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CALA HOMES - Cala have informed the Parish Council about what they describe as minor amendments to the housing scheme. These can be viewed on the Tewkesbury Borough Planning Website as reference 19/00772/FUL.

PARISH PLANNING – no new planning applications received.

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARDS – The Parish Council have purchased three new noticeboards for the village. One will be placed at the Playing Field and the other two will replace the existing boards outside the Village Hall and St Margaret's Church.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – The Parish Council will be supporting the independent group who are organising the celebrations taking place around the The Big Lunch on **5th June** this year. For more information, please see the group's article in this newsletter.

ALLOTMENT PLOTS – The site is currently full, and we are operating a waiting list. However, if you are considering taking on an allotment this year then please contact the Allotment Representative, Councillor Sarah Hughes, at sarahhughesapc@gmail.com to add your name to the list.

PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES - After 11 years with the Parish Council I am now moving on to another role for a national charity and Ruth Waller will take over as Locum Clerk for the time being, until a replacement is appointed by the Council. Ruth has worked for various Parish and Town Councils and so has knowledge of local government as well as the area. Please note that the contact email address for the Parish Council has now changed to aldertonpc@gmail.com

Next Parish Council Meeting: 15th February 2022, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

Parish Clerk: Ruth Waller

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Thank you

As you have just read Tamsin, our parish clerk for last 11 years is leaving us at the end of the January to take up a new job

I would publicly, like to thank her, for her hard work. Her quiet efficiency and dedication to Alderton have been an invaluable asset to the village. She has had to deal with the huge increasing amount of paperwork which has become necessary from Planning to Dog Poo, as well as sort out all other everyday tasks needed to keep everything running smoothly. In my 39 years on the Parish Council, we have never been as busy as we are now. While wishing Tamsin Good Luck in her new job I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Ruth Waller as our new locum clerk who will assist us until we appoint a permanent Parish Clerk.

Keith Page Alderton Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWS

NOTICE FROM FRAMPTON FARM

Sadly, even though we have made several requests in the past year to the dog walking community, we are starting the New Year with yet more incidents of out-of-control dogs running all over the newly emerging crops and much more concerning, being in with the sheep, chasing them and causing a great deal of fear and suffering for the livestock. There will soon be pregnant ewes everywhere so we can't let this continue, or lambs and ewes will be lost. Whilst we appreciate it is a very small minority of owners who are irresponsible and some may not even be from the village, we would ask that ALL dogs be kept on a lead (and not a 15 foot long one!) when anywhere near livestock.

In future, if we do find a loose dog in with the sheep we will be contacting our Rural Crimes Officer and reporting the incident. We never want to be put in a position where a dog would have to be destroyed for killing and injuring farm animals. Many thanks for your co-operation.

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Thursday 2nd June – Sunday 5th June 2022

Alderton needs you !!

Representatives of the Parish Council, The PCC and other interested persons are getting together to discuss ideas for how Alderton can celebrate the Queens Jubilee, centered around 'The Big Lunch' nationwide celebrations to be held on Sunday 5th June.

To get the ball rolling we intend to hold a 2-hour Open forum afternoon in the Village Hall on Sunday 13th Feb. – 2pm to 4pm. Please come along to help us: -

- To discuss ideas for the day
- Can you spare some time to help us with organizing and/or offer some assistance on the day?
- An idea of nos. who would like to take part in the 'Big Lunch' and Celebrations on the day as we may be able to apply for some funding for the celebrations.

If you are unable to come on the 13th February – please could you email your thoughts, assistance and interest in coming to the event to Sheilarussell10@btinternet.com or tel: Nicki & Sheila on 01242620960.

For those of you eager to take part, it is intended to hold a Front Garden Jubilee Display Competition to be judged on the Jubilee weekend – this could be a horticultural display or model/artwork. More details next month.

ALDERTON VILLAGE SHOP 01242 620201

The Shop:

2021 was another strange year with its Ups & Downs, but shop under new normal did not do bad and we survived. Unfortunately, by the end of the year, there was no income because of the shop's closure during my break. While I was away, I was much aware that lack of income inevitably would be damaging to the business.

However, at that time I received lots of kind messages of support from a lot of my customers and villagers. This was so heart-warming and comforting knowing that I would be OK as I have your support. Sadly this did not materialise as physical support!

Only a few of my loyal and regular customers have been supporting the shop. (Thank you for your loyalty) I also appreciate your moral support very much, but it is not enough to keep the shop going.

The Post office:

As I expected, Post office was very busy for Christmas and couple of weeks after the New Year, which is great, Our Office attracts a lot of customers from villages around as we are the last one standing. But again, be aware the Post Office would not exist without the shop.

Newspapers:

Those of you whom buy newspapers from the shop are familiar with me grunting & complaining about Smithnews's Services (or lack of it). So, I have to apologise for interruption to our services since late November. Hopefully we are getting back to normal.

The whole object selling newspapers in the shop is to **attract customers & increase footfall** of the business. Other than that, it is not worth all the anxieties & problems it creates for me.

So, If you are having your paper delivered or picking your papers from the shop, but don't come in to shop, in fact you are using the shop (Thank you for that), but you are not supporting the business. Which defeats the object. Remember, **No Shop, No Newspapers!**

This is hopefully the last time I am going to moan and grumble, the rest I leave up to you. I don't expect you to do your weekly shopping in the village store, but if you care about having your shop, don't just wave hello & pass. **USE IT OR LOSE IT!** Thank you. YARI

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday February 13th at 10.30am St Margaret's Church: we are holding a Valentine's Day service with a focus on loving relationships between family and friends. So, we do hope you will join us for an informal service and at the end - a glass of wine! We look forward to seeing you there.

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

Despite the freezing cold evening 40 people attended the January meeting and enjoyed a well-illustrated talk on 'weeds' by Roger Umpleby. A renowned entomologist and chairman of Beckford Gardening club Roger gave a comprehensive but amusing lecture describing the negative and beneficial aspects of these plants. He covered their culinary and medicinal uses and featured the toxic weeds and the consequences of ingesting or even just touching them!

Gardening Club membership runs from January to December – but for those unable to attend the January meeting, you can join at any time in future months, or via the form on the website <https://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/membership.html> .

Our next meeting is on Thursday February the 10th when Jo Haven will be giving us a talk on Bumblebees. See you there!

The venue will be at the village hall as usual and we will be complying with current village hall Covid requirements. The Village Hall will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 pm start. Entry £2.50 for members and £5.00 for Guests.

OAK HILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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Spring term is always a positive and busy term, with this term being no exception. Our wonderful teachers, support staff and pupils were enthusiastic to be back after the well-earned Christmas break. We were so glad to be able to perform our Nativity to our parents and governors in December and enjoy other festive activities towards the end of the term.

In September we decided to adopt the Thrive Approach at school. The Thrive Approach is used to support the wellbeing and mental health of our pupils, something that we feel is so important. Our teaching and support staff attended a Thrive Approach training session at the beginning of term which was very interesting and valuable. Our two Thrive Practitioners have almost completed their training and we have already seen positive and encouraging change at school using this approach. We have recently registered to be a Pets As Therapy school and Cookie, our therapy dog, is a great asset to our team.

At our Infant Base in Dumbleton, Reception have been making clay diva lamps and decorating them with paints and glitter while Year 1 and 2 started a topic learning about London and the Queen. They were invited to a garden party which was conveniently held at Dumbleton! The children loved dressing up in smart clothes and practicing their best manners.

Over at our Junior Base in Alderton, Year 3 and 4 have started weekly Thrive lessons, looking at kindness and thinking about each other. The children have enjoyed learning about healthy eating and taking care of themselves.

Our Year 5 and 6 children regularly have debates using their persuasive writing techniques which are always really interesting to hear. School uniform and a class pet are the latest topics to be debated. The children created some wonderful single line drawings in art and then spent time learning about wellness, being active and how taking notice and a bit of give and take in life are good things.

Despite Covid and rising cases in the local area, the school is full of happy children, happy staff and laughter and it is so wonderful to be part of this community. We appreciate our wonderful and supportive governors and parents very much. We are mindful of restrictions and always reassessing measures we have put in place to make our school environment as safe as possible. If you would like to visit our school and see more of what we do, please do not hesitate to contact us.

THE ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL AND TODDLER GROUP

Plans are under way for the return of our famous **Quiz and Curry night**. Originally advertised as being in February but due to Covid, we have postponed it for a month. The new date is **Saturday 12th March**, 7 for 7.30pm start. We have a new quizmaster, along with delicious food, a well-stocked bar, a fabulous raffle and best of all, lots of fun. Get your friends together to make up teams of 6. For more details or to book your place please contact Sian on 07790 342157 or email stryner@btinternet.com

If you are interested in sending your child to our lovely Preschool, please phone 07842 161159 to arrange a visit or email aldertonacorns@gmail.com. We take children from 2 and a half years old and we aim to provide a happy friendly and caring environment to allow them to thrive.

Our friendly **Toddler group** runs every Friday 10am -11.30 (term time only) from Alderton Village Hall and is £3 per family. The Toddler group is open to all families and is a great way of socialising and meeting new families in a safe and nurturing environment, whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a slice of cake...what is not to love!

For more information about Preschool check out our website at aldertonacorns.org.uk.

<p>NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Friday 25th February 2022. 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>
