

Important Newsletter News

The newsletter will reach the milestone of the 500th edition at the end of this year. As John and I have been editing, printing, and distributing the newsletter for 11 years, we have taken this opportunity to think about our continued involvement with it and have decided that the time is right for us to retire when we reach this milestone. If anyone would like to take on our roles, please contact me either by email aldertonnewsletter@googlemail.com or by phone 01242620630.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk

Land East of St Margaret's Drive.

Villagers should have received a leaflet setting out a proposal from Rainier to develop the site east of St Margaret's Drive to deliver approximately 60 new homes. Residents should also have received a leaflet from the Parish Council encouraging comments either through a prepaid form or by email.

Parish Councillors met officers from Rainier on Tuesday 26 April asking questions and making comments about the huge amount of development that had already taken place and is due to take place in the village. Rainier were again asked if they would arrange a public meeting in the village hall, before any application went forward, to allow villagers the opportunity to have face to face contact and to ask questions. We are awaiting a response on this.

It was pointed out to Rainier that their leaflet had in many cases arrived late [in some cases not at all] and that 29 April was a little premature as a date for receipt of comments. Rainier said that later comments would be considered.

On the basis that there will be a Planning Application to Tewkesbury Borough Council, villagers are also encouraged to put in **detailed written comments** at that stage. The Parish Council will let you know when this stage is reached.

If this proposal were to go ahead it would mean the number of homes in the village would have increased by **60%** since 2015.

Planning applications received

22/00365/FUL | Demolition of the existing garage and erection of a single storey side extension. | 6 Church Road Alderton Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 8NR

22/00412/FUL and 22/00411/LBC Demolition of conservatory, bay window, and workshop. Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations/The Cottage, 2 Church Road, Alderton

Advance warning of roadworks on B4077 from Willow Bank Road junction as far as Gretton Fields. Likely to start in May for relining gas pipes.

Parish Councillor vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Alderton Parish Council.

Alderton Parish Council provide a range of local services and have close links with Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council over the services that they provide.

Parish Councillors are elected representatives who volunteer their time freely to work on behalf of residents. Individuals may also be co-opted at the discretion of the council if there is a vacancy. By becoming a Parish Councillor, you can become a voice for your community, somebody who residents will look to for help, guidance, and support. You will be involved in local decision making and strategic planning for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, because of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

What are the roles and responsibilities involved?

- An Alderton Parish Councillor is one of 7 individuals, supported by the Parish Clerk, who represent the voice of residents within the village. Councillors need to be on the electoral roll or work in the village.
- As part of the Parish Council, you will have responsibility for managing and financing local services and amenities such as the playing field, play area and allotments.
- You will be involved in working to protect and improve the built and natural environment of Alderton. This may involve contributing to long term policy development or being part of the team that assesses and comments on local planning applications.
- Working where needed on short term local projects and liaising and working in partnership with other organisations, agencies, or neighbouring parish councils.

What skills will I need to be a Parish Councillor?

A Parish Council benefits from diversity, and we welcome interest from people of different ages, backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Good communication skills, problem solving, analytical thinking and being a team player are all advantageous attributes.

How much time does being a councillor take?

As with anything, what you get out of being a Parish Councillor will depend on what you are able to put in. You would be expected to attend the monthly Parish Council meetings held one evening per month and put in time to ensure that the work of the Council can be completed in a timely fashion.

Still interested?

The best way to discover if being a Alderton Parish Councillor is right for you is to come along to one of our meetings and meet the team. Feel free to contact the Chair, Keith Page [01242 620630] or Ruth, locum Parish Clerk – aldertonpc@gmail.com

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING This will be at the Village Hall on **17 May 2022**. Please note the new start time of 7pm.

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VILLAGE NEWS

CHURCH NEWS

Churchyard: we had some good support when we smartened up the Churchyard in April and were lucky to be able to do so in the sunshine. The Churchyard has featured in a national newspaper where it was commented how peaceful it was with a beautiful view!

Thank you to those that came along to help.

Easter: the service was well attended, and the Church was decorated beautifully with a great range of flower displays. Again, thank you to those who make it look so attractive.

Books and Cards: don't forget we have a good range of books for sale in Church - priced 50p and also a range of handmade cards - do pop into Church to have a look.

Summer Fair: this will be in the afternoon of **Saturday July 16th** - more details to follow.

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

What a great way to celebrate our 4th anniversary as a club. The Village Hall was packed for an evening with Howard Drury.

Prior to the meeting, Howard and Andrea looked around the immaculate garden of AGC members Rob and Judy Albutt which was a lovely gesture.

Howard's talk entitled "The very best garden tips" covered such a vast range of practical gardening know-how from pests and diseases, to plant care, bird feeding equipment, and issues surrounding peat free compost, soil erosion and even The RHS.

At the end of the evening he took a couple of questions, then Howard's wife Andrea drew the numbers for our 8 prize raffle.

After updating the members on the club's latest news, Chairman Tom gave a few topical gardening tips himself and then proposed the vote of thanks to our guest speaker.

The evening's celebrations were enhanced with prosecco and birthday cakes. Thanks to Nicki, Sheila, Julie and John Marfell for providing this wonderful fare.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday May 12th** when Harriet Rycroft will visit us with a talk entitled "Pots for Hot Spots, and Shady Corners" with doors opening at 7 for a 7p.m. start, all welcome so we look forward to seeing you there!

OAK HILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The spring term has been very busy and colourful! The school has been full of happy and excited children and our staff, parents and governors play a huge part in our school life.

The challenge of Covid has been felt quite strongly this term. Both children and staff have been affected which has caused some disruption, but we have endeavoured to provide the high-quality teaching that we feel our children deserve. We have successfully taught all our children at our Alderton base for several weeks. Our teachers are always enthusiastic and encouraging, helping our children engage with their learning and inspiring them to go that extra step.

We celebrated World Book Day at the beginning of March when the children shared their favourite books and took part in virtual lessons which everyone found interesting. The children drew a picture of the cover of their favourite book onto fabric which will be sewn together to make a colourful quilt for our school library. Red Nose Day was a riot of colour with some amazing hairstyles, clothing, and face paints! It was really good fun to see everyone dressed up and the children had a wonderful day.

Reception Class have been learning about dinosaurs and making model dinosaurs. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs stories and took their dinosaurs on a mini adventure around the school.

Year 1 and 2 spent a lot of time outside looking at insects and creating bug houses. The children have learned a lot about London, enjoyed dressing up for a tea party and were very enthusiastic taking part in archery lessons.

Our Year 3 and 4 class have been learning a lot about our world and climate, focusing on volcanoes and flooding in recent weeks. They were fascinated by the Kielder Dam in Northumberland and know a lot about flooding and building dams!

Year 5 and 6 have been busy honing their creative writing and artistic skills and learning about farming in different countries.

We were delighted to hold our Easter Service at the church in Alderton during the last week of term. After disruption throughout the last couple of years, it was wonderful to invite parents along to this.

Whilst there have been many challenges this term, our staff are so enthusiastic and have a wonderful way of adapting to make time at school as engaging, interesting and supportive as possible for our children. The wellbeing and care of our children is so important to us and we hope very much that this is reflected in all that we do.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is **Wednesday 25th May 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



Alderton Jubilee Big Lunch Sunday 5th June 12.30-6pm
Update

We are in the process of producing a program of the day's events. Copies of this program will be available in the Shop, Church, and the Gardeners Arms, in the next couple of weeks.

Looking forward to seeing you all there, in addition to the previous program there will be a tombola and a Radio Play performed by the BAD theatre company from Bretforton.

To get an idea of numbers please complete the form below if your Children would like to take part in either event.

Children's Registration Form

Please indicated if your child will be taking part in the following events by ticking the boxes below.

Art Workshop – Thursday 2nd June 12.30pm-2.30pm at the Village Hall.

Children's Pageant (Fancy Dress Optional) – Sunday 5th June 12.30pm outside the school.

Name of child: _____

Age : _____

Contact Name and number : _____

Please return the completed form to Nicki & Sheila 10 Church Rd. Or email the information to nicolabroderick@btinternet.com Mobile No. 07966494998