

FROM THE EDITOR

Please remember we do not produce a newsletter at the end of December for January 2022 so any entries for January will be included in the next edition.

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS [www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk)**

**CALA DEVELOPMENT** - The Parish Council will make a request to the Borough Council and developer to allow us to have input into the construction design and environmental requirements of the new houses.

**PARISH PLANNING** – The following applications have received permission for development:

- 8 Fletcher Close, Alderton (21/01010/FUL) – Erection of a single storey extension.
- Gardeners Arms, Beckford Road, Alderton (20/00585/FUL) - Erection of replacement shelter for refrigerators/freezers, demolition of existing smoking shelter and erection of 3 no. outdoor shelters.

The following application has been withdrawn: Lower Farm, St Margaret's Road, Alderton (21/00105/PIP) Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 4 no dwellings and associated access and landscaping.

**PLAY AREA VOLUNTEERS** - We are looking for additional volunteers to help carry out weekly checks at the playground, making sure the equipment is in working order. This is purely observational and any concerns/faults are reported to the Parish Council. The inspection only takes a short time and volunteers will be shown how to carry out an inspection. If you'd be interested in joining this group then please get in touch with Simon Finch on 07729 073267.

**NOTICEBOARDS** – The Parish Council have ordered three new noticeboards for the village, with delivery being around 8 to 10 weeks. One will be sited at the Playing Field and the other two will replace the boards outside the Village Hall and the Church.

**Next Parish Council Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (but subject to Government guidelines at that time).**

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**VILLAGE NEWS**

**Halloween**

Alderton has traditionally welcomed our younger residents to trick-or-treat at Halloween. It's as easy as leaving a pumpkin outside. Pumpkins = spooky visitors; no pumpkin = no visitors.

**Bonfire Night**

If you're planning on setting off any fireworks around Bonfire Night then please let local residents know. To get the widest coverage you can post on the village Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/aldertonglos](http://www.facebook.com/aldertonglos) or in the village WhatsApp group (joining instructions are on the website). Failing that just let Mark know on 07973963539 and I'll do it for you.

**ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL AGM**

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 9 November** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall and is open to everyone to come along. We are always looking for fresh ideas for maintaining and improving the facilities offered at the hall, so that it is well-used by the community. If you have any comments or suggestions, we'd love to hear from you – either at the AGM or by email to [kaye@mahunt.plus.com](mailto:kaye@mahunt.plus.com)

**SUSTAINABLE ALDERTON - Second Hand/Vintage Sale**

Following the recent meeting to discuss how the village can work together at a community level to tackle climate change, the very first event under the Sustainable Alderton banner will be a second hand/vintage sale in the village hall from 10am-12pm on **Saturday 27th November**.

Entry to buy is free. Anyone who wishes to book a pitch to sell, swap or pass on their (good quality) preloved items in any way can do so for just £5 by emailing [sustainablealderton@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablealderton@gmail.com) - All profits will be split between Alderton Acorns and Oak Hill Primary School PTA. We're also hoping to have a hot drinks and cake sale so if you'd like to bake something we'd be very grateful to receive it on the morning. Space will be limited so get in touch soon to book your pitch and make your Christmas shopping sustainable this year.

On a separate note - anyone who wishes to lend their skills to a repair cafe that we hope might start in the New Year is also invited to get in touch via [sustainablealderton@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablealderton@gmail.com)

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Christmas is coming - and it's even more important than ever to send best wishes to your friends and family in the most economical way by buying your cards direct from local supporters.

**RSPB: Contact David Cramp** [[djcramp@btinternet.com](mailto:djcramp@btinternet.com)] **before 13 November** to order cards, diaries, calendars and other gifts from this wildlife charity. See the RSPB website for the range of cards and gifts available.

**Cobalt: Ros Smith** at 7 Church Road or email [rossmith138@gmail.com](mailto:rossmith138@gmail.com) is selling recycled cards in aid of the Cobalt Scanning Unit. Always good value and eco-friendly too, these cards will be on sale from this address from **7 November** right up until Christmas week.

### **CHURCH NEWS**

**Remembrance Sunday November 14th:** once again we will meet at the War Memorial at 10.50am and there will be a short service to follow in Church. The service will be taken by Rev'd Michael Hand as Julia will be taking the service at Dumbleton. In light of the high cases in our area, please observe social distancing.

**Christmas Fair Saturday December 4th 2pm - 4pm** in Alderton Village Hall. Father Christmas will be visiting and there will be a variety of stalls, including cakes, delicatessen, preserves, gifts and tombola. If you have items that you would like to donate, they can be dropped at Helen's house - Junipers, opposite the shop or on the day.

The **Christmas Raffle** will be drawn at 4pm on the day. If you would like to donate any raffle prizes/gifts these would be gratefully received. Please drop them off at Nicki and Sheila's at 10 Church Road, who are organising the raffle prizes for the draw or arrange for collection by calling them on 01242 620960. A group of people, including Nicki and Sheila, will be selling tickets in November. Tickets will also be on sale in the village shop when Yari returns.

**Carol Service:** it is our intention to hold a Carol Service of Lessons and Carols by Christingle Candlelight at 4pm on **Sunday December 12th**. More details in December.

**North Cotswold Food Bank:** we have received a letter from them for all the food items that the village has donated over the last few months. They said thank you to everyone for this and that Alderton's donation weighed 37.02kg! Well done Alderton.

### **ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB**

Our first meeting in 18 months and we were treated to an interesting talk from Victoria Logue regarding autumn performing plants, shrubs, and trees. She is obviously very knowledgeable and shared a lot of tips, ideas and experiences from her own garden. Victoria also discussed with us the importance of focal points in the garden and complimentary planting leading to them. All in all, an enjoyable presentation with good photography.

Members were brought up to date with all the latest club news and arrangements and implications should anyone test positive for Covid 19 in the week following the meeting. Details of some of the speakers booked for 2022 were also announced. A moments silence was held for 2 of our members who have passed away since we last met. Susan Marfell and John Archer. Also, for Reg Moule's lovely wife Sue who passed away suddenly earlier this year. We had an attendance of 42 people with 9 others sending their apologies.

Our next meeting is **11 November** when Dominic Hamilton will talk to us about the restoration of Painswick Rococo Gardens. He is the head gardener. Alderton Village Hall at 7.30 pm with doors opening at 7.00 pm.

## OAKHILL SCHOOL NEWS

The first half term of this academic year has been a very positive and busy one. We have made the most of the beautiful weather throughout September and October and staff at both bases have been working very hard to give children as much outside learning time as possible.

We are so pleased to be a Thrive School and have two Thrive Practitioners who will provide wellbeing, emotional and learning support for any children who need this. It is so important to us that we help our children however we can.

We were very fortunate to receive some funding from the local PCCs which enabled us all to take part in iSingPop, a Christian organization who provide a singing workshop week and concert. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this and it was absolutely wonderful to hear the fantastic singing and see all of the children together in the church.

The following week the children performed their Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church in Dumbleton which was a great success. The children performed poems, sang songs and showed off their wonderfully creative artwork.

Children at our Dumbleton base have been embracing autumn; exploring Dumblewood and going on a leaf hunt. They created a village shop in one of the classrooms and have been 'selling' produce found in the school garden. There have been so many songs to learn over recent weeks which has taken up a lot of time.

Over at our Alderton base, Year 3 and 4 have been learning about muscles in the body, what healthy eating looks like and have enjoyed reading Dolphin Boy by Michael Morpurgo. They have written some wonderful stories based on this book.

Year 5 and 6 have been very busy practicing their gymnastic skills, learning about the Shang Dynasty and making scale models of the solar system which was incredible to see!

We held an art day for the whole school last week to celebrate Black History Month. The children created some absolutely amazing pieces after learning about the artist Kimmy Cantrell and reading The Patchwork Path.

It has been a really enthusiastic and good start to the year in what are still quite unsettled times. We are fortunate to have the wonderful support of parents and governors who have such a positive impact on our school.

If you have any queries or would like to come and look around, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. 01242 620448 [admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk)

## ALDERTON ACORNS

We have had a wonderful return to Acorns this month, welcoming some new little acorns and saying a big welcome back to some familiar faces. We have made the most of the beautiful Autumn sunshine (and the wetter stuff too) enjoying lots of outside play in our acorns garden. We have enjoyed lots of dinosaur themed activities both inside and outside preschool this month including a fantastic dino park tuff tray, bubbly dinosaur bath and even some dinosaur painting which involved walking our Jurassic friends through paint and onto paper to create some amazing artwork. We have also enjoyed lots of sticking, potato printing, role playing, singing and story sharing this month at preschool too.... such a busy and exciting September at Acorns! We are all very much looking forward to continuing our exciting acorns journey exploring lots of new topics and engaging in lots more fun (and messy) play along the way in the coming months.

Last year our sponsored pumpkin hunt proved to be a very successful alternative to the usual trick or treating. The children loved spotting all the carved pumpkins around the village so please put out your pumpkins again at the end of the month for Halloween. We are also hoping to hold a Halloween party on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October** instead of the usual Toddler group. Look out for details on Facebook.

The Toddler group has reopened following the summer break with lots of fun activities and games planned. Please note the new time, **every Friday during term time from 10-11.30am**

Our new wildlife area

Thanks to a generous grant from Greenfields Trust, our preschool garden has undergone some amazing changes. Our fantastic new wildlife learning area is now complete with herbs and wildflowers for our minibeasts to enjoy, our new storage shed to house all our wonderful new resources and our lovely new greenhouse which will soon be the home of our preschool homegrown veggies... wonderful!! We have so many lovely new resources to use in our wildlife area including a hedgehog house, spider house, gardening gloves for the children, gardening tools, watering cans, magnifying bug jars and a new magnifying glass station which will support so much wonderful learning in our preschool garden.... exciting!! The wildlife area was made possible by funding from Gretton Solar Farm Ltd through Green Fields Trust ([www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk](http://www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk)).

We also need to say a big thank you to everyone involved in helping at the 5K run at the end of August. We raised over £2,000 which is a fantastic sum and will help us continue to provide a Preschool education for the little ones in our area.

If you would like your child to join our lovely group, please contact Steph on 07842 161159 (term time only) or by email [aldertonacorns@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonacorns@gmail.com) to arrange a visit.

If you would like any more information about Preschool, check out our website at [aldertonacorns.org.uk](http://aldertonacorns.org.uk). The weather has finally started to turn and it's feeling more autumnal. We enjoyed a good blackberry harvest in our family, and got through a fair few blackberry and apple crumbles. Whilst our summer visitors have moved on, we can soon look forward to the winter migrants, such as waxwings. Lots of animals are trying to fatten up at the moment for winter, so any food you can put out for them will be a great help. Any hedgehogs seen out in the day now will be trouble and in need of rescuing. Vale Wildlife Hospital take in a lot of autumnal juveniles this time of year, so if you find any hedgehog you think might be in trouble, please give them a ring.

### **EVESHAM BAT CARE**

I want to thank everyone for all their donations of stamps and teracycle oral care items. Evesham Bat Care are super excited to announce we are having a fundraising quiz on **Wednesday 10th November** at The Queen Elizabeth pub in Elmley Castle starting at 7.30pm. The pub serves food from 6pm and Wednesday is Pie Night! Tables can only be booked for food, so if you just want to come for the quiz, you'll need to take your chance at spaces. We shall have an excellent raffle (as always!) and you can bring your teracycle goodies and stamps for us too. We shall be more than happy to fill our cars with bags of toothpaste tubes and bit. Otherwise, stamps and oral care bits can be left at 12 Orchard Road either in the white tub under the carport or just inside the gate.

**ALDERTON WANDERERS CC** – The curtain came down on another season for the AWCC with an awards night and knees up (prosthetic knees in many cases!). A “mixed” set of results on the pitch but possibly the most enjoyable and sociable season to date. Highlights included a successful tour to Bristol, levelling up the series to 2-2, our first century and 2 very closely contested games against Dumbleton, the latter of which was for the now annually contested Gordon Hayden Trophy. Gordon being a life- long member of Dumbleton CC and Rob, his son, a founding member of AWCC.

Whilst our tour to Porto had to be put back a year we are booked to be there in 2022. Alongside this trip we have a packed mid-week fixture list running from May-Aug, the annual trips to Bristol and Grittleton (weekend matches) and the usual on/off field banter to look forward to next year.

A reminder we always welcome new members, players/supporters/social members, young/middle aged/old, Pro/Amateur/would never get in any other team.

Please get in touch if interested: [rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com](mailto:rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com)

### **MARRIED V SINGLE FANCY DRESS CHARITY FOOTBALL - Mon Dec 27th, 11am kick-off**

Once again the Married folk of Alderton will take to the field of play against our Single ‘friends’. We can't guarantee much quality football but we can provide fancy dress, penalty shoot outs, hot dogs, mulled wine and hot drinks. The match kicks-off at 11am with all welcome afterwards in the Gardeners Arms for ceremonies and refreshments.

If you'd like to play email Rupert at [rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com](mailto:rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com). Football talent is not a requirement.

### **FOOTCARE HEALTH PRACTITIONER**

Routine foot care now available. Let me treat your feet - services include removal of corns and calluses, nail trimming and thinning, treating fungal infections, verrucae and helping you have pain free feet. I have a lovely therapy room where you will be made welcome or I can visit you in the comfort of your own home. Judith Humphreys SAC Dip 07837 402692

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