

PLANNING INQUIRY – CALA HOMES. The Inquiry will commence on **6th July 2021**, at **10am** and is expected to last four days. This will be held as a virtual event, run by an Inspector in the normal way, but with the parties invited to join via Microsoft Teams or telephone. The Parish Council will be playing a full part in the Inquiry, calling a number of witnesses and submitting further evidence.

Parishioners may observe the Inquiry, or take an active part by making a statement or asking questions on a particular topic. Any evidence provided should not be re-stating points that have already been submitted prior to the Inquiry.

Please register your interest in attending, in whatever capacity, with the Planning Inspectorate Case Officer as soon as possible prior to the Inquiry, either by email or telephone. Registered participants will then receive individual joining instructions. The Case Officer details are as follows:

Planning Inspectorate References: APP/G1630/W/20/3259637
Case Officer contact at the Planning Inspectorate: Helen Skinner, 0303 444 5531
helen.skinner@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

The core documents relating to the Inquiry will be available on the Borough Council's website at: www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/planning-appeal-core-documents under the appeal reference number (APP/G1630/W/20/3259637)

PARISH PLANNING – Two new applications have been received:

- Part Parcel 8900, Dibden Lane, Alderton (21/00716/FUL) - Erection of a timber agricultural hay store
- 30 Willow Bank Road, Alderton (21/00467/FUL) - Conversion of garage to living space, new parking area and vehicle crossover

PLAY AREA VOLUNTEERS - We are looking for additional volunteers to help carry out weekly checks at the playground, making sure the equipment is in working order, clearing up any litter and doing some general tidying up, strimming etc. If you'd be interested in joining this group then please get in touch with Simon Finch on 07729 073267.

GRETTON FIELDS ROAD CLOSURE - The road will be temporarily closed on **28th July** from 8am to 5.30pm. This is to allow for Avonline Networks/Gigaclear to locate and repair damaged Fibre Optic cable ducting.

Next Parish Council Meeting: 20th July 2021, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (but subject to Government guidelines at that time).

Parish Clerk: Tamsin James, 9 Bowler Road, Northway, Tewkesbury, Glos, GL20 8RZ
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VILLAGE NEWS

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

The Memorial service for Carla will take place in St Mary's church on **Friday 6th August**. More details will follow in the August newsletter.

The planned Wine & Cheese fundraising evening has been moved to **Saturday 14th August**, due to a date clash with the rearranged Hillbillies concert. Please adjust the date in your diary, final details to follow next month.

OAK HILL C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have all enjoyed the warmer weather and making the most of outside learning over the last couple of weeks. There has been a lot happening at both our Dumbleton and Alderton bases, with gardening, trips being organized and enjoyed and practicing for Sports Day and the Year 5 and 6 show. There is a lovely buzz of happy children at school! Children at our Dumbleton base have been exploring the space around them outside, how that makes them feel and then creating shapes with natural objects. Alongside this, they have learned how to program a robot and draw self-portraits. Everyone has had a go at learning to sew which was fun and challenging all at the same time. The children had a surprise visit from a local beekeeper who brought in an observational beehive for them to look at. They were fascinated and asked a lot of questions. There were so many questions that the children wrote letters to the beekeeper following on from his visit.

At our Alderton base, children have been very creative. Year 3 and 4 have produced some beautiful artwork. Children have been designing coats of arms which reflect their personality and have painted beautiful pictures of seas and waves. They have spent time outside creating some wonderful science experiments to investigate force and friction.

Last week Year 5 and 6 went bell boating in Fladbury which they all thoroughly enjoyed. They learned a lot of new skills and I think several people got quite wet! All the children have been busy rehearsing for their end of term show and showing off their creative skills making excellent props. Their enthusiasm is infectious and it is really lovely to hear them singing and practicing their lines.

Our local police beat officer came to talk to Year 5 and 6 about online safety and healthy relationships which the children really engaged with and found very interesting.

We continue to navigate our way through this strange time and our wonderful staff and governors make every effort to help and support our children and provide them with exciting and challenging learning experiences.

CHURCH NEWS

HILLBILLIES' UPDATE.... Postponed due to Covid legislation: new date Saturday 21st August 2021 – at 6pm. Entry is by ticket only (not available at the gate) but there are a few tickets left at £10 so call either:

Steve Sanders 01242 620545, Helen West 07941 373030, Gill Cogzell 07746 970438, Sarah Hughes 07989 048123. The ticket includes canapés and there is a paying bar. If weather looks “doubtful” bring a brolly! In the Village Hall if raining!

Church open: Just to remind you that the Church is open every day and services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10.30am. We would be very pleased to see you and you would get a good welcome! There is a good supply of secondhand books in the porch to buy - all priced at 50p. There are also copies of Bertha Nind's Diary to buy, priced £5. Call Helen West 07941 373030

St Margaret's Church wildflower area is in full summer bloom and the bees and the butterflies are happy! If you have been wondering why part of the churchyard is left unmown in the summer, take a look at the display board in the church porch showing an amazing range of butterflies captured on camera on just one afternoon in 2019. A churchyard is one of the last sites to be found in every community where nature can flourish - wildflowers left to grow and seed attract bees and other insects which in turn provide food for bats and birds. So that untidy, overgrown bit of the churchyard is actually doing a really important job! Take a few moments on the bench to see how many flowers you can name and how many moths and butterflies you can see. It's also a great way to de-stress!

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL

We have certainly made the most of the beautiful sunshine we have been blessed with this month at preschool, enjoying most of our sessions outside. Our preschool garden is looking so bright and colourful as we are seeing all the flowers, which our little acorns planted, start to bloom.... our buzzy bees are certainly enjoying them too. We have also enjoyed lots of crafty and messy fun this month too, creating some bright and colourful caterpillar pictures, water play, sandy fun in our preschool sandpit and some amazing gifts and cards for Father's Day such a busy and creative month. Our acorns have enjoyed some fun filled Boogie Beat sessions which included a trip to the circus and a hunt for the clowns red nose luckily, we had our detective acorns on the case so the mystery was soon solved! We are all very much looking forward to another month of preschool fun and excitement (and hopefully lots more sunshine too) next month.

Don't forget, our fun and friendly **Toddler group** runs every Friday 10am -12 (term time only) from Alderton Village Hall and is £3 per family. 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!

BBQ and Treasure Hunt. “Unfortunately, due to Covid rules we have had to change the BBQ and Treasure Hunt scheduled for Saturday 10th July at the Village Hall. There will be no BBQ, but treasure hunt maps will be available for a minimum donation of £2 from the Village Shop and the Gardeners Arms pub throughout the whole week **Monday 5th - Saturday 10th July**. The clues for the hunt will be in place all day Saturday 10th July to take part in at your leisure. If you are looking for a fun activity to do with the family and get to know places in the village it would be perfect. It is a walking hunt so take those carriers for little legs in case they get tired!”

Preschool are hoping to employ a cleaner from September. This is a temporary position, available whilst all the extra Covid cleaning regulations are still in place. We are looking for someone who is able to clean the hall on Monday to Thursdays after each Preschool session. If you are interested, please contact Preschool using the contact details below.

We are currently taking bookings for September so if you would like your child to join our lovely group, please contact Steph on 07842 161159 or by email aldertonacorns@gmail.com to arrange a visit.

If you would like any more information about Preschool, check out our website at aldertonacorns.org.uk.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is **Sunday 25th July 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