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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As most of you know by now, Our Village Shop & Post Office was broken into at early hours of Tuesday morning. Luckily, apart from causing a lot of damages (mainly to the Post Office) there was no harm done. Unfortunately, this means for security reasons and until all damaged equipment fully replaced, Post Office will be out of action. I am trying hard to get The Post Office to speed things up, but it is not easy!!
Apart from this frustrating situation, as some of you are aware, due to my family circumstances, I have been Planning to take some time off in September.
Unfortunately this year I have not been successful to find anyone to keep the shop open during my absence. therefore I have no option but lock up the shop completely. my plan is to close the shop from 12/9/19 to 12/10/19. Hopefully, I will be back in time for getting ready for Christmas .I am truly sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Newsletter News

Marjolaine Turner is retiring from our wonderful band of volunteer distributors. I would like to thank Marjolaine for delivering the newsletter in Alderton fields for as long as I can remember. Julie Wynne has kindly volunteered to take over from Marjolaine.

I am looking for a volunteer to deliver the newsletter in some of Willowbank Road for 3 months starting at the end of September. If you can help, please telephone Caroline 01242 620630 or email AldertonNewsletter@goolemail.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS www.alder-tonparishcouncil.org.uk

ORCHARD ROAD DEVELOPMENT – It is quite likely that the proposal to build five bungalows behind Orchard Road will go to the Tewkesbury Borough Planning Committee on **17th September**. The Parish Council are opposing the development.

There is no further news on the potential Cala development.

OTHER PLANNING – Three new planning applications have been received:

- 12A Brookside, Alderton (19/00759/FUL) - Creation of vehicular access and parking area.
- 21A Beckford Road, Alderton (19/00786/FUL) - Installation of dormer windows and external flue to rear and velux windows to front elevation
- Land At Lower Stanley Farm, Gretton Fields, Gretton (19/00770/FUL) - Variation of conditions 6 & 7 (25 year time restriction & cessation notice period) of planning permission no. 15/00350/FUL (The construction of a ground mounted 4MW solar farm and associated infrastructure including substation, transformer stations, access, roads and fencing.) To allow for 40 year operation and a 12 month cessation notice period

The following application, which has yet to be determined, has now been amended by submission of revised plans and information: 9 Beckford Road, Alderton (19/00590/FUL) - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement two storey dwelling with attached single garage, and provision of associated hard and soft landscaping.

606 BUS SERVICE – Talks are still ongoing to find a replacement service by October 2019 and County Councillor Roger Wilson will continue to chase this, as he is keen to ensure that there will not be any breaks in the service.

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: **26th September, 31st October, 28th November and 12th December**. To book an appointment contact the funding officer, Martha Mundy, on 01684 272099 or email: martha.mundy@te-wkesbury.gov.uk

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR – Alderton's defibrillator can be found in the old phone box in Cambridge Square, Alderton, GL20 8TZ. Cambridge Square is at the junction of Blacksmiths Road, Beckford Road and School Road ton. The defibrillator is available 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. To use it you must call 999 to get a code to access the defibrillator. Note: you can't call 999 from the telephone box - as the line doesn't work – so you will need to either call on a mobile, or at home first, to get the definition code. The defibrillator is designed for use by non-experts and will talk you through its use.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting: 17th September 2019, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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VILLAGE NEWS

The suspicious incident in Dibden Lane was interesting as reported in the last newsletter. I have one too. I was in Tewkesbury town centre one day with my dog, and on driving back to Alderton became aware of a car which seemed to be following, mirroring every twist and turn. I stopped in the village - but not outside my own house. The car went past and stopped further up the road, still in view. I just sat and waited for some time and eventually the car moved off. I did as well, and on rounding the next bend saw the car had turned and was going back the other way. Driving 'round the block' I saw it had pulled up again near the war memorial and I avoided it once again although I saw it start to turn. I eventually parked up somewhere and went quickly into my house when sure nobody was watching. People I have discussed this with speculate it was someone after stealing the dog, possibly for breeding, hoping I would leave it out in the garden or somewhere. A possibility. It is female, a striking animal, and a prospective thief would have no way of knowing she had in fact been speyed. There are many very nice dogs in the village, so owners beware. The car was a brown BMW estate on a 13 plate with one occupant, a male driver.

THE ARC GROUP will meet on Wednesday 4th September at Hayles Fruit Farm for Coffee at 10.30 am.

ALDERTON CHURCH NEWS

Village event: After a successful first **Cafe Church** in Dumbleton, why not come to the next one in Alderton Village Hall on Sunday September 29th at 10.30am, for fun, fellowship and refreshment? Real coffee, croissants and fruit juice and some fun activities for young and old! September's theme is celebrating National Poetry Day - come and see!

Alderton's Harvest Supper is on **Friday 20th September** at 7.30pm in Alderton Village Hall. There will be a variety of casseroles to enjoy, together with seasonal puddings and the tickets are available from Ivona McIlwraith 620688, Gill Cogzell 620303 and Helen West 620587, priced £8 for adults and £5 for children. As this is a community event, we do hope you will come along and support it and enjoy an evening socialising together. The money will be put towards some essential repairs that are needed on the church.

Harvest Songs of Praise: is on **Sunday September 22nd** at 10.30am in St Margaret's Church to celebrate the countryside and produce that we are all able to enjoy. It is a short service where well known harvest songs will be sung. We would be very pleased if you would join us.

St Margaret's Wildflower area: Drop into the church porch to see a new display of the butterflies our photographer caught on camera during August. Some, like the painted lady, are migrants making a journey here from as far away as Africa so we were very pleased that one was snapped enjoying the sunshine. Other news: The remains of this year's growth should have been cut down and the seeds shaken out across the patch by the time you read this to propagate more wildflowers for next year. These are flowers that grow naturally in grassy meadows in southern England and not the larger naturalised garden flowers you often get in wildflower seed packets from garden centres. Ragwort has appeared this year but was controlled quite naturally by the caterpillar of the striking red and black cinnabar moth which feeds on ragwort flowers and prevents it reseeding. More effective than pulling it up.

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.

ALDERTON 5K RUN - SAT 31ST AUGUST 2019, 11AM START

Now in our 9th year the Alderton 5k is a fast, flat and super friendly run that this year will raise nearly £2,000 for Alderton Acorns, our much loved village Pre-School and Playgroup. The course is ideal for clocking a good 5k time. We welcome new runners, under 16's, dogs and pushchairs, have medals for all and family-friendly stuff for the kids while you run. To find out more or to enter online go to www.alderton5k.co.uk.

Warning of travel disruption

The safety of our 200+ runners is our paramount concern and we'd appreciate the support of local residents to please keep the road clear of cars and use an alternative route. The course starts at the Gardeners Arms, goes past Great Washbourne to the A46, before turning and coming back to finish on Alderton Playing Field. The times that access to Beckford Road will be limited is:

- Alderton - Alderton Grange - 11am to 11.10am
- Alderton - Beckford Road to/from A46 - 11am to 11.45am
- Great Washbourne - 11.10am to 11.30am
- Albutts - please leave Albutts by 11.10am

Volunteers We'll have over 200 runners in 2019's run. If you could spare a couple of hours on the morning of Sat 31st Aug to help with marshalling, safety, car parking or anything else then please contact Mark Watts-Jones on mwjmail@gmail.com or [07973 963539](tel:07973963539). If you have any questions please contact Mark Watts-Jones on 07973 963539 or mwjmail@gmail.com. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

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 2019 Saturday September 14th.

Growers and sewers, bakers and makers. Please make sure all your entries are delivered to 28 Beckford Road by 8pm on **Friday 13th September**. Show opens to villagers for viewing the exhibits from 1pm. Come and see what talented people we have in Alderton. Everyone welcome. Refreshments and raffle. The presentation of trophies and prizes will be at 3pm.

Design a cover for the next show. This category is open to Primary school aged children. If any children would like to enter please deliver your hand drawn A4 picture to 28 Beckford Road by 8pm on Friday 13th Sept.

If you need any more details, contact Sian Tryner on 620906/07790 342157 stryner@btinternet.com

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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.

We currently have a vacancy on the committee for a Secretary. This mainly involves taking minutes at the meetings (held every 6-8 weeks), then writing up and circulating minutes and agendas. We would welcome anyone interested to contact either Judith at judith.humphreys64@gmail.com or Kaye at kaye@mahunt.plus.com

Bowls equipment We currently have some equipment which was in the past used by Alderton Indoor Bowls Club. If anyone is interested in re-starting a club, or knows of a local club who might be able to make use of this, please let us know.

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

So now I have just over a month to go in my training. I have started to run in official races including the Evesham 10K and the local Bugatti 10K recording times under 48 minutes. I have also registered for the Westonbirt 10K and the Apperley quarter marathon both in September. This besides the Alderton 5K at the end of August. These runs are as well as increasing my weekly longer runs of over 11 miles come rain or shine. Because the mileage has increased, we spent one evening last week at the hospice learning about managing and preventing injuries. I've had a few niggles, but I'm still on target following the twice weekly running programme and my next month's update will be a few days before the big race day. Once again, a massive thank you to everyone who has given me money or pledges in support of my efforts for Sue Ryder. The total received so far is £405.00 in cash and cheques and my just giving.com page has now reached £160.00 which is awesome. Also please let me know if you want Sue Ryder to claim gift aid, which is worth an extra 20% on your donation. 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

Alderton Gardening Club were delighted with the success of the August event with Terry Walton who visited the village allotments and gave an entertaining talk at the village hall during the evening. During a balmy afternoon Terry visited Alderton Allotments and met some local gardeners. Tom, our Chairman, showed him round and Mr and Mrs Walton enjoyed tea at the Gardeners Arms before Terry's talk at the village hall. The village hall was packed with over 100 people and the buzz of talk could be heard through the open windows as gardening club members and guests approached the building. We were well entertained by Terry's professional talk and anecdotes and the evening finished off with a book signing. Thank you to all who helped the Gardening Club with this event: the allotment holders, The Gardeners Arms and Corner Cottage B&B. Photos were taken by Will Hughes and can be seen on the village website – Alderton Gardening Club Past events pages.

Next Meeting - Thursday 12th September - Mr D Everitt Autumn the Forgotten Season

Following the talk there will be plants and bulbs on sale brought buy the speaker to help us to develop our Autumn gardens. Entry tickets on the door. Please state if you are a member (£2.50) or Guest (£5.00).

All welcome at the Village Hall. Opens 7pm for a 7.30 start.

GREEN FIELDS TRUST www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk

Trustees of Green Fields Trust are the group tasked with encouraging and receiving applications from the local community for a share of the £4000 donated by Gretton Solar Farm each year. Have a look at the information below and see if you could take advantage of this money. The next round of applications closing date is 30th September, and then subsequently end of March 2020 and we are very keen to hear from organisations and groups within Gretton, Alderton and Prescott. We've recently helped with solar panels on community buildings, school recycling and gardening projects... but we are sure there are more community and local environment projects that could benefit from this money.

ALDERTON ACORNS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND TODDLERS STAY AND PLAY

Summer...

With the holidays coming to a end, all families begin to look towards the coming year. With a mixture of nerves and excitement, those beginning school will be trying on uniform, buying black shoes and having that last minute hair cut! Best wishes are being sent as they take their next steps to independent learning. Other families are preparing to continue or start the Acorns journey, wondering what new friends will be made while exploring learning through play in the early years!

2019/2020 Exciting new adventures...

The Acorns mini allotment (please explore the garden at the village hall next time you visit) has transformed into a jungle over the summer, from super large tomato plants to beans that Jack really could climb! We will be harvesting and enjoying many of these delights along with (hopefully) entering some into the Alderton Produce and Craft Show on Saturday 14th September. We will be continuing with our 'Boogie Beats' music and movement sessions twice a month (once for Preschool and then again for Toddlers). Following on with Acorns' love of all outdoor activities, we will be introducing 'Sports Sessions' into the group, exploring different activities/games each term allowing all children to find physical outlets that suit them.

Alderton 5K As this goes to print the Alderton 5K will have taken place, with ever increasing numbers the event witnesses entrees coming from near and far to participate in this run through our beautiful village. As always, our thanks goes out to the 5K committee who year after year, through their hard work make this event possible. Here's hoping for the sun!

Acorns opens for Autumn One on Wednesday 4th September with Toddlers starting back on Friday 6th September. 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.

ALDERTON HANDBELL RINGERS

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 19 TH OCTOBER

The Handbell Ringers will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on **Saturday 19 th 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. This year we are celebrating our 25 th Anniversary. The Bells had been part of village life for many years before this but gradually were being used less and less. 25 years ago the Alderton Handbell Ringers Association was formed to preserve the bells for future generations. We had 8 bells at that time but now have a full 2 octave set of 25 bells. Please come along and support us, we look forward to seeing you – without your support this very old village tradition will disappear. All money raised goes towards the cost of maintaining the village handbells and for purchasing music.

Wildlife facts

Did you know that there are approximately 9,000 species of wasp in the UK. These include the parasitic wasps, some are so tiny, they can barely be seen without a microscope. 250 of these are the larger wasps which have a stinger. Only nine of these are social wasps which form large nests, the majority are solitary and cause no upset to humans. Wasps eat flies, aphids, caterpillars and other invertebrates, making them an important insect-controlling predator, and they are also important pollinators, which can make them a friend to gardeners. In September the nests are at maximum capacity, with lots of adults and few larvae. This means that there will be lots of wasps visible but also affects what food they look for. While the adults feed on nectar the larvae are fed on insects. When feeding larvae, adults obtain a small, sugar rich droplet of liquid from the young. It is because of this need for carbohydrates that wasps might go for your crisps rather than your jam this month. A way to avoid this is to cut up windfall or rotting fruit and leave it in a corner of your garden for the wasps and they'll happily go to these and leave you alone. I'd also like to thank everyone for the donations this month, we should soon have enough to be able to send off another box to Terracycle. We are still collecting empty Pringle tubes, toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes and stamps as part of the Terracycle schemes to raise money for bat care. You can drop off any item to 12 Orchard Road. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call me on 620373

GARDENERS ARMS gardeners1@btconnect.com. 01242 620257

This September: The Gardeners Arms are proud to be hosting our very own Gin and Rum Festival on **Friday 13th September**. It will feature dance-inducing live music, mouth-watering food and, of course, a plentiful selection of the best gins and rums from up and down the country.

The Rugby World Cup! England are playing Tonga on **Sunday 22nd** at 11.15am, so head on down to The Gardeners Arms and grab some breakfast before kick-off! Keep an eye on our social media pages and website for which matches we will be showing.

If running is more up your street than rugby, then don't forget the Cheltenham half marathon is on September 29th. We've got the perfect drinks menu to cool you down after.

NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is **Wednesday 25 September 2019**. 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