

DIBDEN LANE & WILLOW BANK ROAD PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At the time of writing there are over 90 letters of representation about the proposed development by CALA off Willow Bank Road. Thank you to all villagers who have expressed their view. There is of course now a new proposal from Greenvolt for 41 houses off Dibden Lane and villagers are asked to express their opinions on this.

There is also still time to write in about CALA.

Details of Dibden Lane are: **reference 19/00781/OUT**. This proposed development off Dibden Lane is :

- Not in the Neighbourhood Plan
- Outside the village boundary
- On top of 75 houses already built in the last few years
- On a narrow lane
- On a large field close to the Old Rectory
- Bringing extra traffic into the village
- Put forward without any new consultation

Details of Willow Bank Road: reference **19/00772/FUL**. This proposed development is :

- Not in the Neighbourhood Plan
- Outside the village boundary
- On top of 75 houses already built in the last few years
- In the vicinity of a known flooding area
- Closing the historic gap between the village and the B4077

Full details of both applications can be found on the Tewkesbury Borough Planning Website. Comments should be made via the Tewkesbury Borough Council website using the comments form provided by the Local Authority at www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/planning then search using the appropriate reference. Alternatively write to the Planning Department, Tewkesbury Borough Council, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 5TT.

Please note that names are not published, individuals rather than households can express a view under separate cover and non-residents can also comment.

It may be helpful to draft a response and then cut and paste this when using the Borough Council website. It's been reported that the website 'times out' before a response can be completed.

OTHER PLANNING – The following planning application has been received:

Dixton Manor, Dixton (20/00042/FUL) - Proposed demolition of existing stable block and replacement with new stable block and associated outbuildings, felling of 6no. Trees following on from previous consents 17/00048/FUL & 17/00049/LBC. Resubmission of application reference 19/00500/FUL and 19/00501/LBC.

PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS FOR 2020 – The Parish Council have budgeted for various projects this year. These include: a new noticeboard and pitch improvements for the Playing Field, a new defibrillator in the phone box, a grit bin on the corner of St Margarets Road/Drive and replacement of the main gates at the allotments along with some track works on the southern boundary of the site.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – This will be held on **31st March 2020, from 7pm**, in the Village Hall.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting: 18th February 2020, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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THE ARC GROUP will meet for lunch on **Wednesday 5th February** 12 noon at the Corner Cupboard in Winchcombe

ALDERTON VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE 01242 620201

Firstly, I like to start by thanking you all for the Christmas and New year Cards and your kind wishes. As most of you are aware, last year was a tough year for our shop & it took a long while for us to get back to "normal". Up to last week we had problem with shop's alarm system, disturbing all the neighbourhood (I apologies for that). I have been reassured by the engineer, that we should not have any more false alarms. I hope so.

Lots of our new customers are still unsure 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 1:30pm).

Our aim is to get as much organic products & as local as possible in the shop, Our Bread, Large Free-range Eggs, Dairy Products, and most of our Delicatessens are local. You can also order your bread and ORGANIC milk or cream daily. Your feed- back and suggestions can help and are much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you in the shop. Please, continue supporting your local shop and Post Office.

PRIZE DRAW RAISING FUNDS FOR PARKINSON'S UK

Huge thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas raffle to support Abigail Keys-Clark's fundraising. The large hamper was won by Mrs Wormold of Gretton Fields and the other 6 prizes by Alderton residents. £152.00 was raised.

Abi has a new **BIG PRIZE DRAW**. Prizes include tickets to a **RUGBY INTERNATIONAL** at Twickenham, a family ticket to Blenheim Palace, World Rugby Museum tickets, signed rugby books, Champagne, whisky & more. Tickets available from Sandy Keys **ONLY UNTIL 8TH February**. The draw takes place on **13th February**. For tickets, contact Sandy Keys on 620328 or 07586751535 or email: sandy.keys@btinternet.com .

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH- Charity Football Match 2019: Married 3 – 2 Singles

Yes, you read that right, the Married Men finally, after, we think, about 10 years managed to finish victorious in the annual charity football match. Racing into a 3 goal lead the win seemed a formality before a few tactical substitutions for the Singles (and more than a few tired legs for the Marrieds) saw them pull it back to within a single goal giving us all a nail- biting finish. Luckily the Marrieds held on to claim the Arthur Stayte trophy for only the 3rd time. Well they would have done if it hadn't gone missing from the pub! Any leads on its whereabouts will be gratefully received.

There followed the usual post- match analysis, fines and bottle toss afterwards which, alongside the raffle, BBQ and Man Utd tickets prize draw raised around £1650.00. This money will go to local charities and organisations to include the Pre-School, Village Hall, Church and Football team.

A huge thanks to all those who played, supported, bought a raffle ticket/food/drink (delete as appropriate) and generally made it such a successful day. It was particularly nice to see a few new faces playing.

Finally, a big thanks to the Greaves family for donating the Man Utd tickets. Now to start the training for next year.....and to find that trophy....

OAKHILL SCHOOL NEWS

Oak Hill Primary School Fundraiser

A Bags2School collection has been booked for Friday 6th March. Bags can be left at either base on 5 March or BEFORE 9.00 am on the 6th.

This is a great chance for a clear out of unwanted good quality adults' and children's clothes, paired shoes, belts, hats, handbags, scarves, ties and soft toys! Thank you for your support! Friends of Oak Hill School

Congratulations Oak Hill School!

Congratulations to the pupils and staff of Oak Hill School on their fantastic academic achievements this year. Our small village primary school has achieved SATS results which put them as one of the top three schools in Gloucestershire, with 86% of our Year 6 pupils achieving the National Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined. Nationally 64% of children achieve the standard across all three subjects. 50% of the class achieved the Higher Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined compared to 11% of children nationally. What a fantastic achievement! Four children from the class of fourteen were awarded places at local grammar schools. The school has a happy, inclusive atmosphere, where all pupils are nurtured, regardless of ability and a well deserved reputation for it's Christian, caring ethos. We are lucky to have such a good school at the heart of our communities in Alderton and Dumbleton! More details on the school's recent successes can be found at <http://www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk/> and the school facebook page shares the fun the children are having in their various lessons, productions and clubs.

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

At our January meeting we were delighted that despite yet more rain and poor conditions our guest speaker, Gail Plant, arrived full of cheer and with a wonderful selection of fragrant winter flowers from herbaceous plants and shrubs. Gail talked about each one and shared samples amongst the audience. We admired the look and smell of the plants and also learnt that as each person's sense of smell differs there were both positive and negative reactions around the room.

The Gardening Club has been approached by the church to see if there was anyone in the village interested in joining a group of people to help run a Flower Festival with them. If you love flowers, like flower arranging or have a creative mind, do contact Steve Sanders 620545 or Helen West 620587.

There are two events planned for February 13th

Afternoon Trip to Colesbourne Park - for their inaugural gardening clubs snowdrop day (return by 4.30). There are just a couple of spaces left. Entry and coach fare £22.50. For details ring Nicky Broderick on 01242620690, or email Nicki@nmbplanning.com

Evening Talk - **Composting with Mick Poultney**. Mick deals with a variety of methods and is well known as an expert in this subject – he has even posted video to UTube and has over one and a half thousand followers as 'The Compost King'. Bring your questions and problems along. At the Village hall which opens at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Members £2.50 and Guests £5.00.

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS STAY AND PLAY

Waiting for the daffodils...

2020 appears to have begun with the same damp, wet air that we left in 2019, with just a few crisp, chilly blue-sky days through January. It has been incredibly difficult to spend extended periods of time outside but we have tried! The children have embraced 'muddy' puddle play and 'extremely gooey' mud pie fun. The onions and beans have shown no signs of upset at these wet months and have doubled in size over Christmas and through January; we are monitoring their growth carefully as we appear to be waiting for a 'beanstalk and a giant'. Despite explaining they were not magic beans, the children are still hopeful! The daffodils are making appearances all around, with, we believe, the hope that spring will begin once the sea of yellow flowers are around our village!

Staying with our village...

The children have been investigating the differences between villages and cities. Using Alderton and London as examples, the enthusiasm has been contagious! We have explored how streams flow to rivers and how they travel, looked at different landscapes such as our local hills and talked about how we can walk from one place to another in Alderton. The next few weeks will focus on city life and transport, looking at famous landmarks such as Big Ben and the London Eye. As always, the learning will take shape on the boards in the hall, so please take a look next time you are in.

Quiz and Curry Evening Saturday 29th February - 7.00 for 7.30 pm Tickets are on sale now!

Delicious curry, delectable desserts, a well stocked bar, Fabulous raffle and an electric atmosphere!

Don't miss out on the fun! Teams of 6. £15 per person.

To book your table, call Sian on 620906/07790 342157 or email stryner@btinternet.com

If you are interested in joining the fun at Acorns during the up and coming year please let us know either by calling 07842161159 within school hours or, alternatively, email aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.co.uk so you may 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.

Acorns is currently looking for a person to cover lunch, which involves an hour a day four days a week. So if you are interested please get in touch.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS ALDERTON'S GOT TALENT

Saturday 25th April

2020 is going to be an amazing year for developments at the village hall. To kick off we are planning a show case day on April 25th for all to come and see what's on offer: who does what, what people plan to do and most importantly ideas for converting our village hall into a more versatile space by making use of some exciting funding opportunities. Over the last few years we have had coffee mornings, barn dances, crafting, pamper nights, bingo and games nights. We have gardening club quiz and curry nights, fitness classes, produce shows.

So, we need you to come along and see what's going on and come and make suggestions. We did do a survey a couple of years ago and as a result some of the activities suggested were organised thanks to lots of support from villagers.

If you would like to get involved, then email us at aldertonvillagehall@gmail.com Our next planning meeting is at 7.15 on Tuesday 11th February at Alderton Village Hall. We'd like to see as many people as possible to let us know what changes and improvements you would like to see at the hall. You would be very welcome to join us!

ALDERTON DOG FEST on **Friday May 8th** 11am to 3pm (Bank Holiday) - join us on the Playing Field for the Canine Event of the Year!

Agility Demonstration, Dog Show Classes, fun events and stalls together with a BBQ and Bar. Join us for a great family day out. Don't forget to bring your dog! If you're interested in helping, contact Sarah Hughes 07989 048123 or sarah.hughes@rocketmail.com

EVESHAM BAT CARE

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, it's hard to believe it's a new decade. I would just like to say thank you from all of us at Evesham Bat Care for all your donations of empty pringle tubes and oral care items for the Terracycle schemes this past year. Between 1st April and 31st October we raised £30.74 and between then and now we have so far raised a further £44.82 though we have more boxes to send off. We are hoping to reach £100 by April of this year. £100 will fund a starter bat care kit for a new trainee carer and keep them supplied for mealworms for the bat season ahead. With our busiest year ever last year (over 140 bats compared to 127 in 2018) and more and more calls coming from further away we are looking to set up more trainee bat carers to help spread the load. The changing climate is making things harder for us as well, as the mild weather for most of this winter has meant many bats haven't hibernated like they should. With very little in the way of insect life about bats have been getting into trouble and coming into care underweight, where they will have to stay until the weather improves.

We would also like to thank you for your stamp donations, which raised £40.56 for us last year. There's now a white box with a donations poster on under the carport at 12 Orchard Road where you can leave any future donations for Evesham Bat Care. Thank you once again Aimmie Woodman, 12 Orchard Road, 620373

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GARDENERS ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257 www.gardenersarms.biz

It's not too late to book a table and treat your significant other for Valentine's Day! We've got something for everyone on our menu, from vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free dishes to a special doggie menu so even your pooches don't have to miss out on the romance! Make it extra special this year without the extra effort — we've got it covered at The Gardeners Arms.

Traditionally, during a leap year, on 29th February a woman can ask a man for his hand in marriage, so if Valentine's Day isn't quite cutting it for you this year, make it even more special and book a table for Saturday 29th, we'll have the champagne ready!

There's so much to get excited about in February! One of our favourite things is watching the Six Nations, which is why we're showing all 15 matches! So join us for a pint and (hopefully) some celebrating for the kick-off on Saturday 1st February!

Last but not least, it's Pancake Day on 25th. It has really creped up on us this year, but don't flip out — we've got you covered!

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Tuesday 25th February 2020 . 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
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