

Alderton Newsletter - February 2026

1. ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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MINUTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The latest minutes can be found at: <https://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk/meetings-2025>

FLOOD PREVENTION

Further clearance work has been undertaken coming down from the hill and the measures appear to be operating well in the recent wet weather. Thanks go to the Dumbleton Estate and a local farmer for their cooperation and help with these improvements.

PLANNING UPDATES

Proposed Development – Land south of Beckford Road [now 32 houses] 24/00393/OUT

The Road Safety Audit has been completed. There remain other issues which have been registered with Tewkesbury Planning by local residents and supported by a further submission from the Parish Council. Highways have yet to make a full response.

Proposed Development – Land Behind 52-74 Willow Bank Road [48 houses] 2400801/FUL

No further news. There remain enforcement issues associated with premature site work. The Parish Council is complaining about the floodlighting.

PLAYING FIELDS

A contractor is being engaged for mole treatment and pitch improvement work has been undertaken. The bunker has been removed. A further youth team is using the football pitch. This team is keen to avoid parking issues with local residents.

CHURCH HEATING

The Parish Council received a report at their December meeting on the costs of installing a new electric heating system and money raised to date to meet these costs. The Parish Council have made a contribution from Community Infrastructure income.

WAR MEMORIAL

A local resident has identified two men with Alderton connections not listed on the War Memorial. These are AV Grimmett and J James. There is one AV Grimmett listed but there were in fact two brothers with the same initials. The Tewkesbury Conservation Officer will be approached about making these additions to the Memorial.

GRIT BIN

A new one has been installed near the Playing Field.

ALLOTMENTS

More trees will be planted on the western boundary. School Playing Field –this is no longer required by the Primary School and, in order to protect an important area of Green Space, the Parish Council is taking out a long lease with Gloucestershire County Council to look after the field. Potential usage will now be considered.

MILLENNIUM COPSE

Thanks were expressed to a local resident for clearance work following storm damage.

ROAD SAFETY

The Parish Council is reconsidering the installation of two speed indicator devices in the village and is in discussion with Highways.

RECENT NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

This can be found on the Parish Council website.

Information about the Parish Council can be viewed on www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: at 7pm Tuesday 17 February 2026 in the Village Hall.

Welcome to new residents

Our monthly newsletter is available by email at www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/newsletter-signup. Visit www.aldertonvillage.co.uk for information on village services, clubs and organisations.

Follow us on social media at www.facebook.com/aldertonglos & www.instagram.com/alderton_glos and join our WhatsApp groups (**Alderton Residents** and **For Sale/Free**) for local updates and to buy/sell. To join, contact Mark on 07973 963539 or mwjmail@gmail.com.

2. ALDERTON BUSINESSES & SERVICES

THE GURKHAS AT GARDENERS ARMS



**WE WILL BE RE-OPENING
MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY!**

WE WILL BE BLENDING THE FINEST INDIAN & NEPALESE CUISINES WITH A VIBRANT BAR EXPERIENCE, OFFERING THE PERFECT COMBINATION OF FLAVOURFUL DISHES & REFRESHING DRINKS, CREATING AN EXCEPTIONAL DINING & SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE.

We Look Forward To Serving You All!

WE WILL BE OPEN 7-DAYS A WEEK | 3.00PM - 10.00PM

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ALL UPDATES
THEGURKHASATGARDENERSARMS | THEGURKHASATGARDENERSARMS

WE'RE OPENING SOON!

Mark the calendar - Monday 16th February, we're beyond excited to welcome you to The Gurkhas at Gardeners Arms - our NEW authentic Indian & Nepalese restaurant!

Get ready for a mouth-watering menu featuring authentic traditional dishes, grilled sizzlers, street food classics, and much more - all bursting with traditional flavours!

We will also be serving draught beers, wines, spirits, cocktails, mocktails and much more for you ALL to enjoy! We truly can't wait to serve you all and share this next chapter with our amazing community!

👉 Stay tuned to our social media for more updates and sneak peeks!

See you ALL very soon!

ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL

www.aldertonvillagehall.co.uk

bookings@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk / enquiries@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk

Our monthly café/coffee mornings are usually held on the first Saturday of each month from 10am-12 midday. Everyone is welcome to join us for fresh coffee, tea or hot chocolate and delicious homemade cakes made by the Village Hall volunteers. Come along on your own or meet up with friends.

MARCH 7TH – BOARD GAMES CAFÉ

Come along on your own or with friends and family and join in with some friendly board game fun. There will be a selection of games for you to choose from.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FAIR

It was great to have the Fair well attended which gave it a lovely atmosphere so we really appreciated people joining us. It raised an excellent £3,000 which will be put towards the new Church heating system and for the upkeep of our heritage building. Thank you to everyone for your kindness in giving your donations, for attending, for helping and for the craft makers.

CHRISTMAS CAROL AND CHRISTINGLE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

A great attendance with a good variety of carols sung, Christingle oranges handed out and £359.53 was raised for the Children's Society - a very generous amount.

CAROL SINGING

Because of wind and rain we had this in the Church but again we enjoyed singing favourite carols and warming up with mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies. From donations, we made £73 for the Samaritans – thank you again.

THANK YOU

To all the people who help keep the Church an important feature of the village and in good condition - the bellringers, the clock winders, the cleaners, the flower arrangers, the lawnmowers, the fundraisers - you are very much appreciated.

**'IF ONLY YOU KNEW WHAT MADE FOR PEACE' - SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, FROM 2PM
PARISH HALL, TEWKESBURY ABBEY, GL20 5RZ**

We are incredibly fortunate to welcome The Very Rev'd Canon Richard Sewell, Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem, to Tewkesbury Abbey. Living and serving in the heart of the Holy Land since 2018, Dean Richard has become a globally respected spokesperson and a regular voice on international media regarding the tragedies in Israel and Palestine.

With a background in major inter-faith projects and decades of ministry, he offers a rare, eyewitness perspective on the conflict. His "radical empathy" and deep theological insight provide a unique bridge across bitter divides. In a time of simplified headlines, this is a vital opportunity to hear a nuanced, compassionate reflection on the "way of peace" from someone at the centre of the situation.

For more information contact info@tewkesburyabbey.org.uk

OAK HILL CoE PRIMARY SCHOOL

<https://www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk/>



The longer days are on their way, and our Eco Club has been busy planting and benefiting from kind donations from our village community. Our used battery box is already full.

Thank you to Freeman Homes for donating a cooker. With Rev'd Hook's support, the children have created a prayer board now displayed in the church. Several volunteers also joined the whole school on our recent visit to Gloucester Mosque and Cathedral — a thoroughly enjoyable event.

Thank you for your continued support. We are so grateful to be part of such a supportive community.

Some of the Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils went to the Young Voices concert - pupils took to the stage to perform amongst almost 6000 children at Birmingham's BP Arena to a huge audience of adults. Alongside our Primary QuEST peers, we sang, danced and laughed through a wonderful and extremely memorable afternoon and evening.

A team of 6 Redwood class pupils attended the Move More swimming gala, and came 4th overall. We also won the largest splash category!

Our thanks to the members of our Local Advisory Group, FOOHS and our volunteers - you really do make so many things possible and it is a joy to share these experiences. We continue to seek Local Advisory Board members - please get in touch or call in to see us if you can offer your time and skills.

We have much planned for the remainder of the term including a train trip for Rowan class and Knex challenge for Years 3-6 with more oracy events on the horizon too.

ALDERTON ACORNS

www.aldertonacorns.org.uk

ALDERTON ACORNS ANNUAL QUIZ & CURRY, SAT 7TH MARCH, 19:00, VILLAGE HALL



Saturday 7th March
7pm for 7.30pm start
Alderton Village Hall
Teams of 6.

Tickets for tables available here:
<https://quizandcurrynight2026.eventbrite.co.uk/>

3. CLUBS & SOCIETIES

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB NEWS

www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club

Phil Kitson/Tom Cullimore

Unfortunately, due to speaker unavailability and an adverse weather forecast for January 8th the gardening club meeting was cancelled.

In February, we will welcome Michael Marriott to talk about "All Things Roses".

Michael is a leading international rosarian, renowned for his expertise in rose garden design and his practical, common-sense approach to rose care. He spent 35 years at David Austin Roses, where he played a key role in developing and popularising English Roses.

He will be here to share his knowledge with us on Thursday 12th February.

Doors open 6.45 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start.

Members £3, Non-Members £6 – all welcome.

4. EVENTS

PUT YOUR STUFF ON THE PAVEMENT DAY

SAT 14TH FEBRUARY, 10AM TO 3PM

It's time to get sorting!

PUT YOUR STUFF ON THE PAVEMENT DAY

SAT 14 FEB 10AM-3PM
BACKUP DATE IN CASE OF RAIN: SAT 21 FEB

How to get involved

Put any items that you would like to give away outside your house between 10am and 3pm. Hopefully your neighbours may give them a new home. After 3pm please take any items that are left back into your home.

Any questions? Contact Moira on moira.halstead@gmail.com

Put your stuff on the pavement day is back!

With Valentine's day around the corner, what could be more romantic than getting a load of stuff out of your house? Our next pavement day is happening on Saturday 14 February (with 21 February as backup in case of rain).

It's easy to take part and no money is involved. Simply put any items that you would like to give away outside your house by 10am on 14 February. Hopefully some will find shiny new owners. After 3pm please take any items that are left back into your home.

Hope to see lots of busy pavements again on the day!

If you have any questions please contact Moira - moira.halstead@gmail.com.

ALDERTON MARRIED V SINGLES CHARITY FOOTBALL

Thanks to everyone who played, supported or otherwise helped. We raised £1,962 for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

FREE TREES OR HEDGEROW

Free hedgerow or tree offer closes on Feb 14th. Residents in Gloucestershire can apply for a hedgerow pack or a tree for their garden. You are eligible for one tree per household, with an option of 3 different trees or up to three hedgerow packs which consist of 50 mixed native species, supplied with spiral guards and bamboo canes. Apply for your free tree or hedgerow here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/greener-gloucestershire-dashboard/useful-information/tree-and-hedgerow-packs/>

DEBRIFRILLATORS

To use both defibrillators, take your mobile phone as you need to call 999 to get the release code.

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