

PLANNING APPEAL – CALA HOMES. The decision date for this appeal has not yet been decided by the Planning Inspectorate.

PARISH PLANNING – No new applications have been received.

Rear of Orchard Road, Alderton (20/00943/FUL) - Change of use of land from agricultural to private equestrian and erection of stables and associated hardstanding. We have received confirmation that this application will not be considered at the Borough Council's Planning Committee in March.

DOGS ON THE PLAYING FIELD – Unfortunately, the Parish Council have received another complaint regarding a loose dog in the play area which frightened a child. **In order that the area can be maintained as a valuable recreational amenity for all users we would request that if there are children on the play equipment then please could dogs be kept under control and away from this area.** The Parish Council will be installing signage to this effect.

A46 RESURFACING WORKS – Highways England will be resurfacing the A46 between M5 junction 9 and Teddington Hands roundabout in March. The work will be carried out overnight between 8pm and 6am, Monday to Friday and delivered in phases as follows:

Phase 2 - 1 March to 11 March, the A46 will be closed between Northway Lane and A46/B4079 Aston Cross.

Phase 3 – 12 March to 19 March, the A46 will be closed between M5 junction 9 and Northway Lane.

2021 CENSUS - This takes place on Sunday 21 March 2021 and will be a digital-first census, which means that people will be encouraged to respond online if they can. The census can be completed using any device, including a mobile phone or tablet. It can also be filled in by paper copy if preferred. In early March letters will be sent out containing an access code which is needed to complete the Census. Further details are available by visiting www.census.gov.uk

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: 16th March or 20th April 2021, both at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (but subject to Government guidelines at that time).

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VILLAGE NEWS

TONY KEYS : BELATED THANKS

The whole Keys family wish to thank all those who so kindly paid their respects to Tony on the day of his funeral in December. We are so sorry that those who wished to do so couldn't join us in church but your support, as Tony and we passed by, meant such a lot to us during these difficult times for everyone. Also, we thank the many kind people who sent beautiful messages of condolence. Most of them recalled Tony's sense of humour! We wish you good health and peace. Keep smiling! Sandy Keys

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR ALDERTON COMMUNITY

In addition to the newsletter there's lots of different ways that you can keep in contact with your community here in Alderton. Here's a quick reminder:

- Alderton website - www.aldertonvillage.co.uk
- Alderton Facebook page - www.facebook.com/aldertonglos
- Alderton Residents WhatsApp group - there's 145 of your fellow residents in the group. To join click the link on the website.
- Alderton COVID Support group - available to any resident who receives this newsletter. If you need any help, big or small, call Mark on 07973 963 539 or mail mwjmail@gmail.com

ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL

Along with many other people and organisations, our plans for 2020 had to be put on hold, but we'd love to make a fresh start on these for 2021.

The most important thing for us to find out is what would people in the village like to see happening at the hall - both in terms of activities/clubs taking place and facilities available.

We need plenty of ideas so we will be sending out flyers and surveys in the coming weeks – it would be fantastic if we could get a good response to these so please help us make sure that any changes will benefit as many people as possible.

If you have skills/time/enthusiasm and would like to get involved then email us at aldertonvillagehall@gmail.com

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL

We have had a fabulous February at Acorns, creating some beautiful handmade Valentines crafts which our little acorns loved taking home to their families before half term. We have enjoyed plenty of outside fun in our preschool garden too this month, making the most of the variety of weather we have had.... the snow and ice were a favourite with our little acorns!! With their coats, gloves and wellies at the ready, they had lots of fun jumping on and cracking the frozen ice outside and then once melted it made the perfect pond for our mummy and baby ducks.... lots of exciting outdoor Winter fun!! This month has also brought us plenty of imaginative play at preschool with lots of den building, playdough modelling, stories, music and even a spot of fishing using our seesaw boat...what wonderful imaginations our little acorns have!! As well as our Valentines crafts, we have also enjoyed lots of free painting, sticking and colouring this month which has given our preschool gallery some fabulous artwork to display. We are very much looking forward to another month of fun, creativity and learning with our little ones next month and hopefully we can enjoy some Spring sunshine in the garden too.

If you are interested in sending your child to our lovely Preschool please contact Steph on 07842 161159 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.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who took part in our virtual quiz night fundraiser at the start of the month. We raised a fantastic £630 for Acorns which is just amazing, so from all of us at Alderton Acorns, thank you for your continued support.

Watch out for our next fundraiser, a raffle for a lovely Easter Hamper. Tickets will be available online at <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8xdlJf2cm1> as well as from the village shop. On sale from **March 15th**, £2 a ticket. The draw will take place on **Thursday 1st April**.

A date for your diary. **Saturday 3rd July** Treasure Hunt and BBQ to celebrate the end of social distancing. Keeping our fingers crossed.

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

We have lots of great offers for you on takeaways and deliveries. Enjoy a mid-week treat with 2 main courses for just £18.95 Monday-Thursday. Choose from a variety of dishes available including a proper homemade burger and chips or something a little fancier like a vegan Thai coconut and mango curry with rice.

We also have homemade pizzas, 2 for £20.95 (with vegan and gluten free options available) and add a side of homemade coleslaw for just £3.

You can also enjoy a delicious fish supper with fish and chips or scampi and chips at just £8.95.

These savings mean you can indulge with a bottle (or two) of wine or a few beers and we will deliver safely to your door.

Spoil your Mum's on Mother's Day, with a main course and dessert for just £16.95 per head. As well as our usual Sunday roasts on offer we will be adding a delicious homemade chicken and ham shortcrust pie with dauphinoise potatoes and mixed vegetables and a Teriyaki Salmon stir fry to the menu. For dessert who can resist Eton mess, apple and mixed berry crumble and custard or mint aero brownie with marshmallows?

With a children's menu and even a dog menu (It wouldn't be The Gardeners Arms if we didn't include the dog), you can keep the whole family happy. Please book early as the Mother's Day offer is only available between 12:00pm – 2:30pm on 14th March.

For any businesses who would like to thank their workers with a little treat, we can offer all businesses within 6 miles of Alderton, an amazing hot meal at lunchtime – everything is safe with a non-contact delivery for free if the order is over £50. Please just give us a couple of days notice for your order!

Finally, we are pleased to announce that our beer garden will be open from **12th April** (covid dependent), we are so looking forward to seeing you all, more details to follow soon.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is **Thursday 25th March 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