

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

**PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY** – We now have a vacancy for one new Councillor on our Parish Council. Please consider helping to make a difference for your village and community by becoming a Parish Councillor. A thriving Parish Council is needed now more than ever to help look after the interests, services, environment and facilities of Alderton. By offering some time, sharing your particular knowledge and experiences and getting involved in areas of interest or concern, you can help make a difference. For further information please contact the Clerk [tamsin.james1@btinternet.com](mailto:tamsin.james1@btinternet.com) or the Chairman, Keith Page, [cornercottagebb@talk21.com](mailto:cornercottagebb@talk21.com)

**PARISH PLANNING** – No new applications have been received.

**PLAYING FIELD MEMORIAL BENCHES** – The Parish Council have created two bases on the perimeter of the Playing Field, with the intention of placing memorial benches there. One bench has already been donated but if any parishioners would be interested in placing a bench in memory of a loved one then please get in touch with the Parish Council.

**A46 RESURFACING WORKS ROAD CLOSURE** – From 5<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Highways England will be carrying out resurfacing works on the A46 between Hinton Cross to the A4184/A46 roundabout at Evesham. As a result, the road will be closed during the hours of 8pm to 6am, Monday to Friday. The B4077 forms part of the diversion route during the closure so please be aware that there will be extra traffic on this road.

**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: 20<sup>th</sup> October (if required) or 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (subject to guidelines at that time).**

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**VILLAGE NEWS**

**CAR KEY FOUND** on the grass verge at the junction of Willowbank road and Stow road. Please contact Jane Haslam on 01242 620416 if it is yours.

**ALDERTON VILLAGE SHOP.01242 620201**

Once again, I am overwhelmed & humbled by generosity and kindness of all of you. It is so wonderful to get such praise, just for doing my job. I know I could not do this job anywhere else. I thank you all, for supporting me & your local shop.

As you probably know by now, Millie, our paper delivery organiser, has left to go to University and Finn also has left as schools are opened. I wish them both good luck for future thank them for their hard work.

Unfortunately, this means we have no newspaper delivery service until we find a new delivery person. So, if you know someone who might be interested, let me know!!

Now that schools are open (and if they stay open), I have decided to have late afternoon opening on (Fridays from 3pm to 5 pm) in order to keep up with tradition of “Friday treat” for the kids after school.

As you all know, in line with Government guidance, all customers must wear face covering when entering the shop. It is important, in order to keep **me** and the rest of community safe. If you are exempt from wearing the face covering for medical reasons, please let know. But if you have not got any mask or have left it at home, PLEASE stay outside and call me. I am always happy to serve you outside, so you do not have to come into the shop without the face covering. Finally, as the **Till** in my shop and **I** are both getting old, and we both make mistakes, Please check you change, before leaving the shop to avoid any embarrassment. Once again thank you for supporting your local shop. Yari

## ALDERTON CHURCH NEWS

### Church News

The Harvest Market in the churchyard was restricted to ensure compliance with Covid guidelines. However, it was a lovely sunny afternoon and good to see people out and about. The four stalls we had raised £526 for much needed Church funds so thank you to all those who came along and to those who very kindly donated or made items for the stalls, which was really appreciated. Gift Day contributions can still be taken to the shop.

**Harvest Takeaway Meals:** there has also been a good take-up for these so thank you for joining in and supporting this.

**Christmas Raffle:** if you have any unused and unwanted items to make up hampers - either food items or toiletries for the Church's big Christmas raffle we would be very pleased to receive them. Please contact Sheila Russell, 10 Church Road or ring her on 07977 140898. Also, if you have any contacts with businesses who would be willing to donate a voucher or a prize please let her know.

**Alderton Calendar:** an A3 print of 12 excellent local photographs taken by Will Hughes which also feature 2 well known characters! They cost £10 each and are available from Sheila Russell, 10 Church Road or ring her on 07977 14089

### CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR:

Sadly, this annual event cannot take place this year because of coronavirus restrictions. But no worries, you can still support the charities who help us prepare for Christmas every year without setting a foot outside the village... here's how!

For **RSPB** cards, stocking fillers and gifts, contact Dave Cramp by email at [djcramp@btinternet.com](mailto:djcramp@btinternet.com) or call at 2 Ellenor Drive.

For assorted **Cobalt** cards, contact Ros Smith by email at [ros.smith@gpisolutions.co.uk](mailto:ros.smith@gpisolutions.co.uk) or call at 7 Church Road.

We will be taking orders up to **15th November** with no postage costs.

If you can order online, here are contact details of some of our regular charities

**Guide Dogs** - <https://www.guidedogsshop.com/catalogue/cards-and-wrapping-christmas-cards>;

**Macmillan Cancer Support** - <https://shop.macmillan.org.uk/collections/christmas-cards>;

**Parkinsons** - <https://shop.parkinsons.org.uk/collections/christmas-cards-1>;

**RNLI** - <https://shop.rnli.org/collections/christmas-cards>.

More information to follow in the November newsletter.

## Alderton Acorns Preschool

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 enjoying lots of outside play in our acorns garden. The children have had lots of fun exploring outside, a favourite has to be our Acorns pirate ship where we have even found some hidden treasure aboard. We have seen lots of lovely sharing and chatter amongst our little acorns which has been a joy to see.

We've been looking at all things Autumn at Preschool this week, exploring our seasonal garden which is filled with conkers, acorns and Autumn leaves. With their spades at the ready the children planted their very own acorns this week. They had a wonderful time planting and of course got very messy. We discussed how the acorns will change over time and how each season will play a part in these changes, looking at what we needed to do to help our little acorns grow along the way.

The Autumn theme has continued into preschool where the children got messy once more printing leaves using a variety of different coloured paints. We even had some rainbow leaves printed which look fantastic on our new acorns display.

For the time being toddlers will unfortunately have to remain closed. We do hope to reopen as soon as we feel it is safe to do so. We know how important it is to those of you with babies and toddlers. Due to the current Covid Chaos, our usual fundraising activities have been curtailed and we are having to explore new avenues of funding to ensure the Preschool continues to thrive.

For Halloween this year, instead of the usual Trick or Treating, we are encouraging the children to take part in a sponsored Pumpkin Hunt around the village. Carved pumpkins or pumpkin pictures can be put in windows, garden, porches and the children can have fun searching for as many as possible. If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact us on the number below.

Alderton Acorns Pre-School are registered with easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites 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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldertonacornspre/?invite=3KICXA&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_content=raf-w)

Our most important news is that we are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Playleader. Stephanie Castle took over the reins as leader at the beginning of September. Steph lives in Alderton and two of her own children have attended Preschool so she is very familiar with the setting and all that is involved in running a Village Preschool.

If you would like any more information about Preschool or to offer Halloween sponsorship, please contact us on 07842 161159 or email [aldertonacorns@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonacorns@gmail.com)

## **Gardeners Arms**

October is the last month to enjoy our very own Eat out to Help Out offer, providing up to 50% off food, Monday-Wednesday throughout October. This offer is very popular and we do get extremely busy on these days, so we do recommend you give us a call on 01242 620 257 or book a table via the website [www.gardenersarms.biz](http://www.gardenersarms.biz) as we often have a waiting list.

Christmas is coming! Well, it will be here before we know it. Don't forget to check out our Christmas menu on our website and book your Christmas meal early to avoid disappointment. For those of you who are still a little worried about eating out, tables are distanced in the restaurant, our staff wear masks and additional cleaning & Covid 19 measures have been put in place to ensure your safety, which is our primary concern. We promise you a warm and friendly welcome at The Gardeners Arms, and we would love to celebrate the Christmas festivities with you.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. All items must have Name & Tel No. of sender. Our e-mail address is: [AldertonNewsletter@googlemail.com](mailto:AldertonNewsletter@googlemail.com) or deliver to Caroline Page, Corner Cottage, Stow Road. The newsletter is also available at **[www.aldertonvillage.co.uk](http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk)**