learning more about pond life and pond habitats as a result of the funding.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school as soon as we can.

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL

We have had a wonderful first month back to Acorns after our Christmas break. We have been making the most of all the Winter weather, having lots of outside play and spotting lots of frost and ice as we explored the garden, the cobwebs were very magical and a big hit with our acorns. We've been very busy bird spotting, getting very excited as we watch the birds tuck into our homemade bird feeders which we made just before Christmas...very exciting for our little acorns (and tasty for the birds too)!! Our little acorns had great fun creating their very own water slide outside too this month, we had cars, balls, ducks and even a tiny toy octopus whizzing along the slide... lots of fun! We have also enjoyed lots of messy play, creating some fantastic figures using playdough and using different shaped sponges and coloured paints to create some amazing sponge print pictures.... they looked wonderful and very colourful!! Lots of den building has occurred inside preschool this month which our little acorns have enjoyed using to play a few games of hide and seek in, hide treasures and even use as a cosy bed for some cuddly toy friends...very imaginative and great fun too!! We are very much looking forward to another busy month of play, creativity, learning and most of all fun at Acorns next month.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our Christmas Hamper draw. The hamper was won by Jane Haslum. We raised a fantastic £444 which is very welcome in these lean fundraising times. Look out for our next hamper draw before Easter.

This time of year, traditionally sees us enjoying a very popular Quiz and Curry night in the Village Hall. Like many events we have had to adapt and move onto zoom. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a curry, but the Quiz is going to be hosted live by our friendly quizmaster Glen, on Saturday February 6th from 8pm. If you would like to take part and help support Preschool, please contact Sian Tryner on stryner@btinternet.com or 07790 342157 for more details. We are asking a minimum donation of £5 for a ticket.

If you would like any more information about Preschool, please contact our Playleader Steph on 07842 161159 or email aldertonacorns@gmail.com

From everyone at **EVESHAM BAT CARE**, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. It's been a bit of a strange start to the year, with lockdown 3.0. Now, more than ever, I have come to appreciate living in a village and still being able to get out in the great outdoors. In these strange times, a connection to nature can be a lifeline for some of us. Some of you may have taken part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of January. If you really enjoyed recording the birds in your garden, then the British Trust for Ornithology run a year round garden bird watch. All they ask is you spend a minimum of 20mins a week watching the birds in your garden and then let them know what you saw. It is a great way of tracking the changes in your garden birds across the year, as winter migrants make way for summer migrants and baby birds start flying and visiting the feeders for the first time.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who has donated oral care items and stamps over the Christmas period. With all of our usual fundraising events being cancelled last year, your donations have been a vital lifeline that have kept us going. If everyone has any more donations the white box is under the car port of 12 Orchard Road. Thank you once again.
Aimmie Woodman, 12 Orchard Road, 620373

GARDENER'S ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257 www.gardenersarms.biz

As we are still in lockdown, we have our great selection of takeaways and deliveries. We have starters, main courses, desserts and drinks covered, so you can take have full feast! We have catered for a variety of tastes, so you could try something new or just enjoy one of our classic favourites, you can view the full takeaway menu on our website www.gardenersarms.biz. We have also included some special offers, our famous **homemade pizzas available at 2 for £20.95** (including a vegan option) or choose **two main courses and a bottle of wine* for just £30**.

Our takeaway Sunday lunches are also proving very popular, so we recommend ordering early, to guarantee your takeaway slot.

All dishes are homemade and prepared with the freshest, locally sourced ingredients, to ensure that we provide the same, high quality food you are used to. Give us a call on 01242 620257 with your order and you can have a little of The Gardeners Arms in the comfort of your own home.

We really value the support the Alderton community have provided us with over this difficult period. Make sure you stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all properly back soon.

*Any drinks that are ordered have to be delivered as per Government guidelines.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is **Thursday 25th February 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