

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk

At this year's Parish Council AGM, Keith Page stood down as Chair. However, he will continue as a Councillor. Keith has been chair for 23 years and a councillor for 39 years. Parish Councillors expressed their immense appreciation for all Keith has done as chair and the countless voluntary hours he has put into the role. Dennis Rayton also stood down as vice chair, but he too will remain as a councillor. There were no offers from other Councillors to take up the position, but remaining Councillors agreed to undertake the role on a rotating basis until a more permanent solution could be found. The Parish Council is also still looking to fill a vacancy as a Councillor.

Land East of Willow Bank Drive

Rainier have turned down the request from the Parish Council for a public meeting. The application to build approximately 60 houses is expected soon. We will ensure that villagers know when this happens and how to make their views known to the Planning Authority.

Cala Development There were no significant developments reported.

Road works

Just update on the Gas Main replacement traffic Management. We understand that by the time you read this the three-way lights will have moved to the Willow Bank Rd /B4077 junction. They will be there for approximately a week while the new main is connected to the Alderton Village system. This should shorten the wait time on B4077 (shorter amount closed off) and it is hoped that all works on B40077 should be completed within 2 weeks. Then the active areas will be moved to Alderton/Gretton Fields when just two-way lights will be used

The best info we can find out is that works on A46 will continue until June 16th

Just bit of advanced warning the southern end of Willow Bank Rd (by Corner Cottage) will be closed on July 5th & 6th for work to replace a pressure valve by Severn Trent Water

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Please note change of Date. This will be at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 14th June** at 7 pm. Please note the new start time.

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VILLAGE NEWS

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

The Great Washbourne Summer Supper will be held on **Friday 24th June** at 6.30pm in the garden of Great Washbourne House. Some local Cheltenham musicians will be providing us with light summer music during the evening. A supper of roast pork (veggie alternative available) and salads will be served with all the trimmings, and strawberries & cream for dessert. There will be a bar, raffle and other entertainment including skittles. Do come and join us for what promises to be a great evening. Tickets will be available in advance from Jane (01242) 620291 or Karen (01242) 620633 or on the door: Adults £12, Children £6. All proceeds will go to the church funds.

CHURCH NEWS

The Church Summer Fair and Gift Day; this will be on **Saturday July 16th** in the afternoon - hopefully outside in the Churchyard.

There will more details in the July newsletter.

Cafe Church for Father's Day: this will be in Dumbleton Church on **Sunday June 19th** at 10.30am. The service is short, very informal and starts off with drinks and croissants and is open to all ages! Do come and celebrate and remember our Fathers, Grandfathers or a special relative!

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

Our guest expert speaker was container gardening expert Harriet Rycroft from Moreton in Marsh. She delivered a two part talk with a very well illustrated digital slide projection as the first part. This gave us an insight into her own garden and at her former place of employment Whichford Pottery, where she was head gardener. The presentation was full of ideas about plant and pot combinations, in both sunny and shady aspects. She talked at length about what composts to use, what plants to use and watering techniques. The displays that she produces are quite simply stunning. As well as doing this for a living it is obvious that Harriet is a real plant enthusiast as well!

In part two Harriet gave a practical demonstration of how to plant up a pot with succulents. The audience were transfixed by this and asked questions as she gradually built the display up. Harriet talked about the book which she combined to produce with the then head gardener at The Cotswold Wildlife Park, where she also worked. She also has another book of her own coming out in the Autumn about container and pot gardening.

After drawing the seven prize raffle, a vote of thanks was proposed by Tom the chairman who also filled the audience in with the latest club news and a list of monthly gardening jobs to tackle in May.

Committee member Sarah Hughes ran the plants stall this evening, thank you to everyone who brought plants and seeds along for this. She also sold 32 advance tickets for our July meeting for an evening with allotment gardener, star of the Jeremy Vine radio show Terry Walton!

Our next meeting is on **Thursday June 9th** when Dave Crop will be doing a practical demonstration of producing new plants from old. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start in Alderton Village Hall, we look forward to seeing you there!

Big news from Alderton Gardening Club, who are thrilled to announce the booking for their **September 14th 2023** meeting of the celebrated Garden designer, plantsman, author, speaker and broadcaster Chris Beardshaw. This will be an all-ticket event with members of the club being given priority access to these before they go on general sale.

SUSTAINABLE ALDERTON: Put your stuff on the pavement day is back!

Following the success of the last 'Put your stuff on the pavement day', we're running a summer one. This will happen on **Saturday 2 July** 10am-3pm. The backup day in case of rain is **Saturday 9 July** 10am-3pm.

This could be just the nudge you need to raid those sheds, attics and cupboards and set those things which no longer serve you free!

How does it work? On 'Put your stuff on the pavement day', please put any items that you are happy to give away outside your house before 10am. Leave them out there until 3pm and hopefully some of your neighbours may give them a new home. In the meantime, you can take a wander around Alderton and see what's up for grabs. You'll need to take any of your items that are left at 3pm back into your house.

The ethos of the day is to give things away for free. However, if you enjoy the day and would like to give a donation to Alderton Acorns Preschool afterwards, they would be delighted. Please put donations in an envelope marked Sian Tryner, Preschool Treasurer, and pop them through Sian's door at Fernlea, 28 Beckford Road (opposite the pub).

We hope to see lots of you taking part again. Please get in touch if you have any questions - moira.halstead@gmail.com or 07759 283319.

ALDERTON GOLF

9 played in this year's spring event at Minchinhampton Old Course. A challenging course in the wind with added free-range cattle to make it more interesting. Pete Woolfrey was declared winner during the

subsequent meal at the Gardeners. He generously donated his winning bottle of wine to the village jubilee event tombola. Thanks to Simon Finch for organising a fun day.

The next event will be a summer evening 9 holes at Sherdons. John Hilton is the organiser. Information coming soon. We welcome new members to the group which is open to Alderton residents who play regularly of any standard and gender.

Email or phone Nigel Roe (nmroe@hotmail.co.uk 07762735165) who will get you on the whatsapp group which is the preferred method of communication.

THE BECKFORD COLLECTIVE

With the cost of petrol increasing by the minute, why not consider buying your gifts for friends and family locally. In Beckford there is a wonderful coffee shop at The Old Post Office serving great coffee, and excellent cakes and in the courtyard at the back a group of creative people have formed The Beckford Collective, selling all manner of homemade gifts. Everything from cards and jewellery to original paintings and clothes can be found there, all at very reasonable prices. Two Alderton artists are among the creatives who form the Beckford Creatives and they'd love to see you at the shop which is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am-3pm.

So why not combine a summer walk with a cup of coffee and a shopping trip. All to be found on your doorstep!

Check out their Instagram [thebeckfordcollective](https://www.instagram.com/thebeckfordcollective)

<p>NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Saturday 25th June 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>
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Alderton Jubilee Big Weekend

Only a few days to go till the big Platinum Jubilee weekend events in Alderton!!

On **Thursday 2nd 12.30pm to 2.30pm** in the village hall, we have the art workshop being run by our resident artist, Antonia Black, and there are still a few spaces left if any children are interested. Just send details to me – see below . Deadline is the 1st of June.

On **Saturday 3rd June** 12 noon to 2pm, there will be Tea, coffee and cakes in the village all. Chance to look at all the exciting things the children have created.

On **Sunday 5th June** 12.30pm to 6pm is the **Big Picnic afternoon** on the Alderton Playing fields . This starts at 12.30pm with a children's Pageant from the School to the Playing Fields (Fancy dress optional). Let us know if you wish to attend. All can join in and feel free to bring musical instruments to make some noise in the pageant.

On the playing fields from 1pm onwards there will be lots going on. Bring your picnic, chairs and blankets as required and enjoy the afternoon. A programme is available from the shop and the pub and will be available on the day. The activities and approximate times will be: -

- 12.30-1pm Children's Parade - from Oak Hill School to playing Field
Come along and cheer our village children en route!

- 1pm onwards Bring Your Own Picnic, chairs/blankets
- 1pm – 4pm Afternoon tea and cakes served
- 1pm – 6pm Beer tent open
- 1.30-1.45 Alderton Hand Bell Ringers
- 1:45 – 2pm & 2.45 – 3.15 Storytelling for children
- 2pm – 2.45 Live music from The Malvern Hillbillies
- 2:45 - 3:30 Happenstance Border Morris from Winchcombe
- 3:30 – 4pm Bretforton Amateur Dramatics (BAD) Theatre performing a 1950's One Act Radio Play
- 4pm – 5.15 BBQ up and running

- 4pm – 4:45 Live Music from The Malvern Hillbillies

- 5pm – 6pm Songs performed by Lauren Howe, rising local talented star.

Facepainting/Coconut Shy/Games/Tombola

We are seeking prizes for the Tombola – either drop off at 10 Church Road, or in the box at the shop – all donations gratefully received.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE.

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