Alderton Newsletter - November 2026

1. ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS
Meeting agendas, minutes and finances are online at: https://aldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings/

PLANNING UPDATES

Proposed Development – Land south of Beckford Road [now 32 houses] 24/00393/OUT
There are still some highway issues under discussion.

Proposed Development – Land Behind 52-74 Willow Bank Road [48 houses] 2400801/FUL
No further news.

26/00758/FUL – 7 Orchard Road, proposed rear extension.

GARDEN COMMUNITIES - The Parish Council noted, with disappointment, the decision not to go ahead with a new M5 Junction 9.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY
The Parish Council is continuing its work analysing the results of the Parish Survey.

ROAD CLOSURES - Willow Bank Road, 2-4 November [09.30 to 15.30 daily]

UPDATE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
The Parish Council received a report on work done over the past few months to improve resilience to crime within the village and thanked the Coordinator. Details elsewhere in the newsletter.

ALLOTMENTS - The winter shutdown takes place on 30 October.

PLAYING FIELD PITCH IMPROVEMENTS - These are taking place with funding help from an FA grant.

SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD
The Parish Council have now signed a lease with Gloucestershire County Council to take over responsibility for the old School Playing Field. There will be further consideration of potential usage.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 17 November, 7pm, in the Village Hall.

Welcome to new residents

Our monthly newsletter is available by email at www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/newsletter-signup. Visit www.aldertonvillage.co.uk for information on village news.

Follow us on social media at www.facebook.com/aldertonglos & www.instagram.com/alderton_glos or 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.

2. ALDERTON NEWS

ALDERTON VILLAGE STORE & POST OFFICE

Hello everyone, My name is Harry, and together with Kiran and my family, we are delighted to have recently taken over the Alderton Village Shop. We're excited to bring it back to life and provide the village with a local shop everyone can rely on.

We have now reopened following some refurbishment and are building up our stock, with a good range of everyday essentials, fresh products and loads of new alternatives. The Post Office is also fully up and running, and we're committed to providing a reliable and friendly service.

Our opening hours:
Shop - Monday to Saturday - 8am to 6pm; Sunday - 8am to 4pm
Post Office - Monday to Saturday - 9am to 5pm

Most importantly, we want the shop to feel like a real part of the community. We hope to get to know our customers, support the village wherever we can, and create a friendly place to pop in: whether you're picking up essentials, using the Post Office, or simply stopping for a chat.

We're really excited for the future and grateful for all the support we've already received. We look forward to welcoming you in!

Harry & Family

THE GURKHAS AT GARDENERS ARMS

www.thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk / 01242 620257 / info@thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk

There's plenty happening at The Gurkhas at Gardeners Arms this month, with the return of our popular quiz night and festive party bookings now open for December.

Quiz Night returns on Tuesday 17th November! Gather your team, test your knowledge and compete for some great prizes. Entry is just £2 per person.

Looking ahead to December, we're now taking bookings for Christmas parties and festive get-togethers. Whether you're organising a work celebration, family gathering or a night out with friends, we'll provide the food, atmosphere and warm hospitality to make it a special occasion.

Our festive party menu is available throughout December for groups of 10 or more, with 2 courses for £25.99 or 3 courses for £29.99 per person.

As always, everyone is very welcome at The Gurkhas. Join us for great Indian and Nepalese food, a drink at the bar, or simply an evening with friends and neighbours.

Book your table:
☎ 01242 620257
🌐 thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk

ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL

www.aldertonvillagehall.co.uk
bookings@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk / enquiries@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH - JIGSAW SWAP COFFEE MORNING, 10AM - 12PM
Have you finished with a jigsaw and would like a new one to challenge you over the dark winter nights? Then come along to our jigsaw swap and see what you can find. There will be a communal jigsaw for everyone to help complete during the morning.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19TH - CHRISTMAS CAFE, 10AM - 12PM
A festive morning of Christmas fun with refreshments, delicious homemade cakes, and a Christmas raffle along with a sprinkling of lots of Christmas cheer. Community carol singing and a performance by our very own village handbell ringing group, the Alderton Belles. Everyone welcome. Come and join the fun!

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

https://gloucester.diocesedirectory.org/places/29675 / julia.hook@btinternet.com

Thank you to all the flower arrangers who created a Harvest arrangement to make the Church look beautifully autumnal. Always appreciated and lovely to see the range of styles and colours.

MEDIEVAL MARKS HISTORY TALKS

There were 2 of these organised by Sarah Hughes so many thanks for 2 very successful evenings. It was fascinating to hear an explanation of why the marks were made and why objects were found in walls of old buildings. The 2 events made £900 which will be put towards the next set of repairs and maintenance of the Church.

PET SERVICE

This was a very happy occasion and an informal service to celebrate the joy our pets bring us and also to celebrate St Francis of Assisi. We had 11 dogs in Church (sadly the tortoise had started to go into hibernation) and we had some human beings too!

WINDING ST MARGARET'S CHURCH CLOCK

You may not be aware that St Margaret's church clock is still manually wound every week. Winding the clock takes about fifteen minutes and involves walking up a spiral staircase and then climbing up a 17-rung fixed ladder to gain access to the clock room.

I have been doing this job for many years, but we are now looking for someone to take this over. It needs to be a person over 18 years of age, who can commit every week, except when away on holiday. Due to the use of the ladder, for safety reasons a second person needs to be with you while you are carrying out the clockwinding.

It's a lovely thing to do for the village and even pays an annual sum of £60. I will give full training to the right candidate.

If this is of interest to you, please contact Brian Lucas, on 01242 620489.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 10.50AM

We would be very pleased if you would join us at the War Memorial by 10.50am to remember all those who have fought in wars to protect our liberty. This will be followed by a Communion Service in Church.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5TH - CHRISTMAS FAIR, VILLAGE HALL, 2PM

Once again there will be an excellent raffle, great stalls including crafts, refreshments, children's games and a special visitor popping in....If you have any donations for the different stalls (for which we are always really grateful) please give them to one of the PCC - tombola and raffle prizes, gifts, cakes, savouries, plants. We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH - CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CAROL & CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, 4.00PM

A super way to get in the Christmas spirit to celebrate this special day, singing favourite carols and remembering the Christmas story.

OAK HILL CoE PRIMARY SCHOOL

https://www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk/

We have enjoyed a great start to the academic year, with new pupils and staff joining the team, great learning opportunities and fun along the way.

Our open events are scheduled and we look forward to showing off our wonderful school to families joining us. Please see our poster for more details.

ALDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP

www.ourwatch.org.uk / alderton.neighbourhood.watch@gmail.com

Alderton Neighbourhood Watch is free to join and we're always pleased to welcome new members.You can join online at www.ourwatch.org.uk or contact me directly on 07799 347259.

Neighbourhood Watch can make a real difference to our community by helping to prevent crime, improving communication between neighbours, supporting vulnerable residents and strengthening links with local organisations.

Our group works with and is supported by the Tewkesbury Neighbourhood Policing Team and Alderton Parish Council. Members can receive local information and crime prevention advice, while helping us make Alderton an even safer and better place to live.

We also have free Neighbourhood Watch window stickers and information leaflets available for residents. If you would like a sticker, leaflet, or would like to join the group, please get in touch.

You can join online at www.ourwatch.org.uk, or contact us for more information:

📧 alderton.neighbourhood.watch@gmail.com
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NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERTS

If you would prefer not to become a member of the Alderton Neighbourhood Watch Group, but would still like to be sent alerts about local crime and crime prevention advice by email, you can register for the alerts at www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk

3. CLUBS & SOCIETIES

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club / aldertongc@gmail.com

When Alderton Gardening Club launched in April 2018, few could have imagined how far it would come. From welcoming our first speaker, local gardening expert Reginald Moule, to hosting nationally renowned horticulturalists Chris Beardshaw, Christine Walkden and Pippa Greenwood, the club has enjoyed some wonderful evenings. However, welcoming a current 'Gardeners' World' presenter seemed an almost impossible dream. On Thursday 8 October, that dream became reality when the inspirational Sue Kent travelled from Swansea to present her talk, 'Creating Beautiful Borders'.

The event sold out six weeks in advance, with Alderton Village Hall filled to capacity. Members and visitors travelled considerable distances to attend, including Joy Jarvis from Newport and Pamela Wycherley from Stourport-on-Severn. Sue arrived shortly before 7pm, bringing copies of her new book, 'Garden Notes', which proved extremely popular.

Following the chairman's welcome, Sue received a tremendous round of applause before delivering an informative and entertaining presentation. Using photographs from her own Swansea garden and other award-winning displays, she explained how to design and plant beautiful borders. Her practical advice included using long-flowering perennials, repeating plants throughout a border for continuity, and introducing seasonal changes to maintain interest. She typically uses 20–25 plants per square metre in her designs.

Sue's engaging personality and wonderful sense of humour had the audience laughing throughout. After an hour, she answered questions, including one about who might succeed Monty Don on 'Gardeners' World'. Diplomatically, Sue remained sworn to secrecy, encouraging everyone to enjoy the departing presenter's final programmes!

Sue is an RHS Ambassador and a regular face at major UK gardening shows. Alongside her work on 'Gardeners' World', she also appears on 'Garden Rescue'. Since first appearing on television in 2020, she has become an inspiring figure, particularly for disabled gardeners.

Following the usual club news, the monthly photographic competition was won by Julia Maxwell for her picture of her home-grown flower display. Sue then helped with the nine-prize raffle before signing copies of her book. Demand was so strong that additional copies had to be retrieved from her car, which was already packed with plants!

Sue Kent exceeded all expectations. Her warmth, enthusiasm and infectious personality made this a truly memorable evening and another landmark in Alderton Gardening Club's history. We are immensely grateful that she found time in her busy schedule to visit us and wish her every success in her flourishing gardening career.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12TH - MURDER, MAGIC & PLANT POTIONS WITH MARION STAINTON, 19:00

Members of the Cotswold listener audio magazine for the visually impaired will be doing another recording of the talk for their subscribers.

With free refreshments, a raffle and gardening jobs and tips for November; It will be another cracking evening of horticultural entertainment, education and encouragement.

Members £3 Non-members £6. Doors open at 6.45pm.

You are welcome to join us!

4. GREAT WASHBOURNE

ST MARY'S CHURCH
Many thanks to all who donated to North Cotswold Foodbank at Harvest time. We sent 39.48kg of produce & £45 cash donation. There is always a donation box in church.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29TH - CAFE CHURCH, 10.30

MONDAY DECEMBER 21ST - CAROL SINGING, TIME TBC

SATURDAY APRIL 10TH 2027 - THE GREAT WASHBOURNE FAMILY QUIZ, TIME TBC

5. NOTICES & EVENTS

ELLENOR DRIVE PARKING

A resident of Ellenor Drive has asked us to share a polite reminder about considerate parking.

The road is relatively narrow, and while parking partly on the pavement may sometimes seem necessary, please be mindful that this can restrict access for wheelchair users, pushchairs and pedestrians.

There have also been several recent occasions where vehicles have been parked opposite each other on both sides of the road, making it very difficult for other vehicles to get through. Of particular concern is ensuring that emergency vehicles, including ambulances and fire engines, would always be able to access the road if needed.

Thank you for helping to keep Ellenor Drive accessible and safe for everyone.

ALDERTON CHARITY FOOTBALL

The annual Alderton Married v Singles football match returns once again during the Christmas holiday period between Christmas and New Year.

The brave, big-hearted married people of Alderton will take to the field against the village's single players for another fiercely contested encounter. The quality of the football may not always be Premier League standard, but the fundraising is — over the years, the matches have raised more than £25,000 for local and national charities.

The match kicks off at 11am, with refreshments available and festivities continuing afterwards at The Gardeners Arms.

Amazing football skills are definitely not required, and male and female players aged 16 and over are very welcome to take part.

If you'd like to play, please contact Rupert at rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com.

DAYLESTONE PARK COFFEE MORNING, FRI 13TH NOV, 10AM

Join us for a relaxed morning of coffee and conversation.

- Fresh coffee and something sweet
- Easy conversation with neighbours and friendly faces
- Pop in, meet our team, and enjoy a relaxed morning

Join us at the Daylestone Park Show Home, off St Margaret's Drive, Alderton, GL20 8FQ

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DEBRIFRILLATORS

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

	Rear of porch, Alderton Village Hall	**Right-hand side of Pavilion, Alderton Playing Field**
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