

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk

ORCHARD ROAD DEVELOPMENT - The application for 5 bungalows, on an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, behind Orchard Road has still not been considered by Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Committee. There is still time to comment. Just go onto the Tewkesbury Planning Portal and follow the process outlined. You can also read comments to date.

OTHER PLANNING – Three new planning applications have been received:

- 58 Willow Bank Road, Alderton (19/00080/FUL) - Single storey rear extension
- 31 Willow Bank Road, Alderton (19/00117/FUL) - Erection of single storey front, side and rear and two storey side and rear extensions.
- 17 Beckford Road, Alderton (19/00178/FUL) - Proposed front single storey extension and rear conservatory (revised scheme).

The following application has received permission for development: The Old Chapel, Beckford Road, Alderton (18/01212/FUL) – Demolition of rear store and erection of single storey rear extension

HIGHWAYS MATTERS – County Councillor Roger Wilson has kindly agreed to fund half of the cost of the speed indicator device and the Parish Council are currently in the process of ordering the SID. Tewkesbury Borough Council have been asked to carry out some road sweeping in the village to clear the kerbs. Gloucestershire Highways have resurfaced the church entrance at St Margaret's Road and the barrier repair/replacement outside the school has been completed. They will also repair some of the worst pavement defects in Ellenor Drive.

PLAYING FIELD – DOGS. The Parish Council have received reports of dogs fouling the safety surfaces around the new play equipment. Although the owners cleared up afterwards, the Parish Council would appreciate it if dogs could be kept away from the play equipment. This topic will be on the Parish Council's March agenda for discussion.

ALLOTMENT RENTS – for those notified, rents will be collected between 7.15pm – 7.30pm in the Village Hall on 19th March.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – This will be held on **26th March 2019**, at **7.30pm**, in the Village Hall. At this meeting residents are given a chance to hear the latest news on what has been happening at the Parish Council and within the local community. Village organisations, the School, County and Borough Councillors are all invited to provide reports and presentations. If you have been asked to provide a report, please remember the deadline of 15th March.

BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR! – Local elections for Parish Council representatives are to be held on Thursday 2nd May this year. Parish Councils depend on local people taking an interest in what happens in their community, whatever their background and local people standing as councillors can bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding into the local team. There will be vacancies on our Parish Council in May, so if you think that you could offer yourself as a voice for the community and want to know more then please contact one of the existing councillors or the Clerk. Anyone wishing to stand for election can also get more information, or a nomination pack, from Tewkesbury Borough Council at www.tewkesbury.org.uk, email elections@tewkesbury.gov.uk or phone 01684 272040.

ALLOTMENT PLOTS – Please get in touch with the Clerk if you wish to add your name to the waiting list.

Next Parish Council Meeting: 19th March 2019, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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

VILLAGE NEWS

On Saturday 26th January a black cat was killed by a vehicle in Willowbank Road. As the number of houses increases and, as a consequence, the number of vehicles too, please be **mindful** as you drive through our village. The next time it could be a family dog or worse still, a child crossing the road.

THE ARC GROUP will meet for coffee on **Wednesday 6th March** at 10.30 am at the M & S Food Store, Worcester Road Evesham

Village Hall Coffee Morning The next coffee morning will be held on **Thursday 7th March** . 10:15-12 noon. Look forward to seeing you.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Still recovering from the excitement and success of the New Years Eve Party we are looking forward to a few social events this year! (suggestions always welcome!)

Games night Saturday 23 March 5-7 pm

Range of board games, table tennis and snooker

Tickets: £5 per person/£15 per family

To inc hot dogs and ice cream

Pamper evening Thursday 18 April

Massage, reflexology, manicures (mini treatments)- £10 pre booking to avoid disappointment (further details in next newsletter)

family disco and **barn dance** - dates to be confirmed

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU! Volunteers for help gratefully received.

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

Over 60 people attended the excellent talk on attracting wildlife to our gardens by David Cramp in February. The club goes from strength to strength and the first Annual General meeting will be held on 4th April to elect a committee following the initial work by the organising group. All are welcome to discuss the future of the club and anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Tom Cullimore on 077729 01386.

Our next regular meeting is on **Thursday March 14th** and there will be practical advice as Duncan Coombs will be discussing 'Pruning Shrubs and their Aftercare'. All meetings held at the Village Hall, doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Members and guests are welcome.

A FASHION SHOW run by M & Co in Tewkesbury will be held in Alderton Village Hall on **Friday April 5th**. 7 for 7.30pm

Alderton Villagers will be modelling a selection of clothes of their choice for men, women, children and teenagers!

So do come along and support them, choose your spring and summer wardrobe and have a fun evening. There will be a paying bar. The tickets are priced £5 for adults (all young people free) and canapés will be included in the price. Tickets are available from Helen West (620587) Gill Cogzell (620303) and Ivona McIlwraith (620688)

THE FRIENDS OF OAK HILL SCHOOL have arranged for a Bag2School collection on **Friday 22nd March**. Bag2School will take good quality adults' and children's clothes, paired shoes, belts,

hats, handbags, scarves, ties and soft toys. **Please note - curtains, bedding and school uniform will not be accepted.** Money raised will be based on the weight of the collection. Empty Bag2School plastic bags have been delivered to the school but any plastic bags can be used. Filled bags, ready for collection, can be left at either the Dumbleton base or the Alderton base on **21st March or BEFORE 9.00 am on the 22nd.** If you would like a bag to be collected from your house please telephone the school office (01242 620448) and someone from the school will collect it. We would be grateful for your help in raising money.

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS

February in a flash...

It seems like just yesterday we were sharing January and now, with a glorious half term week under our belt, we can truly look to spring!

This month the children enjoyed the beautiful celebrations that surround the Chinese New Year: recreating the wonderful beginning as the Emperor decided upon which animal took which year. All in our animal roles, we took to swimming across the deep river (layers of soft blue mats) and wondering if the Emperor witnessed such determination or debate on the final decisions!!

They also created a wonderful dragon dance to some mesmerising music using the beautiful dragon costume (a large, long outfit that can hold up to eight children) that was made and donated to Acorns many moons ago.

We also enjoyed a construction week using as many different forms of media as possible from Lego to wood which enabled us to go to the far reaches of our imaginations, creating some fantastic models and constructions.

With a milder end to the month, Fridays' Toddlers have been able to enjoy the garden. With most daffodils in bloom and primroses full of colour, having the little ones laughing and playing alongside has just made the mornings a joy!

Quiz and Curry Evening-Saturday 2nd February

With a small covering of snow on the Friday, we had a little panic but it was wasted worry as Saturday the sun shone and the clouds stayed away! The evening was fantastic and all went smoothly with a full hall, lots of interesting questions and finishing with empty plates. What more can you want from an evening? P.S. forgot to mention many glass bottles for recycling!!

The evening raised over £1500 which is amazing! It is great to be able to share that majority of the money raised from this event is being used to purchase and update equipment: with a huge focus on the garden which will give the children of our community a truly wonderful outdoor experience as well as updating some of our most loved but well-wore items from inside. We really look forward to sharing these with you and thanks, as always, goes out to all who made this event possible. We feel proud to be part of such a supportive community, which is ever growing.

Token Schemes

When shopping, we are sure you have noticed that just about everywhere runs token schemes for local charities from outdoor play-spaces to local bowls clubs. Acorns is currently lucky enough to be at both Winchcombe Budgens and Evesham Waitrose. So if you do shop at either ask for the tokens at the checkout and look for the Acorns logo. Thanks in advance for your support. We are hoping to purchase a wooden pirate ship for the garden to replace the large plastic slide.

If you are interested in joining the fun at Acorns during the upcoming year, please let us know either by calling 07842161159 within school hours or, alternatively, email aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.co.uk so you can receive your welcome information pack and register your child's space.

Acorns preschool hours Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm, Toddlers-stay and play Friday 10 am-12 pm

GREAT WASHBOURNE will be holding a Family Fun Quiz in St Mary's Church on **Friday 12th April** from 6.30pm to 10pm. As in previous years, this is suitable for all ages and we hope you will come along with your friends (teams 4-5 or join one on the night). Tickets cost £10 adult (£5 kids) to include a hot 2-course supper and are available on the night or in advance from Jane Kent/Karen Cox (Great Washbourne) and Carla Edelston (Alderton). Please ring or email Jane Kent (01242 620291/cjanekent@btinternet.com) to book your table! There will be a pay bar and raffle. All proceeds are to the church.

The Great Washbourne Summer Supper will be held on **Friday 28th June** at 6-30pm, in the garden of Great Washbourne House. Please put this date in your diary - more details to be available nearer the time.

SPRING SPECIAL OFFER:

Book full reflexology or body massage and receive a free back massage
Judith 07837 402692 www.judithhumphreys.co.uk

Thank You The Path from St Margaret's Rd through the church yard, is now tarmaced and smooth again. Thanks are due to Keith Page for organising this. It is so much appreciated by all the villagers.

GREENFIELDS TRUST COMMUNITY FUND The Trustees of the group of local residents would like to encourage and receive applications to the £4000 per year fund. The next round of applications closing date is 31st March 2019, and then subsequently end of September and we are very keen to hear from organisations and groups within Gretton, Alderton and Prescott.

SPRING IS ALMOST HERE

The weather is starting to warm up, flowers are starting to emerge and it's starting to feel like spring is almost here. Lots of animals are starting to emerge from hibernation and are gearing up to start breeding. In the last few days we have had a lot of pollinating insects on our ornamental cherry tree blossom and already have some frogs in our front pond. I'm sure lots of you have also started thinking about getting back in your gardens. On Thursday 14th Alderton Gardening Club put on a lovely talk about Wildlife in the Garden by David Cramp. He spoke about how, given that there is more land owned in private gardens than in all our nature reserves combined, gardens are a huge resource for wildlife, providing food, shelter and somewhere to breed. If you want to help wildlife then you could start by encouraging insects, especially pollinating insects whose number have declined so dramatically in the last few decades (currently 8 species of bumblebee are listed as a conservation priority across the UK), as so many other species rely on a healthy insect population. Even if you don't have a garden, a simple window box filled with native wildflowers can provide a lot of food for a number of insects. If you have a lawn, allowing one patch to grow long to leaving a small pile of leaves or logs in one corner can provide a great habitat for many insects, as can leaving flower beds a bit untidy over the winter. The Bumble Bee Conservation Trust has a great advice page <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/gardeningadvice/> on things you can do and plants you can plant depending on the type of garden you have, as do the RSPB <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/>. If we could all make one small change to our gardens this spring, we could give our local wildlife a real boost.

Aimmie Woodman, 12 Orchard Road, 620373

P.S. I'm still collecting stamps to raise money for Evesham Bat Care, if anyone has any could you please drop them round to 12 Orchard Road before the end of March. Thank you

Overbury Bowling Club Membership List is Open

With the new outdoor season beginning in April, Overbury Bowling Club are holding an Open Day to welcome new members. If you have wondered whether bowls might be the challenge you seek, come to the Open Day on **Sunday 19th May** 14:00 and try this very social and sporting activity with the help of one of our coaches to get you started on the right path.

Overbury Bowling Club, situated on the border of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire on the Overbury Estate, enjoys a 6 rink county standard green and has about 45 men and 30 lady members from the surrounding area. New members, both young and senior, are always welcome and the Club has both equipment and qualified coaches to get the inexperienced up and running quickly.

As well as fielding teams which compete in leagues, Overbury Bowling Club plays friendly matches against local clubs, has regular club evenings and mornings for both practising and meeting with other members and has an active social programme.

For more information, contact Overbury Bowling Club at info@overburybowling.net or one of the club officials listed on www.overburybowling.net

GARDENERS ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

Well, spring has come Marching in (see what we did there!), so we can say goodbye to winter as the earth starts to wake up again, with crocuses and daffodils starting to peek out from the not-so-frosty ground! The first big event in our calendar for this month is the Cheltenham Festival, starting on 12th March, with the Gold Cup on 15th March. As we're only a short, nine-mile drive from Cheltenham Racecourse, we'd love you to join us for a meal or drinks to celebrate your good luck!

In case you've forgotten, Mother's Day is a little late this year, on 31st March. We know you'll want to spoil mum with a lovely meal, so why not book a table and we'll help you to treat her? As always, we'll be serving delicious food, with a fantastic selection of vegan options on the menu and lots of great drinks to choose from. We like to keep our community up to date with our latest events and news. If you haven't yet signed up for our newsletter, please drop us an email at gardeners1@btconnect.com. You can also pop by to view our menus, or phone 01242 620 257 for more information about our events and to book a table.

<p>NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Monday 25th March 2019. 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>
