# Alderton Newsletter - September 2026

## 1. ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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**ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**
Meeting agendas, minutes and finances are online at: https://aldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings/

**PLANNING UPDATES**

**Proposed Development – Land south of Beckford Road [now 32 houses] 24/00393/OUT**
No further news.

**Proposed Development – Land Behind 52-74 Willow Bank Road [48 houses] 2400801/FUL**
No further news.

**Dibden Lane – 26/00588/PIP, Land on the South Side of Dibden Lane [ up to 9 houses]**
The Parish Council has lodged a comprehensive objection to this proposal [available on the Tewkesbury Planning Portal] and is pleased that many residents have also objected.

**COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**
Many thanks to the 195 households who completed the Survey – a 45% response rate which is a very high return for surveys of this type. The results and a report are being compiled by GRCC and are due to go back for consideration at the September Parish Council meeting.

**ALLOTMENTS** - Please be aware of a wasps' nest by the gate.

**ROAD CLOSURES** – Beckford Road will be closed on Saturday 5th September from 11:00 for the Alderton 5k Run. Full details below.

**FIRES** - Cooler weather may be returning but a fire risk remains. Please avoid fires of any type.

Information about the Parish Council and the village can be viewed on www.aldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk. Villagers are encouraged to make use of the site.

**DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday 15 September, 7pm, in the Village Hall.

### Welcome to new residents

Our monthly newsletter is available by email at www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/newsletter-signup. Visit www.aldertonvillage.co.uk for information on village news.

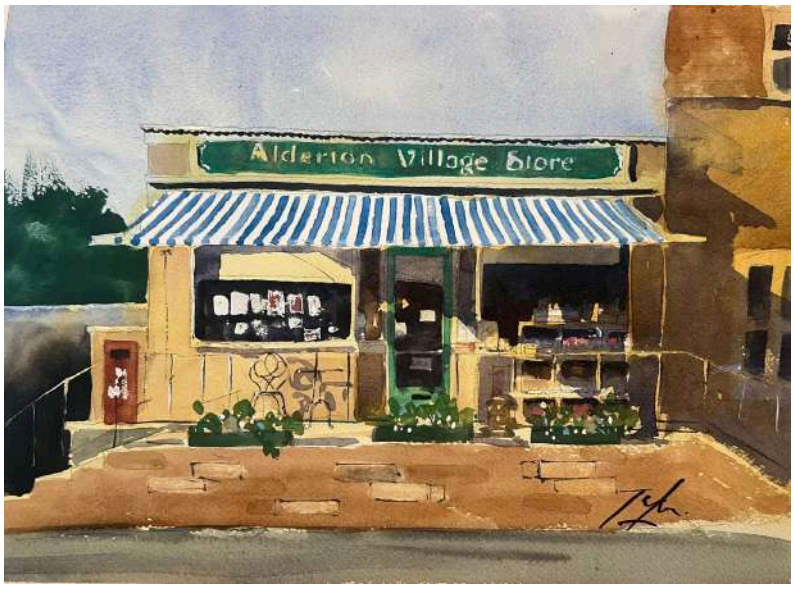
Follow us on social media at www.facebook.com/aldertonglos & www.instagram.com/alderton_glos or join our WhatsApp groups (**Alderton Residents** and **For Sale/Free**) for local updates and to buy/sell. To join, contact Mark on 07973 963539 or mwjmail@gmail.com.

# 2. ALDERTON BUSINESSES & SERVICES

## ALDERTON VILLAGE STORE & POST OFFICE

Yari expects the change in ownership of the village shop to be resolved in mid-September, after which there should be more news on the new owners and what happens next.

Yari was also very pleased to receive a commissioned watercolour of the Village Shop and £1,500 as his retirement gifts, a wonderful show of appreciation from the village. Thank you to everyone who contributed. The painting, by our friend Tom Kane from Alderton Fields, is a lovely reminder of Yari's many years at the heart of village life and has been beautifully framed. You can see more of Tom's work on Instagram at @tomkanewatercolours




## THE GURKHAS AT GARDENERS ARMS

www.thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk / 01242 620257 / info@thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk

We were deeply saddened by the recent flash floods in Nepal, and our thoughts remain with everyone affected, especially those who have lost family and friends. With the generous support of our customers, staff and restaurant, we raised and sent £833 to the Nepal Prime Minister Disaster Relief Fund to help those impacted by the disaster. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Closer to home, we were proud to sponsor this year's Alderton 5k Run, supporting a fantastic village event and helping raise funds for Alderton Acorns Pre-School and Toddlers.

We are also proud to hold a 5-star food hygiene rating, reflecting the high standards we place on the preparation and service of our food.

As always, everyone is very welcome at The Gurkhas. Come and enjoy the vibrant flavours of our Indian and Nepalese food, a drink at the bar, or simply some time with friends and neighbours.

**Book your table:**

☎ 01242 620257
🌐 https://thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk

# ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL

www.aldertonvillagehall.co.uk
bookings@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk / enquiries@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk

**FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER - WELLBEING EVENT - 2.30PM - 4.30PM**

Connecting Communities - Live Longer Better Drop-in sessions for residents. All your usual refreshments and homemade cakes will be available, so come along and meet your friends. Keep your eyes open for more details coming soon.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD - CANINE COFFEE MORNING, 10AM - MIDDAY**

Well-behaved dogs on leads, big and small, are very welcome to join us for this special morning. Homemade doggie treats will be available to buy as well as the usual tea, coffee and cakes. Takeaways also available.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH - JIGSAW SWAP COFFEE MORNING, 10AM - MIDDAY**

Have you finished with a jigsaw and would like a new one to challenge you over the dark winter nights? Then come along to our jigsaw swap and see what you can find. There will be a communal jigsaw for everyone to help complete during the morning.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 19TH - CHRISTMAS CAFE, 10AM - MIDDAY**

A festive morning of Christmas fun with refreshments, delicious homemade cakes, and a Christmas raffle along with a sprinkling of lots of Christmas cheer. Community carol singing and a performance by our very own village handbell ringing group, the Alderton Belles. Everyone welcome. Come and join the fun!

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH - ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 5.30PM - OPEN TO EVERYONE**

We want the hall to be well-used by the community, so we are always looking for fresh ideas for maintaining and improving the facilities offered at the hall. So if you can spare the time to come along that would be very much appreciated!

Progress is being made on the potential redevelopment of the hall, and we will give an update on this at the meeting.

We do need more volunteers, on both the busy Social Committee and Redevelopment Committee, so please let us know if you are interested in joining us to help take the Village Hall forward. The more people are involved, the more enjoyable it is for everyone, and the more likely it is that we are making this village facility accessible to the whole community.

If you have any comments or suggestions, we'd love to hear from you – either at the AGM or by email to kaye@mahunt.plus.com.

## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

https://gloucester.diocesedirectory.org/places/29675 / julia.hook@btinternet.com

**NORTH COTSWOLD FOODBANK**

As many of you know, there used to be a Foodbank collection box in the Alderton shop and any donations have always been very gratefully received. Hopefully this will continue with the new owner but in the meantime a collection box will be available in Alderton Church if you would still like to donate. The central Foodbank store, which is located in Guiting Power, serves seven different outlets in the North Cotswold area. These are in Winchcombe, Bishops Cleeve, Stow on the Wold, Moreton in Marsh, Bourton on the Water and Chipping Campden. The latest list of required items is always available on the website, under **donate,** along with information about how they help local people in crisis. https://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk The donations will be collected as before and taken to the store.

**ALDERTON BELLS**

On September 9th, there will be a visiting team of bellringers who will be ringing from 10.15am - more bells for you to enjoy!

**MAGICAL MARKS TALK, SAT OCTOBER 3rd. 6.30pm**

Held in Alderton Village Hall, followed by St Margaret's Church, to see the marks there. Back by popular demand! The talk on 13th June was a sell-out, and we already have a reserve list for this talk. Brian Hoggard (Heritage and Conservation, Tewkesbury Abbey) will talk about magical marks and objects found in historic buildings, particularly in our church, with a fascinating insight into superstitions over the centuries.

Once again, tickets are strictly limited to allow everyone to explore the marks/historical graffiti in the church, so please don't put off buying a ticket or you may be disappointed! Sorry, no refunds. Cash bar.

All profits go towards the upkeep of St Margaret's Church. Contact Sarah Hughes on magicalmarksalderton@gmail.com or private message via the Alderton Village WhatsApp.

## OAK HILL CoE PRIMARY SCHOOL

https://www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk/

We are looking forward to a new academic year - welcoming our pupils on 2nd September. We hope you've all enjoyed the summer break. We have some new faces starting in Reception & other year groups, and a few new staff faces in new places in the school team.

We are still seeking Local Advisory Board members - please do get in touch if you are able to help us on chair@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk

## ALDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP

www.ourwatch.org.uk

You can come and see us at the Village Hall coffee mornings, which we will be attending each month, commencing on Saturday 3rd October. We will be on hand to share the benefits of the Neighbourhood Watch Group, and to listen to any questions or concerns that you may have about local crime. A member of our local Neighbourhood Policing Team will join us at the coffee mornings, subject to their availability.

Neighbourhood Watch Groups can make a real, long-lasting difference to their communities: increasing cohesion; helping to prevent crime; increasing neighbourliness and community wellbeing; supporting vulnerable people and increasing the voice of the community with other organisations. We are working with, and supported by, the Tewkesbury Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Alderton Parish Council.

Being a member of our group means that you will receive crime prevention advice, local information, and help us to make Alderton a better place to live. We now have 14 members in our group and will be delighted to welcome new members. You can join on-line at www.ourwatch.org.uk or contact me directly on 07799 347259. help us to develop our community.

Please email alderton.neighbourhood.watch@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to getting to know many more of you in the village.

David Johnson, Group Co-ordinator

# 3. CLUBS & SOCIETIES

## ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB NEWS

www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club / aldertongc@gmail.com

It might have been the hottest day of the year, so far, but it did not deter fifty eight hardy Alderton Gardening club members descending on the village hall. The speaker was none other than the club chairman and Alderton's almost-resident gardener Tom Cullimore.

Armed with boughs of Wisteria and hedge cutters and secateurs as aids to demonstration and a PowerPoint presentation (kindly produced by Christine Kelly); Tom delivered a comprehensive talk about '**Your Garden in August'**.

The talk was a practical guide to **getting the most from your garden in August**, covering the essential jobs of pruning wisteria, roses, raspberries and lavender, maintaining lawns and hedges,

staking perennials, and dealing with pests such as vine weevil grubs and lawn leatherjackets. Tom also looked at sowing and growing, including spring cabbages, new potatoes for Christmas and strawberries, as well as troubleshooting problems such as runner beans failing to set flowers.

He concluded with a comprehensive range of flowers and shrubs to provide **colour and interest throughout August**, from agapanthus and echinacea to clematis, roses, salvias and Japanese anemones. Tom then answered several questions from the audience.

After a short break for club notices and the presentation of a £10 garden voucher to this month's winner Judy Coppin, it was over to Tom to draw the evening raffle. Also in attendance were **Potager Plants** from Ashton-Under-Hill. They did some brisk trade with the sale of a range of locally grown annuals and herbaceous perennials.

On Thursday 8th October our speaker will be Sue Kent, plant garden designer, author, and regular on BBC's Gardener's World. There are a few tickets remaining: aldertongc@gmail.com for details.

**THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER - PRUNING CLEMATIS & CLIMBERS WITH DAVID HIGGINSON**

Doors open from 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start in Alderton Village Hall. As always, enjoy free refreshments, our raffle, and monthly gardening tips.

£3 for members; £6 non-members. All welcome!

# 4. GREAT WASHBOURNE

**HARVEST SERVICE AND LUNCH, SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER**
The Harvest Celebration Service is at Midday, followed by a bring and share lunch in the church or churchyard (depending on the weather). Soft drinks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own beer or wine. We will be supporting the North Cotswold Foodbank, and contributions of cash or produce will be gratefully received via the box in church or on the day.

Everyone is very welcome to join us. Please contact Karen on 07887 597792 for more information.

**FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT, SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 6PM**
More details to follow.

# 5. EVENTS

## ALDERTON 5K RUN 2026

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered, sponsored, supported or ran the Alderton 5k Run. We raised £4,000 for Alderton Acorns Pre-School and Toddlers. Next year's run is on Sat 4th September 2027, and you can enter now at www.alderton5k.co.uk

## ALDERTON WANDERERS CHARITY CRICKET MATCH

A fantastic afternoon at Overbury Cricket Club for the annual Youth vs Experience match, with male and female players aged from 13 to 60+. The game went down to the final over, with the Youth winning with three balls to spare. Most importantly, the day raised more than £1,000 for the Ruth Strauss Foundation. Thanks to everyone who played, watched, donated or bought raffle tickets.
A great village day for a very worthwhile cause.

## DAYLESTONE PARK COFFEE MORNING, FRI 11TH SEP, 10AM

Join us for a relaxed morning of coffee and conversation.

- Fresh coffee and something sweet
- Easy conversation with neighbours and friendly faces
- Pop in, meet our team, and enjoy a relaxed morning

Join us at the Daylestone Park Show Home, off St Margaret's Drive, Alderton, GL20 8FQ

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## DEBRIFRILLATORS

To use both defibrillators, take your mobile phone as you need to call 999 to get the release code.

| | **Rear of porch, Alderton Village Hall** | **Right-hand side of Pavilion, Alderton Playing Field** |
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| Address | 2 Dibden Lane, Alderton | Beckford Road, Alderton |
| Postcode | GL20 8NT | GL20 8NL |
| What3Words | https://w3w.co/taking.scramble.reporting<br>///taking.scramble.reporting | https://w3w.co/dazzling.rounds.seemingly<br>///dazzling.rounds.seemingly |

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