

CALA APPEAL DECISION - The Parish Council have just had the outcome of the Appeal made by Cala to build 28 further houses. Unfortunately, the Inspector has found in favour of the Developer. We discussed this at our Parish Council meeting on 21 September and find this a surprising and damaging decision. It means that Alderton will have had a 36% increase in housing over a decade which is a huge change within a rural community.

You can find a copy of the Decision at www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk (the reference number is 3259637). The Parish Council is writing to our MP, Lawrence Robertson, to express our concern. If villagers wish to write to him the details are: email - robertsonl@parliament.uk or the constituency address - 22 High Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5AL.

We would like to thank all villagers who contributed to the exercise and to Tewkesbury Borough Council who fought the case. We will continue to resist speculative development proposals.

PARISH PLANNING – One new application has been received: 5 St Margaret's Drive, Alderton (21/01121/FUL) – Erection of a replacement rear extension. The following application has received permission for development: 11 Beckford Road, Alderton (21 /00886/FUL) - Erection of a rear conservatory.

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.

DOG BARKING – The Parish Council have received complaints about excessive dog barking within the village. The occasional bark is usually not a problem for neighbours but when barking becomes disruptive many people find this unacceptable and unpleasant. If you're concerned about a dog barking excessively near you, then speak to the owner as they may not be aware there's a problem. If speaking to your neighbour doesn't work, or isn't an option, then contact the Environmental Health Department at Tewkesbury Borough Council on ehenquiries@tewkesbury.gov.uk or 01684 272195 to make a noise complaint.

HIMALAYAN BALSAM – The Parish Council recently organised a working party to clear plants growing along the Washbourne Brook. Landowners gave permission for the volunteers to access the banks to pull up the plants to prevent them seeding and spreading. Himalayan Balsam is an invasive weed of riverbanks and ditches where it prevents native species from growing. The volunteers found a significant number of plants growing between the bridge on Dibden Lane and Arch Bridge in Willow Bank Road and pulled up those which were accessible. It's unlikely that we will be able to repeat the exercise so the responsibility will now lie with the landowners. Thanks are given to all those volunteers who took part and the landowners who gave permission for access.

DOG WALKING SUPPORT NEEDED – The Cinnamon Trust have an owner who is an Alderton resident and is asking for some dog walking support. They presently don't have enough local volunteers to help and so are looking for additional volunteers in the area. The Cinnamon Trust is a national charity for the elderly and terminally ill and their pets. They seek to keep owner and pet together for as long as possible with the help of a national network of volunteers who offer free assistance when day to day care poses a problem. All volunteers help in the ways that are most appropriate to them. For further information please call 01736 757900 or visit www.cinnamon.org.uk

Next Parish Council Meeting: 19th October 2021 (if required) or 16th November 2021, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall (but subject to Government guidelines at that time).

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VILLAGE NEWS

ALDERTON VILLAGE SHOP. 01242 620201

Finally, I have managed to secure a ticket for my journey, and therefore, I am closing **the shop and Post Office** from **1st of October** and planning to be back at work during the first week in November.

However, unfortunately, under the new traffic light rule, the day I leave the UK, Iran may go back to red.

With all confusing information I am getting, my exact date for return much depends on border restrictions. So, if everything goes well, I see you all in five weeks' time.

Meanwhile, I would like to thank all of you, who supported your local shop during hard times.

I am sorry for any inconvenience this closure may cause you. Thank you Yari

ALDERTON VOLUNTEERS

In anticipation of Yari's month away and the closure of Alderton Village Shop, don't forget that Alderton still has a group of local volunteers ready and willing to help our community. If you or your neighbours need any shopping, posting or banking then we're here to help.

Contact Mark Watts-Jones, the volunteer coordinator, on 620567, 07973 963539 or mwjmail@gmail.com.

ALDERTON WHATSAPP GROUP

We also have a village WhatsApp group. There're 160 locals using it for recommendations, exchanging things, locating lost pets and the occasional bit of local chatter.

To join message Mark on 07973 963539 or mwjmail@gmail.com.

THE HYGIENE BANK COLLECTION

A huge thank you to everyone who donates items via Yari for The Hygiene Bank. I'm astounded by the amount I regularly collect! This is just to let you know that collections happen all year round, so please keep donations coming in. While Yari is away, there will be a collection point at the church. For those of you who have not heard of the charity, it collects hygiene items such as toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, razors, hairbrushes, deodorant, sanitary products, nappies etc. which are then distributed to local food banks, refugee charities, social services and schools. Sadly, there is a huge need for such basic items. As well as Alderton Village Store, there are also collection points at Food Fanatics in Winchcombe and Boots in Cheltenham. If you have any queries, please drop me a line via victoria.kane@me.com.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

I know it might seem a little early but if anyone would like to order Christmas cards in support of Parkinson's UK please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you. sandy.keys@btinternet.com or on 07586751535

CHURCH NEWS

Churchyard Tidy up: this will be on **Saturday October 9th** starting at 9.30am. The churchyard is here for everyone to enjoy some tranquility and also as a place where all villagers can lay their family to rest. We would therefore love to have support from people in the village to keep the churchyard looking attractive and tidy. Do come and join us to help do this - don't forget to bring your gardening tools! Coffee and biscuits will be supplied!

Flowers in the Church: The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce for Harvest so do go and visit it while they are still fresh. Also, while you are there, take a look at the books on sale - 50p each (in the porch and at the back of the Church) and the cards that show views of the village (on sale inside in the Church)

Cafe Church: Join us in **Alderton Village Hall** for a relaxed short service on **Sunday October 31st** at 10.30am to celebrate All Saints Day. Everyone is welcome - both young and old. There will be coffee and croissants served and there might even be bacon sandwiches! We hope some of the children from Oakhill will join us to share some of the songs they have learnt from their day

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

We are delighted to announce that Alderton Gardening Club meetings will restart in October. On the **14th October** we will welcome Victoria Logue who will talk about 'Extending the Season in your Garden'. On the **11th November** Dominic Hamilton is speaking about the History and Restoration of Painswick Rococo Gardens. Both talks sound very interesting, and we also look forward to catching up with our members.

The venue will be at the village hall as usual and we will be complying with village hall Covid requirements. Alderton Gardening Club Membership is extended for everyone who was a member at our last meeting (back in 2020) – until January 2021.

The Village Hall will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 pm start. Entry £2.50 for members and £5.00 for Guests.

OAKHILL SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a really positive and exciting start to the new academic year at Oak Hill CE Primary School. After the summer break, children and staff have returned with enthusiasm and coped well with the changes to our Covid policy. In line with County guidelines, bubbles have been removed and it is wonderful to hear the children taking part in assemblies, singing together and playing together at break and lunch times.

The new Reception class at Dumbleton have settled in well and are enjoying exploring the different activities on offer, as well as finding their way around the school and meeting the staff.

Our Year 1 and 2 children have enjoyed dressing up, mixing paints and starting their project on Our Wonderful World.

At Alderton, Year 3 and 4 have been studying various books by Michael Morpurgo, learning the names of the bones in our body and developing their basketball skills.

We have some very enthusiastic actors in Year 5 and 6 who performed The Yellow Emperor and the Shang Dynasty as part of their topic Dynamic Dynasties. The musical highlight of the past two weeks has been learning Livin' on a Prayer!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school. We have such wonderful parents and governors who support the school and staff have worked so hard to help make this time enriching and enjoyable for the children. We are always safe and mindful of others and everything we arrange for our school is planned with Covid precautions in mind.

If you would like to come and visit, please contact the school office 01242 620448.

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 29th 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).

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 Pre-school 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 to arrange a visit.

If you would like any more information about Preschool, check out our website at aldertonacorns.org.uk.

ALDERTON TODDLER GROUP is open again with an experienced play leader in charge. Come along to the Village Hall on **Friday mornings between 10-11.30** in term time to enjoy coffee and cake while your little ones make the most of the super exciting indoor and outdoor activities on offer. £3 per family.

Coming up on the **29th October** for all young ghouls, ghosties and things that go bump in the night is our special Hallowe'en lunch party with a host of Hallowe'en-themed activities and games. Booking is essential for this special Toddler Group event. Call Lauren on 07961551098 or message us on the Acorns Facebook page.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is Monday 25th October 2021 . 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
