

# Alderton Newsletter - May 2026

## 1. ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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### MINUTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The latest minutes can be found at: <https://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk/meetings-2025>

### PLANNING UPDATES

#### **Proposed Development – Land Behind 52-74 Willow Bank Road [ 48 houses] 2400801/FUL**

There remain issues between the developer and the management company associated with the existing Franklin Road estate over site access land.

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Planning enforcement issues remain. The Parish Council strongly objects to a proposal to install four streetlights on Willow Bank Road.

#### **Land East of St Margaret's Drive 26/00074/ENF**

There is an enforcement notice relating to construction times being too early and finishing late.

### ROAD CLOSURES FOR RESURFACING

At times between 1st April and 30th June on the B4077 and on Dibden Lane.

### FLOOD PREVENTION

The newly appointed Flood Prevention Officer, employed by Severn Trent, gave an update on the organisation's work on flooding and drainage issues.

### ALLOTMENTS

Most allotments are now taken up. The portable toilet has been installed and the water supply has been reinstated.

### PLAYING FIELD

The Parish Council are investigating a grant to help with pitch improvements over the next few years.

### NOTICEBOARDS

The Parish Council owns village noticeboards. They are primarily intended for Parish Council news and village events [only one copy per noticeboard please] and old notices should be removed.

Information about the Parish Council can be viewed on [www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk).

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: at 7pm Tuesday 19 May 2026 in the Village Hall.

## Welcome to new residents

Our monthly newsletter is available by email at [www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/newsletter-signup](http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/newsletter-signup). Visit [www.aldertonvillage.co.uk](http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk) for information on village services, clubs and organisations.

Follow us on social media at [www.facebook.com/aldertonglos](http://www.facebook.com/aldertonglos) & [www.instagram.com/alderton\\_glos](http://www.instagram.com/alderton_glos) and join our WhatsApp groups (**Alderton Residents** and **For Sale/Free**) for local updates and to buy/sell. To join, contact Mark on 07973 963539 or [mwjmail@gmail.com](mailto:mwjmail@gmail.com).

## 2. ALDERTON BUSINESSES & SERVICES

### THE GURKHAS AT GARDENERS ARMS

[www.thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk](http://www.thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk) / 01242 620257 / [info@thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk](mailto:info@thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk)

The team at The Gurkhas at Gardeners Arms thank local residents for the warm welcome and strong support they have received since opening in the village.

The restaurant has quickly become a popular addition to the local community, with diners enjoying its traditional Nepalese dishes, relaxed atmosphere and friendly hospitality. The menu features a range of authentic curries, freshly prepared momos and a variety of vegetarian and vegan options, all inspired by classic Nepalese recipes.

We've been delighted by the response from villagers and visitors alike, and are grateful for the encouragement shown during their first few months in Alderton.

"We've been made to feel incredibly welcome," said the restaurant manager. "It's been wonderful to see so many people coming through the doors to try the food, spend time with friends and support us as a new local business."

Alongside its food offering, the restaurant also hopes to establish itself as a welcoming social spot where people can meet for a drink, whether that's a refreshing lager, ale or something a little different.

### ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL

[www.aldertonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.aldertonvillagehall.co.uk)  
[bookings@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk) / [enquiries@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk)

Our monthly café/coffee mornings are usually held on the first Saturday of each month from 10am-12 midday. Everyone is welcome to join us for fresh coffee, tea or hot chocolate and delicious home-made cakes made by the Village Hall volunteers. Come along on your own or meet up with friends.

#### **SATURDAY JUNE 6TH - CANINE COFFEE MORNING, 10AM TO 12PM**

Well-behaved dogs on leads, big and small, are very welcome to join us for this special morning. Homemade doggie treats will be available to buy, as well as the usual tea, coffee and cakes. Takeaways also available.

#### **SATURDAY AUGUST 22ND - VILLAGE PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW**

A date for the diary.

## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

### CHURCH HEATING

We are delighted to say that the electrical heating system has now been installed in the Church. We have been very impressed with the gas engineers and the team of electricians who kept to their time scales, kept us informed and left the Church tidy. We would like to thank everyone in our great village community who so generously contributed towards the heating system which is hugely appreciated.

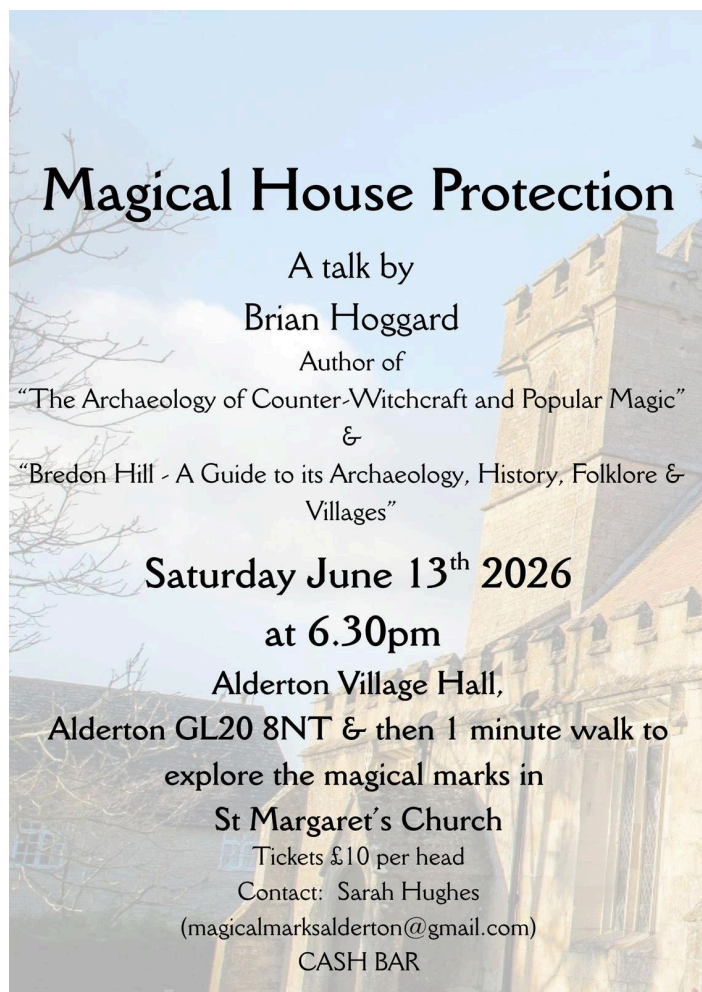
We would also like to thank the Parish Council, Enover Community Trust, Benefact Trust, C of E Net Zero Hardship Fund and the Diocese of Gloucester Net Zero Hardship Fund for giving us grants towards the costs. We have tested the heaters and all is working well so we are set up for the autumn and winter. We are pleased to say that Church is now open again in daylight hours.

### SUMMER FAIR

Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Summer Fair.

### MAGICAL HOUSE PROTECTION, A HISTORY TALK, SAT JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>, 6.30PM

Join local historian Brian Hoggard for a fascinating talk on medieval Marian marks and other protective symbols found in historic buildings. Brian is a Heritage & Conservation Officer at Tewkesbury Abbey and has studied the archaeology of counter-witchcraft for nearly 30 years.



**Magical House Protection**

A talk by  
**Brian Hoggard**  
Author of  
"The Archaeology of Counter-Witchcraft and Popular Magic"  
&  
"Bredon Hill - A Guide to its Archaeology, History, Folklore & Villages"

**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**at 6.30pm**

**Alderton Village Hall,**  
**Alderton GL20 8NT & then 1 minute walk to**  
**explore the magical marks in**  
**St Margaret's Church**

Tickets £10 per head  
Contact: Sarah Hughes  
(magicalmarkalderton@gmail.com)  
CASH BAR

Brian brings his expertise to Alderton for a fascinating talk on counter witchcraft - including why were shoes and dead animals concealed in walls? What's the significance of marks scratched onto the surface of historical and domestic buildings? Or burn marks on fireplaces?

Brian will take us through the significance of these protection marks and objects in Alderton Village Hall and then we'll take a minute's stroll to St Margaret's Church where Brian will show some of the visible and more well-hidden protection and magical marks found in the Church.

Brian regularly lectures on apotropaic marks, has written several books, newspaper articles, and podcasts, and appeared on national TV and radio.  
<https://www.apotropaicos.co.uk/brian-hoggard>

There will be a cash bar there too! Tickets are limited and cost just £10. Available from Sarah Hughes ([magicalmarksalderton@gmail.com](mailto:magicalmarksalderton@gmail.com))

## 3. CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB NEWS

[www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club](http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club)

At the April meeting of Alderton Gardening Club we celebrated the eighth anniversary of the club. As everyone enjoyed celebratory cakes provided by Julia, who unfortunately was unable to join us, and a drop of 'fizzy', chairman Tom gave a brief account of the club's beginnings up till today.

Tom then did his 'warm up' act as we awaited our speaker, who was delayed by unfortunately finding her way to Alderton in Wiltshire! 'Tom's tips' for the busy month of April was well received. Jean Vernon gave a talk on 'The Secret Lives of Garden Bees'. Jean's talk was well-received, and she was impressed with her reception from everyone.

The next meeting is on Thursday 14th May: The Merry Month of May - Katherine Kear

Doors open from 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start in Alderton Village Hall.  
£3 for members; £6 non-members.

As always, enjoy free refreshments, our raffle, and monthly gardening tips. All welcome!

## 4. GREAT WASHBOURNE

### **GREAT WASHBOURNE SUMMER EVENT- FRIDAY 19TH JUNE**

Great Washbourne House, 6.30pm. Supper, Music, Bar, Raffle and Games.

### **HARVEST SERVICE AND LUNCH, SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER**

Held at the church, a 12noon service followed by lunch at 1pm.

### **FAMILY QUIZ NIGH, SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.**

More details for all these events to follow

## 5. EVENTS

### QI GONG, VILLAGE HALL

Qi Gong is an ancient gentle movement and breath work practice that enhances and strengthens our life force energy, clearing stress and stagnation from the body, promoting health and ease.



- For Wellbeing & Relaxation
- For Strength, Flexibility & Balance
- No floor work - suitable for all

Alderton Village Hall, Fridays at 12 noon, starting 17th April

Contact Anita 07788 560150 for information.

## ALDERTON 5KM RUN - SAT 5TH SEP 2026, 11AM START



The Alderton 5k Run is a fun, friendly and fast race set in the beautiful surroundings of Alderton, Gloucestershire. Open to all abilities — from first-time runners to seasoned racers — every entry helps support Alderton Acorns Pre-School and Toddlers, a much-loved part of our village.

- For everyone – from beginners to competitive runners (typical finish times: 16–45 minutes)

- Great race experience – free medal and finish-line photos
- Extras on the day – post-race massage available
- Inclusive and welcoming – under 16s, dogs, pushchairs and escorted runners all welcome

Find out more and enter at [www.alderton5k.co.uk](http://www.alderton5k.co.uk)

## DEBRIFRILLATORS

To use both defibrillators, take your mobile phone as you need to call 999 to get the release code.

	<b>Rear of porch, Alderton Village Hall</b>	<b>Right-hand side of Pavilion, Alderton Playing Field</b>
Address	2 Dibden Lane, Alderton	Beckford Road, Alderton
Postcode	GL20 8NT	GL20 8NL
What3Words	<a href="https://w3w.co/taking.scramble.reporting">https://w3w.co/taking.scramble.reporting</a> ///taking.scramble.reporting	<a href="https://w3w.co/dazzling.rounds.seemingly">https://w3w.co/dazzling.rounds.seemingly</a> ///dazzling.rounds.seemingly

## 6. OTHER NEWS

### FREEMAN HOMES PARTNERS W/ LOCAL CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

Freeman Homes has teamed up with local children's author and illustrator Helene Gardiner to inspire the next generation to protect one of the UK's most-loved native mammals: the hedgehog. To mark Hedgehog Awareness Week, the regional housebuilder is hosting a series of interactive school readings of Helene Gardiner's Hedgehog and the Fence at Oak Hill C of E Primary School in Alderton and Newnham St Peter's C of E Primary School in Newnham-on-Severn.

At both schools, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will welcome Helene Gardiner, where she will read from her much-loved book, share insights into hedgehog behaviour and habitats, and lead an engaging discussion about how families and communities can help hedgehogs thrive.

Each child taking part will receive a signed copy of the book, a bookmark, and a hedgehog care pack filled with practical advice on how to make gardens and shared outdoor spaces more wildlife-friendly, ensuring the learning continues well beyond the classroom.

The initiative forms part of Freeman Homes' wider commitment to connecting communities with nature, a core pillar of its sustainability framework and long-term Net Zero 2045 journey. At its Daylestone Park development in Alderton alone, Freeman Homes has integrated extensive wildlife-friendly features including hedgehog highways, specialist bird and bat boxes, wetlands, and thousands of new trees and plants.

Hedgehog Awareness Week is run by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, which has provided the educational leaflets and posters for families.

**Send contributions to the Alderton Newsletter to [aldertonnews@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonnews@gmail.com) by the 25th of each month for inclusion in the following newsletter.**