

FROM THE EDITOR

Please remember we do not produce a newsletter at the end of December for January 2021 so any entries for January will be included in the next edition.(December 2020)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk

PARISH PLANNING – Three new applications have been received as follows:

- 10 Beckford Road, Alderton (20/00959/FUL & 20/00960/LBC) - Alterations to existing chimney stack
- 37 Willow Bank Road, Alderton (20/00903/FUL) - Demolition of rear extension and erection of a two storey rear and side extension
- Gardeners Arms, Beckford Road, Alderton (20/00585/FUL & 20/00586/LBC) - Erection of replacement shelter for refrigerators/freezers, demolition of existing smoking shelter and erection of 3 no. smoking shelters

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR – At our meeting on 20th October a new parish councillor was co-opted onto the Council and we welcome Yasmin Shaikh to the role. This means that we now have a full complement of seven councillors to represent the parish.

PLAYING FIELD ASH TREE - Unfortunately the Ash Tree near the gate had a large split in the trunk and after taking advice from an arborist, the tree was considered dangerous so the Parish Council had to take the decision to have it felled. We are hoping to plant some replacement trees donated by a parishioner.

GRIT BIN ON ST MARGARETS ROAD/DRIVE – The Parish Council have purchased a new grit bin and this is now sited on the junction of St Margaret's Road and St Margaret's Drive. Gloucestershire Highways will fill the bin with grit and it will then be available for use in case of bad weather.

ALLOTMENT INSPECTION – On 29th September the Parish Council hosted a visit from Gloucestershire County Council's Land Agent. In their capacity as owners of the allotment site the County Council carry out inspections from time to time and on this occasion the Agent complimented the Parish Council on their management of the site.

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 Meeting: 17th November 2020, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (subject to guidelines at that time).

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ALDERTON CHURCH NEWS

Remembrance Sunday: this year, for obvious reasons, the public are encouraged by the Government to commemorate Remembrance Sunday on **8th November** at home. The British Legion are calling for a doorstep silence.

However, a wreath will be laid at the War Memorial at 10.50am in a short and simple ceremony. Government guidelines mean that we need to “take reasonable steps to minimise public viewing”. Therefore, we are not encouraging villagers, as we always normally do, to attend.

Any spectators will need to: observe the rule of 6; be socially distanced; give their name to a Marshall; leave straight after the event.

We do apologise for having to have these restrictions.

Saturday December 5th: again because of Covid, we will not be able to hold the Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall but unless the rules change. We plan to run a small number of stalls in the same way as we did in September – with social distancing, no more than 6 at a stall and it will be a walk- through event. This will be held in the Churchyard under Gazebos from 2.30 – 4.00 pm. Preliminary plans are to have stalls of Cakes, Jams and Preserves, Delicatessen and Tombola with raffle tickets being sold. Don't forget to buy your Alderton calendar – Sheila Russell 620960 - there are not many left.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Christmas Cards and Gifts

We are so sorry not to be able to run our usual Christmas Fair in the Village Hall this year. But the good news is that you can still do your bit for charity while bringing Christmas joy to your friends and families.

Here are some options:

RSPB cards, stocking fillers and gifts, contact Dave Cramp by email at djcramp@btinternet.com or call at 2 Ellenor Drive.

Cobalt cards, contact Ros Smith at 7 Church Road, email ros.smith@gpisolutions.co.uk or call 01242 620560.

MacMillan Cancer Support cards, contact Sue and John Parry at 12, Church Road and see options on view in the porch, or email johnandsueparry@yahoo.co.uk or call 01242 620343 to arrange a time to call.

We will be selling and taking orders between **Saturday 7th and Saturday 15th November**. If you are unable to get out, please contact us by phone or email.

Buying your cards this way avoids postage costs and what you spend goes direct to the charities. RSPB and Macmillan cards cost between £3.50-£5 for 10. Packs of 20 recycled Cobalt cards retail at £6. All charities are struggling at the moment so additional donations are of course most welcome. Please come with change unless you are willing to make a donation.

Stuck for presents? Here are some Xmas crackers from our regulars

£2 million is still needed to save the **Acorns Black Country Children's Hospice** from closure so if your loved ones really don't need more socks or jumpers, and are totally bored with board games, consider giving a donation on their behalf to this wonderful charity - see <https://www.acorns.org.uk/get-involved/donate>. £50 buys a disadvantaged child a day on one of Michael Morpurgo's Farms for City Children but for under £10 you could also order one his books from <https://farmsforcitychildren.org/shop>.

Lastly, the **RNLI** and **Parkinsons UK** have a very wide range of gift ideas for all ages and tastes at <https://shop.rnli.org/collections/christmas-cards> and <https://shop.parkinsons.org.uk/collections/gifts-and-books>.

The Alderton Xmas Card and Gift Fair normally raises £2000 for charity. Please keep the spirit alive even if the coffee and cake are on you this year. Thank you.

BUY PARKINSON'S UK CHRISTMAS CARDS

Further to last month's information about purchase of cards to support various charities I have a selection of Parkinson's UK Christmas cards for sale. If you wish to buy any please contact me on either **620 328** or email to : sandy.keys@btinternet.com

Many of you know that my husband Tony is one of the people in the village with Parkinson's Disease & so we are always grateful for donations to the charity to enable more research. Thank you to everyone for their good wishes during Tony's stay in hospital. Stay well. Sandy Keys

Alderton Acorns Preschool

We have had another very busy and exciting month at Acorns, enjoying all that the Autumn has to offer. Putting on our waterproofs and wellies, we enjoyed lots of fun in our Acorns garden, splashing in the puddles, making mud pies in our mud kitchen and having great fun enjoying a game of conker rolling. Our outdoor adventures continued with a lovely Autumn walk with our little acorns to the village allotments this month. We found lots of lovely vegetables and pumpkins growing and we even got to get our hands dirty digging up the vegetables, collecting the hen's eggs and choosing our preschool pumpkins.... well done team Acorns!! We have enjoyed lots more Autumn messy fun inside preschool this month with our little acorns making some beautiful Autumn wreaths using a variety of real and printed Autumn leaves...they looked fantastic and very Autumnal!! We have been very busy engaging in some fun and messy activities at Acorns including pumpkin printing, handprint hedgehogs and we have even made our very exciting and festive Christmas card designs too. The singing, dancing and laughter of our acorns was a joy to witness as we excitedly welcomed Emma from Boogie Beats back to Acorns this month, the children loved joining in with the singing and dancing to the rhythm of the music and then listening to Emma tell them an exciting story all about pets was the perfect end to our afternoon. We are all very much looking forward to continuing our Acorns journey with lots of new and exciting activities after half term.

Halloween will have been and gone by the time you read this. Instead of the usual Trick or Treating, we have encouraged the children to take part in a sponsored Pumpkin Hunt around the village. We're sure the children will have had fun spotting carved pumpkins or pumpkin pictures in windows, garden, porches and hopefully raising some much-needed funds for Preschool.

Did you know you could help us raise funds for Preschool whilst doing your online Christmas shopping? Alderton Acorns Pre-School are registered with easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites (including big names such as Amazon, eBay and Argos) will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldertonacornspre/?invite=3KICXA&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_content=raf-w

If you would like any more information about Preschool, please contact our Playleader Steph on 07842 161159 or email aldertonacorns@gmail.com

BAT CARE UPDATE

I hope everyone is doing ok, it does not seem possible that we're already in Autumn, this strange year has seemed to fly by. It has been a busy year at Evesham Bat Care, we are already on 230 bats rescued this year, this is compared to our grand total of 146 for last year. Now the weather's starting to turn bats are starting to head to the hibernation roosts and care calls are starting to slow down, we can finally catch our breaths and turn our minds to all those winter jobs that need doing before it all starts all over again next year. This year we are looking to replace some rotten panels on our flight cage and buy a moth trap to help use feed our care bats. As we haven't been able to hold any bat walks or other fundraising events this year, we posted a Facebook fundraiser and we were amazed at how generous people were. People have also been giving us lots of toothpaste and other toothcare items and stamps that we can send off to Terrecycle for funds. If you have any more of these there is a white box for donations under the carport at 12 Orchard Road. Thank you once again for all your help and donations
Aimmie Woodman, 12 Orchard Road, 620373

Relaxation

As the nights draw in what better way to relax and feel better than to have a massage or reflexology in my Alderton based therapy room.

Swedish Massage, Indian Head Massage, Reflexology & Hopi Ear Candling. Please visit my website for further detail www.judithhumphreys.co.uk

THANK YOU

Dear friends, dog walking friends and dogs, miss you all. Huge thanks for so many cards and flowers. I have been so spoilt, very much appreciated, i am so lucky to live here. Glad to say, I am getting over my stroke. Hope to walk my dogs soon. Many thanks to all Sheelagh Boulter

<p>NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Wednesday 25th November 2020. 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>
