

## **IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER NEWS**

A reminder that John and I have decided that the time is right for us to retire from editing, printing, and distributing the newsletter after the December 2022 edition. If anyone would like to take on our roles, please contact me either by email [aldertonnewsletter@googlemail.com](mailto:aldertonnewsletter@googlemail.com) or by phone 01242620630 for more information. So far, we haven't had any volunteers to take over from us.

<b>PARISH COUNCIL NEWS   <a href="http://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk">www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk</a></b>
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### **THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN**

The Parish Council, along with the whole of the village, will have mourned the passing of her Majesty. There is a Book of Condolences in the Church. We thank the Church Bell Ringers for marking the events and a service of mourning was held in the church on 11 September. As a mark of respect, the September Parish Council meeting was postponed until 27 September.

### **PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT – Land West of Willow Bank Road [ 56 houses]**

Black Box held their Public Exhibition at the Village Hall on Wednesday 14 September. Disappointingly there was no opportunity to leave written comments. As with the Rainier proposal it is critical that villagers make their views known once a Planning Application is in and the Parish Council will circulate more information at this time.

### **PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT – Land East of Willow Bank Road [ 55 houses]**

This application should now be going to Tewkesbury Borough Planning Committee. We have no date for this yet. The Parish Council will have the opportunity to make a short statement at the Committee meeting which will be considered along with the Parish Council's written objection [ on the Tewkesbury website] and almost 150 objections from villagers.

### **PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

22/00574/FUL: Erection of a replacement porch and single storey rear extension, 17 School Road.

### **ROAD CLOSURE**

Willow Bank Road will be closed from 08.00 10 October until 17.00 14 October to allow for installation of a rising Main and drainage connections. Emergency and Pedestrian access will not be maintained due to road width.

### **ARE YOU CARER AWARE?**

Gloucestershire Carers Hub are commissioned by Gloucestershire Council along with the NHS to provide a free of charge service to support informal, unpaid Carers across Gloucestershire (People looking after a loved one/family member/friend or neighbour). As part of our service, we offer Advice, Information, Guidance and Support. If you are a carer, you can join the Carers Hub by calling 0300 111 9000. Gloucestershire Carers Hub is helping Carers to self-identify and recognise where they can find support. With 1 in 10 people having caring responsibilities, it's likely that everyone knows someone who is an informal, unpaid carer, but may not be aware of it. Carers can wear one of our Carer Aware badges to help other people identify carers. Registered Carers can also request a Carer Aware Discount Card to allow them to access discounts. The card offers a discrete way for carers to identify themselves to registered discount providers or to access other concessions. Businesses and employers who are Carer Aware can recognise Carers, support them within their organisations and signpost them to Gloucestershire Carers Hub. If you would like to find out more about the free Carer Aware Training or our toolkit for employers email us [careraware@peopleplus.co.uk](mailto:careraware@peopleplus.co.uk) or call 0300 111 9000. If you are a business owner, you could help carers by providing discounted access to your services We would be happy to list your business on our pages once you have signed up to offer a discount. Email us at [careraware@peopleplus.co.uk](mailto:careraware@peopleplus.co.uk) or call 0300 111 9000. For more information visit our website at <https://gloucestershirecarershub.co.uk/>

**The October Parish Council Meeting** will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 18 October at 7pm

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### COFFEE MORNING IN REMEMBRANCE OF ANGELA O'BRIEN

A coffee morning will be held at the village Hall on **Saturday 15 October** 10.15 -12 noon in remembrance of my Mum, Angela O'Brien, who recently passed away. No charge but any donations given will go to Tewkesbury Hospital. Thank you, Trisha Mills,

We have received the following entry: **CONSTANT DOG BARKING**

Alderton has begun to sound like Battersea dogs' home with constant dog barking. Covid has seen a significant rise in dog numbers and yes, we all love dogs. I do. What I don't like, is the owners who do not train their dogs not to bark at the slightest prompt. Some dogs are now left alone for long periods and bark constantly. The internet is full of easy ways to discourage your dog from barking constantly. Even a simple no helps and if you hear the owners doing this then it makes you think they are at least trying. The dog will learn to respect the owner wishes and the owners to respect their neighbours' peace and mental health.

### CHURCH NEWS

**Harvest Supper** - we had a very enjoyable and well attended evening in Alderton Village Hall to celebrate Harvest. People enjoyed meeting together to socialise and the Hall had a lovely atmosphere. A lot of people commented on how much they enjoyed the variety of food that was prepared. Thank you to all who came and all who made food and helped on the evening. The money that was raised will be shared between the Village Hall and the Church.

**Harvest and Creation Service** - the Church was beautifully decorated with a great range of flowers and produce for our service. It was a lovely, relaxed service where we sang all the favourite Harvest hymns. We had a good variety of pets to celebrate with - 2 dogs, a rabbit and a 5 week old tortoise! And at the end we were joined by a young horse in the Churchyard, so we came out and ended the service with her. The Oak Hill school children and people coming to the service have kindly donated many items of tinned and dried produce for the Winchcombe Food Bank.

**Queen Elizabeth condolence book** - is in the porch at Church if you would like to leave a comment or message about her life.

**Bishop Rachel's visit** to our Oak Hill group of churches has been postponed because of the death of Queen Elizabeth. A new date for her to come will be made.

### Alderton calendar 2023

Alderton Village Calendar 2023 (A4 size) is now on sale with 12 local views you'll all recognise, taken by Alderton photographer, Will Hughes, photographed throughout the seasons - and including local "celebrities" as well (sheep and farmers!!). Perfect for Christmas gifts. Numbers are limited and we're already selling copies fast, so buy yours as soon as possible. Price is just £10, and all profits go to much needed St Margaret's Church funds. Contact Sarah on 07989 048123, or Helen West 07941 373030 or email [aldertonevents@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonevents@gmail.com). Can deliver in the village.

### ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

A night we will remember...

Our September meeting turned out to be a momentous one. Paul Green from Green's Leaves nurseries of Newent arrived at The Village Hall for 6.30p.m where I had just landed myself. I greeted him and then with other fellow committee members we started to set things in place. Then at 6.40p.m came the news we were all dreading, the death of our monarch Queen Elizabeth... What to do? Cancel or go ahead? We decided on the latter, although we expected the attendance understandably to be down given the sad news. 34 though did attend. Thank you to you all.

With Paul's massive selection of grasses, shrubs and perennials in place, we commenced with an announcement of the Queen's passing and a minute's silence. Perhaps one of the first to be held in Her Majesty's memory?

Paul then gave a talk packed with fantastic plant knowledge and delivered with much humour. He trained at Pershore College in the early 90s and set Green's Leaves up as a business afterwards. He organises many plant fairs and travels throughout the UK with a van filled with plants from the nursery. All of the ones featured in the talk had Autumn interest and were in superb condition. Soil and aspect requirement with pruning techniques of each one featured was included in this informative talk. He took some questions and afterwards drew the raffle and did a brisk trade with members as every plant was for sale!

Chairman Tom gave a detailed list of gardening jobs and advice for September as well as bringing the audience up to date with the latest club news. This included the date for our club's trip to RHS Wisley scheduled for Saturday the 17th of June 2023. With the AGC being affiliated to The RHS our members will only pay the coach fee which will be £22. The trip will leave from the Village.

Tom then went on to thank Paul for his presentation. He will be booked again in the future for sure, and we look forward to seeing another selection of seasonally interesting plants. Paul Green is a proper nurseryman, with great knowledge and enthusiasm for his stock of more rarer plants. It was great meeting him.

Our next meeting is **October 13th**, when we welcome back Fiona Warin. She gave us a memorable talk in 2019 on the Land Girls. So as an encore she will be returning with a presentation featuring the Dig for Victory campaign from world war two. It should be another fabulous evening. We hope to see you there!

## **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

Our next Village Hall coffee morning will be held on **Saturday 1 st October**. 10-12. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with friends and choose from the delicious home-made cakes on offer. There will also be a sale of second- hand books and DVD's. All proceeds go to Village Hall funds.

## **Wine Tasting Evening**

Tickets are on sale now for a Wine Tasting Evening on **Friday October 14th** at 7pm in the Village Hall in association with Broadway Wines. Enjoy a free glass of Prosecco on arrival and then it's down to the fun business of tasting 3 reds and 3 whites! (COVID rules apply - no spitting out the wine!!) There'll be a fun quiz for you to test your newfound wine knowledge with your friends and the chance to win a bottle of Prosecco. Admission to this ticket-only event is £20 per ticket and we're expecting to sell out quickly.

Come along for a great night out in Alderton and do your bit to raise funds for the Village Hall!

Contact Sarah Hughes (07989 048123) for tickets or email on [aldertonevents@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonevents@gmail.com)

**Saturday November 5th**, 10-12, will be a coffee morning with the added attraction of a raffle and an indoor car boot sale. Tables £5 each. If you are interested in having a table, contact Judith on 07837 402692

## **ALDERTON GOLF**

Next event is organised by David Shuffleton: Bidford Grange golf club Fri 7th Oct Tee times from. 2pm

Cost £19 (£14.50 if over 60) Plus prize giving after at the Gardeners Arms.

Room for more - so if you want to join us:- Contact David on 07474422555 or Brian Spence 07786182307

Email [brianlspence@hotmail.com](mailto:brianlspence@hotmail.com)

Alderton golf is for all standards and genders. Although the focus is always on social/sporting fun we have at stake for this event the "Alderton Residents Golf Cup" A prestigious silver trophy. If you're from Alderton (and district) and play golf this is the event you must play in.

## **GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS**

There will be a MacMillan coffee morning in Great Washbourne church on **Friday 14th October**, 10-12. All are welcome.

The next **Cafe church** will be held in Great Washbourne on **Sunday 30th October** at 10.30am, with theme of All Saints. Do come along and join us for a special time of fellowship, fun and refreshments.

## **OAK HILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year! The work done over the summer holidays was incredible and it has been really great to share this with the children upon their return. The excitement is obvious; the school is full of happy, smiling children and we love having everyone here at Alderton. We are so grateful to members of the community, parents, staff, governors and pupils for all the hours they have given and many skills they have brought to help over the summer.

Our bespoke EYFS outdoor area is being developed at the moment which will provide wonderful outdoor learning and play space and the installation of playground equipment is imminent.

After much thought, and consultation with parents, we have started providing Breakfast and Afterschool Club. Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am-8.40am and Afterschool Club finishes at either 4.30pm or 5.30pm. These have been really popular with regular bookings already in place.

Our enthusiastic teachers share their passion to provide inspiring learning and the children have enjoyed starting their new topics in their new classrooms.

Practicing for Harvest Festival is well underway and our Year 5 and 6 children are getting ready for their residential trip to Devon at the beginning of October. There are so many great outdoor activities available to try during the trip and it is always a huge success. If you would like to come and visit our wonderful school, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### **FRIENDS OF OAK HILL SCHOOL**

FOOHs are delighted to be holding **two Christmas wreath making workshops** with all profits going towards funding non-essential resources for the children at Oak Hill School.

Choose from 7pm on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** or 10am on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Hoops and locally foraged foliage will be provided but please bring any of your own dried or fresh items that you'd like to include and ribbon if you'd like to use it. Please also bring secateurs. Tickets £20 to include festive refreshments. Location is the school hall in Alderton. Buy tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/friends-of-oak-hill-school-christmas-wreath-making-1202909> or email [friendsofoakhillschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofoakhillschool@gmail.com)

We are also offering villagers the opportunity to be part of our **Bonus Ball scheme**. If you're not yet familiar with the club, here's how it works: Pick an available number from the list and – if it comes up as the bonus ball number in the National Lottery's Lotto draw each Saturday – you'll win £10. Your support is so important to our lovely village school. All the funds go towards creating a wonderful learning environment for everyone at Oak Hill, and providing educational resources and experiences for all of the children. Again, please email [friendsofoakhillschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofoakhillschool@gmail.com) to choose your number and sign up.

### **ALDERTON CHARITY FOOTBALL 2022 - MARRIED V SINGLES - TUES DECEMBER 27TH, 11AM KICK OFF.**

Alderton's Charity Football is back. The quality of the football isn't great but the fundraising is - over the years the matches have raised over £20,000 for local and national charities. This year we asked for your charity recommendations and now you can vote for your preferred charity. The charities you identified are:

1. Alderton Acorns - [www.alertonacorns.org.uk](http://www.alertonacorns.org.uk)
2. Cheltenham Samaritans - [www.samaritans.org/branches/cheltenham](http://www.samaritans.org/branches/cheltenham)
3. Cleft Lip and Palate Association - [www.clapa.com](http://www.clapa.com)
4. Friends of Oak Hill School - [www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk/parents/foohs/foohs.html](http://www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk/parents/foohs/foohs.html)
5. Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre - [www.glosrasac.org/](http://www.glosrasac.org/)
6. Vale Wildlife - [www.valewildlife.org.uk](http://www.valewildlife.org.uk)

To vote for your preferred charity you've got two options:

1. Vote online at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C6HCJHF](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C6HCJHF)
2. Or/ email Mark at [mwjmail@gmail.com](mailto:mwjmail@gmail.com) with which charity you'd like to vote for.

Only one entry per person, please. More information on the village website and in next month's newsletter about how to play.

### **BECKFORD COLLECTIVE**

The Beckford Collective can be found in the courtyard behind The Old Post Office coffee shop in Beckford. What could be better than having a cup of delicious coffee with amazing cake followed by a browse in the collective of handmade craft gifts, all made by local artisans from surrounding villages, including our very own Alderton! Original paintings, cards, candles, children's clothes, wax melts, there are even gifts for your pets! The collective is open Wednesday to Sunday, from 10am to 3pm so do pop along to say hello and enjoy a browse and even start that Christmas shopping.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH 2022 CRIME AND COMMUNITY SURVEY.** I have been asked by Neighbourhood watch to give the village the opportunity to take part in the third annual survey The survey is open to everyone across England and Wales, whether you are a Neighbourhood Watch member or not. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NWCCS2022> All responses will be anonymised and aggregated, and everyone who completes the 5 – 10-minute survey can choose to opt-in to the prize draw to win one of four £25 Amazon voucher. (Keith Page)

<p><b>NEXT NEWSLETTER</b> Deadline for copy is <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>. All items must have Name &amp; Tel No. of sender. Our e-mail address is: <a href="mailto:AldertonNewsletter@googlemail.com">AldertonNewsletter@googlemail.com</a> or deliver to Caroline Page, Corner Cottage, Stow Road. The newsletter is also available at <a href="http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk">www.aldertonvillage.co.uk</a></p>
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