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Land Parcel 0088, Willow Bank Road, Alderton (19/00772/FUL) - Residential development up to 28 units, including means of access and landscaping. There is now a planning application from CALA Homes for 28 new houses on the site immediately south of the existing CALA development. This proposal was opposed by the vast majority of those villagers attending the consultation event in June. Villagers are now encouraged to comment on the formal planning application using the comments form, provided by the Local Authority at www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/planning then search using the reference 19/00772/FUL. This development is outside the village boundary, not in the Neighbourhood Development Plan and would come on top of the 75 new houses already built in the last few years in the village. **Your comments are important.**

ORCHARD ROAD DEVELOPMENT – The proposal to build 5 bungalows is now expected to go to Tewkesbury Borough's Planning Committee on 15th October. The Parish Council are opposing the development.

OTHER PLANNING – No new planning applications have been received. The following application has received permission for development: 12A Brookside, Alderton (19/00759/FUL) - Creation of vehicular access and parking area.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY – The Borough Council has formed a programme of parish housing needs surveys throughout the Borough and Alderton is one of a dozen parishes that has been included in the 2019 programme. Every household will be sent a paper survey by post during week commencing 11th November 2019. Gloucestershire Rural Community Council has been appointed to undertake this survey as an independent and neutral organisation. The Parish Council have made it clear that they see no need for further development in the village.

PLAY AREA VOLUNTEERS - We have a group of volunteers carrying out weekly checks at the playground, making sure the equipment is in working order, clearing up any litter and doing some general tidying up etc. The group is now looking for more volunteers to help with the weekly checks which only take about 10 minutes to complete. If you'd be interested in joining this group, or would like to know more, then please get in touch with Simon Finch on 07729 073267.

FUNDING SUPPORT AND ADVICE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS – Tewkesbury Borough Council are holding surgeries at the Council Offices for any groups which would benefit from support. **The dates are: 31st October, 28th November and 12th December.** To book an appointment contact the funding officer, Martha Mundy, on 01684 272099 or email: martha.mundy@tewkesbury.gov.uk

ALLOTMENTS – DOG WALKING – A reminder that the site is privately tenanted and is therefore **not** to be used for dog walking purposes.

ALLOTMENT PLOTS – Please get in touch with the Clerk if you wish to add your name to the waiting list.

Next Parish Council Meeting: 15th October 2019, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome

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VILLAGE NEWS

THE ARC GROUP will meet for lunch at 12 noon on **Wednesday 2nd October** in Brown's Restaurant, Tewkesbury Garden Centre

A date for your diary: The Alderton Charity Christmas Fair this year is on **Saturday 9th November 10am - 12.30pm** in the Village Hall. If you would like to sell cards and gifts on behalf of a charity, please contact Sue Parry (620343) or Ros Smith (620560) as soon as possible. Our charities differ slightly from year to year, so we are always happy to accommodate new ones if room allows.

STEVE BOWLES IS RUNNING IN THE CHELTENHAM HALF MARATHON FOR THE SUE RYDER HOSPICE ON SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER IN MEMORY OF TASH PARRY.

This is my last update with a few days to go before the big day on Sunday. I've run in 3 more official runs in September increasing my weekend mileage doing the Westonbirt 10K, the Apperley quarter marathon and our own Alderton 5K although I'm already "Tapering down". I want to say people have been very encouraging on seeing me out and about on the roads or passing through the surrounding villages. At the Sue Ryder Hospice, we have continued our Thursday night interval training, sprints, strengthening exercises and coaching to increase our stamina and improve our running styles.

The totals are now £540.00 in cash/cheques and my online Justgiving.com page has now reached £410.00. I will update you again next month on how things went for me during the run and if I managed to hit my target time. If you want to sponsor me, I have a sponsor sheet at the Gardeners Arms too. Please remember to state whether Sue Ryder can claim 25% gift aid. Lastly, I would welcome anyone who wants to cheer me around the Cheltenham route. I'll be wearing my Sue Ryder vest with number 1084 on it.

Thank you

If you want to know more or have any questions please ask or contact me on 01242 620314, email stevekaren_2000@yahoo.com, Facebook or my page on JUSTGIVING.COM.

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

At Alderton gardening Club's September the 12th meeting our guest speaker was Don Everitt who travelled with his wife of 59 years from North Somerset. He delivered an interesting talk entitled "Autumn the forgotten season". Don was trained at RHS Wisley and shared with us a wealth of horticultural knowledge and experience. He, also brought a super selection of plants and bulbs for us to buy, and did a brisk trade on these at the end of the evening.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday, 10th October**, and should have a wide appeal as Fiona Warin will be coming to give a talk on "The women's land army in World War two". Daffodil bulbs will be available to buy as well. Doors open at 7p.m for a 7.30 start, members £2.50, non members £5 with tea/coffee and biscuits available. We look forward to seeing you all there.

ALDERTON HANDBELL RINGERS COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

A reminder to all about our Coffee Morning We look forward to seeing everyone for a morning of coffee and lovely music (hopefully). Please support your village handbell ringers.

The Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 19th October**. 10:30 until 12:00. £1 entry, children free, to include coffee/squash. There will be a Cake Stall, Book Stall, Raffle, etc. The bells will be rung during the morning, selection of music new and old.

ALDERTON KNITTERS aldertonknitters@gmail.com

After a successful first Knit and Natter group it has been decided to run the group every **Monday** between 2-4pm, at The Gardeners Arms in Alderton. There is no need to commit to come every week as lives are busy, but if you fancy coming along to be inspired, have a knitting/crocheting problem solved or be taught a new skill then come along to join us. Young, old(er), whatever your age then come and say hello in the pleasant surroundings of our village pub.

ALDERTON VILLAGE PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a lovely community event. We had double the number of entries this year and it was great to see so many villagers come along to view the exhibits and find out who had won the coveted 'Best in Show' cup. The winners were as follows.

Best Fruit and Veg – Chris Wilks

Best Flower Arrangement – Ros Smith

Best Cut Flowers – Sian Tryner

Best Craft – Sue Wilks

Best Art or Photography – Tom Kane

Best Baking or Preserve – Vicky Hardwick

Best Under 8 entry – Alana Burton

Best Under 12 entry – Dulcie Lendon

The Best in Show cup for the junior section was awarded to Alana Burton for her beautiful painted pebbles.

The Best in Show cup for the adult section was awarded to Sue Wilks for her stunning peacock needlepoint picture.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

A date for your diary

Our next event is a **GAMES NIGHT** to be held on **Saturday 9th November** from 5-7pm

£5 per person or £15 a family to include hot dogs and ice cream.

Come along and play your favourite board games or try out a new one.

The Village Hall Committee would welcome anyone interested in joining us to help run, maintain, and improve the hall. This facility is well used by many village organisations and classes, and we want to do our best to keep it up to a good standard.

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS STAY AND PLAY

A 'ber' in the month...

September has passed in a flash as the children have all settled back as if summer never happened! With leaves starting to turn in on themselves and tractors more apparent on the lane, we have entered harvest. In a very messy activity, the children used vegetables to create some wonderful prints; which gathered together formed a lovely display for the Church Harvest Festival which was held on the 22nd September. With lots of little helpers, a large hamper of food was carried to the church for distribution to local food banks.

Staying with food, the Acorns' mini allotment has been fruitful with the beetroots winning second place in the Alderton Village Produce and Craft Show; something we are all very proud of! We are looking to grow onions and sprouts in the coming months so watch this space!

Alderton 5K Run

With yet another glorious day, the participants turned out in their hordes and, with over 290 runners this year, the event was fantastic. With the amazing work of the 5K committee and support of the Parish Council, the morning was again a great success. With attractions from the famous 'Alderton home-made cake stall' to the locally run Sports massage tent with Alderton's very own Sports Therapist Rebecca Stone BSc (Hons), as well as a guess the teddy and tombola, it was a lovely morning spent in our beautiful village. Our thanks as always goes out to all involved in making this event so memorable.

For more information regarding local Sports Therapist Rebecca Stone BSc (Hons), MSST, MFHT – visit Sports Therapist <http://www.glos-sportstherapy.co.uk/>

From the beginning of September, Acorns has been participating in regular sports sessions run by a coach in the Oak Hill sports hall. From coordination to teamwork, following rules to playing fair, the children have/are actively participating in different sporting activities, which in turn will help to shape their skills and hobbies in the future.

Toddlers-Stay and Play

It has been fantastic to welcome so many new members to the Friday morning group, from big bumps to active little ones, the hall has been buzzing with laughter. All are welcome to pop along; the session runs from 10 am-12 am on a Friday morning so please check our Facebook page for more info or just come along!

For more information relating to any aspect of the group, please call 07842161159 within school hours or, alternatively, email aldertonacornspreschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Acorns preschool hours: Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm, Toddlers-stay and play Friday 10 am-12 pm.

CLUB ALDERTON WANDERERS CRICKET

The curtain has fallen on yet another season for Alderton Wanderers Cricket Club. We have managed to get in 14 matches this summer with an overall record of won 7, lost 7. Many memorable moments as ever but winning our first match of the season with a 6 on the last ball, finishing runners up in the Bredon Hill Bash (no idea how we managed that!), the annual derby against Dumbleton (always a close one) and the "tour" to Bristol (never a close one) stand out. In all, 30 players have, to varying degrees, played in games this season but we are always on the lookout for newbies. Remember, we are a social club and don't exclude anyone based on ability.....which you would soon work out if you ever saw us play! All we ask is that you know which end to hold a bat, which direction to throw the ball and look good (or even not so good) in a red and black striped cap.

We look forward to another successful and social season in 2020 and, looking further ahead, an exciting tour to Porto, Portugal in 2021.

Anyone interested in getting involved please contact Rupert Kinder on rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com

Wildlife facts

I would just like to thank the family in Cambridge Square who rescued a bat from their cat and brought it round to me. Fortunately, the bat wasn't injured and after monitoring for 24hrs the adult female common pipistrelle was able to be released the next night. At 6.5g she was the heaviest pipistrelle I've seen in a long while and has clearly been doing well in fattening up for hibernation. At that weight she should do well through the winter and hopefully she'll be back next year to give birth. It's nice to have a success story so close to home.

I would also like to thank everyone for their continued donations of stamps, empty pringle tubes, used toothbrushes and empty toothpaste tubes. Every single item contributes to our Terrecycle total and helps raise much needed funds for taking care of the bats. If any of you enjoy pub quizzes, The Queen Elizabeth Inn in Elmley Castle are hosting a Bat Care Fundraising Quiz on Wednesday 30th October at 7:30pm. It's a nice local pub and the quiz last year was a really fun night so if any of you are free, we'd love to see you there. We're also going to be at Morrisons Supermarket in Evesham doing a bucket shake raising money and awareness for the bats on Saturday 26th October. If I don't see you before then, wishing you all a Happy Halloween in this most bat-tastic time of the year. Aimmie Woodman, 12 Orchard Road, 620373

GARDENERS ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

Everybody should be able to celebrate food and with World Food Day coming up on 5th October, we're excited to celebrate all the fabulous food we offer at The Gardeners Arms! We have vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and even doggie options on our menu!

Don't worry, food isn't the only thing we're celebrating this month! The 19th October is International Gin and Tonic Day! What better way to mark the occasion than with your very own gin tapas from The Gardeners Arms; a choice of three gins from our specialist gin menu and a Fever Tree tonic for just £15!

British Summer Time comes to an end soon which means Halloween is just around the corner! So, get your spooky outfit on and trick or treat yourself by popping into The Gardeners for a frighteningly good meal!

We like to keep our community up to date with our latest events and news. If you haven't yet signed up for our newsletter, please drop us an email at gardeners1@btconnect.com. You can also pop by to view our menus, or phone 01242 620 257 for more information about our events and to book a table.

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