

PLANNING APPEAL – CALA HOMES. Parish Councillors have met with the Borough Council to discuss the Appeal and have also participated in a Case Management Conference with the Planning Inspectorate and the main parties. The Inquiry is to be held as a virtual event (Microsoft Teams) opening at 10am on **Tuesday 6 July 2021**. It is envisaged that the Appeal will take place over 4 days. The Parish Council will be playing a full part in the Enquiry calling a number of witnesses and submitting further evidence. Any parishioners who made representations at the application and/or appeal stages should receive a notice from the Borough Council detailing the Inquiry arrangements. Anyone wishing to attend the Inquiry to observe the event, or take an active part in the Inquiry, should follow the instructions in the Borough Council's notice.

PARISH PLANNING – Four new applications have been received:

- 4 Ellenor Drive, Alderton (21/00539/FUL) - Erection of a rear extension
- The Wilderness, 3 Beckford Road, Alderton (21/00408/FUL) - Conversion of existing lean to into a timber framed garage and erection of a front porch
- Red Rose Cottage, 3 Blacksmiths Road, Alderton (21/00649/FUL) - Erection of a replacement garden room
- 10 Beckford Road, Alderton (21/00620/FUL) - Removal of existing garage and erection of dependants accommodation

The following application has received permission for development: 9 Beckford Road, Alderton (20/01282/FUL) - Erection of 2 No. two storey detached dwellings and provision of associated vehicular access and parking areas and hard and soft landscaping (revised application following approval of application reference 19/01009/FUL).

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – This was held on 25th May 2021 and gave everyone a chance to hear how the various groups in the community have managed their activities in the past year and also their future plans. Specific points raised during the evening will be dealt with at the next Parish Council meeting. Copies of all the reports submitted by the various village organisations are available to read on the Parish Council website under the Meetings section at www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS – The Borough Council's Covid-19 community grant scheme is available to support parish organisations with funding for their activities as part of building stronger communities following the Covid-19 pandemic. The maximum grant available is £1,000. The following types of organisations are eligible to apply - registered charities, constituted community groups (such as faith groups, sports clubs, neighbourhood projects) and social enterprises. Further details at www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/forms/covid-19-community-grants

ALLOTMENT PLOTS – The site is full and we are operating a waiting list. If you would like to add your name to the list then please contact the Clerk.

Next Parish Council Meetings: 15th June 2021 (if required) then 20th July 2021, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (but subject to Government guidelines at that time).

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VILLAGE NEWS

TIME TO BIN YOUR OLD BRAS

If you have had a clear out of your bras during lockdown then please give them to me. Against breast cancer recycling scheme takes unwanted and unloved bras to raise vital funds for pioneering breast cancer research. These same bras help support small businesses in Africa. Visit againstbreastcancer.org.uk to find out more. There will be a box in my porch for you to drop bras into.

The Headlands 41 Willowbank Road

OAK HILL C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Despite being extremely damp, May has been a very exciting month, full of hope and activity! There have been a lot of different things going on at both bases and it has been really wonderful to see the children enjoying all that has been organised by our brilliant staff.

The children at our Infant Base in Dumbleton have spent a lot of time outside in the forest and garden area growing vegetables. They have been watering them every day and keeping an eye on their progress. The carrots and lettuce are enormous!

Reception Class have been learning about traditional fairy tales, focussing on Goldilocks and the Three Bears, while Years 1 and 2 have been rewriting Jack and the Beanstalk. The children are so enthusiastic and have really enjoyed developing their writing skills during this topic.

There was great excitement as our Infant Base went on their first school trip this month and took the GWSR train from Winchcombe to Cheltenham. A child from Year 2 wrote the following:

"On the day of the trip we were all excited! We got on the bus. When we got there we met a lady and she told us the rules. Then, we went to wait for our train. We heard a bell, then saw smoke and steam rise up and when the train arrived we all got on. After that, we found our carriage but we weren't allowed to stick our heads out of the window. Then, we heard a rumble and a burst of steam rushed past us and we set off waving at the people on the platform. Next, we saw sheep and a dog out of the window whilst we ate our snack. We got off the train and we saw it turn around before getting back on to go back to Winchcombe. When we got back to the station we had a run around on the grass and then we had our lunch as we were very hungry! After lunch, we went on a hunt around the platforms to look for the things on our sheet. I found a lot of things. Then we said goodbye and we went back on the bus to school". The trip was a huge success and we felt so proud when a member of the public told a member of staff how well behaved the children were, how cheerful and lovely they were and how nice it was to see them out and about.

Colour walks, games, sharing encouraging messages and discussions about mental health were among some of the activities that the whole school took part in during Mental Health Awareness Week. After such a challenging year, it is even more important to us to provide the children with support and space to be themselves and explore what that means for each individual.

Each year we have a visit from the Life Education Bus which provides space and opportunity for children to learn about their bodies and how to look after them. Children at our Infant Base learnt about exercise and looking after their bodies, while children in Year 3 and 4 were fascinated to learn more about the brain and how that controls the body. Year 5 and 6 joined in discussions about drugs, learning how to be safe and how to stand up for themselves.

Our Year 3 and 4 children have enjoyed cricket and developing their skills each week. It is a pleasure to be able to walk children down to the field to enjoy that outside space and the huge amount of rain hasn't put anyone off!

Whilst our wonderful staff are planning more visits and constantly working hard to achieve the best experiences for our children, we are still doing quite a lot virtually. We welcomed the RNLI into our school via Zoom to give a talk on water safety which was fascinating.

Maypole Dancing was able to go ahead this month and it was such fun to see the children at our Junior Base laughing and really enjoying themselves. The hall was filled with music and fun and they learned some very complex routines. Two children from Year 6 wrote the following:

"Doing maypole dancing was a great experience! We learnt lots of patterns, one of which was the great weave which we all picked up exceedingly quickly. It was super fun and the pole almost touched the roof of the hall! Only three words can describe this opportunity: FUN, stupendous and unbelievable".

Year 5 and 6 have been cooking up a storm in the kitchen making bread as part of topic work while studying the story of the Titanic. There were some very imaginative toppings and the kitchen smelt wonderful! They will celebrate the end of this topic with a posh cream tea, eating scones they have made.

We are excited about the fact that two of our Year 5 and 6 children have been selected to attend the K'Nex Challenge after the class took part in a workshop earlier this month. The workshop is extremely popular and it is really exciting to see some of the wonderful models that are created.

May has been a really encouraging month and we are looking forward to all that the rest of the summer term brings.

CHURCH NEWS

The Malvern Hillbillies: 6pm on **Saturday 26th June** in the Churchyard. Don't forget to buy your ticket for the St Margaret's Church Alderton Summer Event to celebrate in a fun way the relaxation of Covid rules and

being able to mix together. Music from "The Malvern Hill Billies" (two live in Alderton!) well known for their Old Time American Mountain Music will be played in two sessions of 45 minutes. Canapes are included with your ticket (£10 each - children under 11 free) and there will be a pay bar. If the weather is poor, we will move from the Church to the Village Hall. This will be a great evening for the whole family - and friends! (Should Covid restrictions require us to cancel, money will, of course, be refunded)

Tickets available from Helen West 07941 373030 , Gill Cogzell 07746 970438 Steve Sanders 07989 035607 Sarah Hughes 07989 048123. PS If you can bring your own seating, this would be appreciated, but limited seating will be provided.

Takeaway Meals: Thank you to everyone who took us up on the these and for the kind comments you made. A total of £860 was made for the Church repairs so we are very grateful for your support.

A Village Book: The Parkin family have kindly given us quite a few copies of the book that Ian Parkin wrote - Bertha Nind's diary - a fascinating account of the day to day life of a young woman who lived here in Alderton and which has interesting photos of the village. They are priced £5 and available from Helen West 620587. The Church book stall is open again - all books are 50p!

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

Many thanks for all who joined the recent Zoom quiz. We had a fun evening and raised the very respectable amount of £420 for church funds.

We are planning to hold a Wine & Cheese fundraising evening in the village on **Saturday 21st August**. Please put the date in your diary, more details to follow next month.

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL

Another busy and exciting month at Preschool, enjoying lots of indoor and outdoor learning. Our little acorns got their spades out once again and have filled our raised beds with some sweet peas and beans, which are looking fantastic, we really do have such a brilliant hands-on gardening team at Preschool! The planting fun has continued throughout the month with our little acorns planting and labelling their very own sunflower seeds too, which have just started sprouting, very exciting! Our Preschool tadpoles are thriving in our garden, our acorns have been keeping a close eye on them and they are getting bigger and livelier each day. Inside Preschool we have enjoyed lots of stories and songs, with a special visit from the lovely Emma (and giggles the monkey) from Boogie Beat who always captures our acorns imaginations in song, stories and movement. Our little acorns have enjoyed lots of role play and creative fun too this month with the Acorns garden café, Acorn's supermarket and our cosy home corner all providing the perfect role play resources for little ones with big imaginations to thrive.

We are delighted to have welcomed the return of our fun and friendly **Toddler group** this month, which 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. Saturday July 10th. 11-3pm, starting and finishing at the Village Hall. Come and enjoy the fun and a chance to meet up with other families after so long apart. Food and drink will be available to buy as well as activities for your children to enjoy.

Alderton Acorns Committee. To operate successfully, the Preschool and Toddler group rely on a voluntary committee, elected at our AGM, who act as trustees of our charity. To provide some stability, we are looking for a member of our village community who would like to join our committee as a longer-term committee member. If you would like to know more, please contact us on the number 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.

U3A DAY 2ND JUNE - YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN.

Have you thought about joining the u3a but never got round to it? Our local group, Tewkesbury and District, has about 600 members enjoying 40 different activities, ranging from languages and history to garden visits, from petanque and short mat bowls to walking, from needlecraft, bridge, art and photography to discussion groups. We even offer kurling (yes, with a k as it's not on ice!) From 21 June, we hope many of these can resume face-to-face activities as our members become fully vaccinated.

Throughout the pandemic, we have also held monthly online meetings with a speaker - previous talks have included facts about Victoria Wood and Charles Dickens, wildlife photography, sustainable living with almost

zero waste, local history, first aid and, recently, a magician's show on Zoom For details, you can call **01684 325013**, email info@tewkesburyu3a.org.uk or visit our website at u3asites.org.uk/tewkesbury/home.

EVESHAM BAT CARE

It's been weird weather this year so far, and the wildlife is just as thrown as us. The cold and dry nights of April followed by the wettest May on record has meant that many animals have been struggling. Insect numbers have been down, particularly at night when bats and hedgehogs are trying to feed, and many wildlife rescuers have been reported unusually high numbers of starving bats. Any food we can put out for wildlife will really help them get through these strange months. Bird feeders and hedgehog feeding stations are also a great way we can watch the wildlife in our gardens and learn what they get up to. Whilst we can't put out food for the bats themselves, planting night scented flowers that will attract their insect prey will help them. A wildlife pond is also the best habitat we can provide, as it not only acts as a source of water when the weather is dry but provides a home for many insects that our mammals feed on. They don't even need to be that big, a simple washing up bowl can host a surprising amount of wildlife.

Thank you once again to everyone who has donated stamps and oral care items to Evesham Bat Care, every item is appreciated. If anyone has anymore donations, please use the white box around the side of 12 Orchard Road. Thank you Aimmie Woodman, 620373

ORCHARD ROAD DEVELOPMENT

I would just like to update and thank everyone who has contacted me about the Orchard Road Development. Since the last newsletter we have had 54 people join the Whatsapp group. If anyone would still like to join please message me on 07483 297605. On the 18th May I attended the Parish Council meeting and from this a number of new avenues have developed in regards to ways to raise funds and grants available. An initial offer was put to the vendor but this was rejected. Over the next few weeks we will be contacting Dumbleton Estates and Tewkesbury Borough Council and we hope to have a meeting properly at the playing field so more people can attend to discuss how we proceed. Thanks again, Paul Woodman,

GARDENER'S ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com, 01242 620257 www.gardenersarms.biz

We are so pleased to be back fully open and it has been great to see so many of you. For those that haven't popped in yet, we have a new menu for you to try out, with some exciting new dishes, covering all tastes and dietary requirements. We have extended our range of plant-based options and introduced new dishes including a scrumptious Okra and Black bean Jambalaya and a delicious Smokey Squash Sausage & Vegan Meatball Calzone. We haven't stopped there we also have a great range of tempting desserts including a homemade chocolate mint brownie and a chocolate salted caramel cheesecake you won't be able to resist. Don't worry, we have still kept the classic favourites including our homemade pizza and of course not forgetting our famous Sunday roast and a little something special to treat your four-legged friends!

Our selection of beverages has been growing and we have an amazing variety of gins and vodkas for you to sample pre-dinner and some great tasting wines to compliment your meal.

We are open from 12pm every day and we are recommending you book a table via our website <https://www.gardenersarms.biz/> or by calling us on 01242 620257 to avoid disappointment, as we are getting booked up quickly. We continue to work hard 'for the new normal' ensuring that our premises are as safe as they can be and we will continue to follow the Government guidelines with regards to social distancing, face masks etc. as our priority will always be to keep our customers and staff safe.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is **Friday 25th June 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