

## **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 @google mail .com](mailto:aldertonnewsletter@googlemail.com) or by phone 01242620630 for more information.

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| <b>PARISH COUNCIL NEWS</b> <a href="http://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk">www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk</a> |
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## **YET ANOTHER PROPOSED HOUSING ESTATE**

Villagers will have been notified by a flier of a proposal from Black Box Planning to build 56 houses at land west of Willow Bank Road. The flier provides a framework to make initial comments. This land is where the Parish Council and Tewkesbury Borough won an appeal against a similar proposal a few years ago. The Parish Council met the developers on 16 August and asked for a Public Meeting to give villagers the opportunity to learn more, ask questions and give written feedback. This has now been agreed.

THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION WILL BE AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM. PLEASE COME ALONG AT A TIME TO SUIT YOU AND LEAVE YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS.

As with the Rainier proposal it is critical that villagers then 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**

Almost 150 objections have been sent in by villagers. This is a huge response. All these can be viewed on the Tewkesbury Borough Planning Website and will be reviewed as part of the process prior to consideration of the Application by the Tewkesbury Borough Planning Committee. The Parish Council's response has been sent and will also be available on the website.

**NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE:** Willow Bank Road, Alderton closed from 08.00 **26/09/2022** to 17.00 **30/09/22**.

This is to allow for Triconnex to install a new Gas connection to a housing development in this location. Pedestrian and Emergency access to be maintained throughout.

## **SEWER REPLACEMENT WORKS**

We have been made aware that Severn Trent are programmed to start work on replacing the sewer pipe bridge near Arch Bridge in Willowbank Rd (opposite Cala Site) on **September 11<sup>th</sup>** this could involve some disruption to the road as it will involve some long Pipes but there should be no interruption to flow!

**TRAFFIC** The Parish Council received at its August meeting concerns both about the volume of traffic in the village and instances of unsafe driving. The development by Cala on Willow Bank Road has obviously caused a number of issues including some heavy traffic through the village. In terms of driving, the village is a combination of narrow roads, both access and in the centre, and calls for slow speeds and considerate driving. Particular concerns have been expressed about cars approaching the 90-degree bend where St Margaret's Road and Blacksmith's Road meet and the road from Alderton to Beckford. Please take care especially as pedestrians can be on the side of roads.

**PARISH CLERK VACANCY** The Parish is looking to fill this vacancy on a permanent basis. Please see details at the end of this newsletter.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

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## ALDERTON 5K RUN - WARNING OF TRAFFIC DISRUPTION

Alderton 5k Run is on **Saturday September 3rd**, starting at 11am. We'd appreciate it if before and during the run Beckford Road going to/from Beckford could be kept clear of both parked and especially moving cars. This is for the safety of our 200+ runners, many of whom are children.

The course starts at the Gardeners Arms, goes past Great Washbourne then turns before Beckford before finishing on Alderton Playing Field. Access to Beckford Road will be limited at the following times:

- Gardeners Arms > Franklin Road - 11am to 11.10am
- Beckford Road to/from A46 - 11am to 11.45am
- Great Washbourne - 11.10am to 11.30am
- Albutts - please leave Albutts by 11.10am

As alternative routes are available, we'd really appreciate it if you could use them. Please follow the direction of our marshals who will guide you. Thanks for your support. Entries are still available at [www.alderton5k.co.uk](http://www.alderton5k.co.uk). Any questions to Mark Watts-Jones on 07973 963539 or [mwjmail@gmail.com](mailto:mwjmail@gmail.com).

## CHURCH NEWS

**The Bishop of Gloucester** is taking the service in Alderton on **Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am**. The service will be for all 4 churches in our group, and we would like to give the Bishop a good welcome. So do please come along and meet her - a Bishop's visit in any of our 4 Churches doesn't happen very often! In addition to her role as Bishop of Gloucester, she is Bishop to HM Prisons and Patron of Prisoners Abroad, a charity supporting the welfare of Britons imprisoned overseas and their families. She was one of the 2 first female Bishops in the Church of England.

**The Harvest Supper** will be held on **Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 for 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. There will be a hot 2 course meal served and there will be a paying bar. The tickets priced £10 are available from Joy Edwards – 620417 [joy.edwards@btinternet.com](mailto:joy.edwards@btinternet.com), Sarah Hughes - 07989 048123 [sarah.hughes@rocketmail.com](mailto:sarah.hughes@rocketmail.com) Helen West 07941 373030 [helenmarywest4@gmail.com](mailto:helenmarywest4@gmail.com)

The money raised will be shared between the Village Hall and the Church.

**The Community Service** to celebrate Harvest and Creation will be on **Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am** in Church. This is an informal service singing the well-known Harvest songs. As well as thinking about the food we all benefit from, we will also be celebrating our pets as we have done before. So, we would love it if you brought them along – any type! We have not only had cats and dogs previously but rabbits, parrots, ferrets, tortoises – so bring them all along!

## 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 email [aldertonevents@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonevents@gmail.com). Can deliver in the village.

## ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB

For our August meeting we welcomed back Reg Moule "the godfather of soil". Reg was our launch speaker when the club started in April 2018.

Growing fruit in small gardens was the subject matter, and this was an area of horticulture which we haven't covered as a club before, so a great addition to the programme.

Reg initially trained at Pershore college and learning fruit growing was one of the reasons why he studied there. In his 50 years in the industry, he has witnessed a huge number of changes and the growing of fruit is no exception!

He talked about both tree and soft fruit growing, varieties, rootstocks, pests and diseases, pruning and growing requirements. Our as ever inquisitive members asked all manner of questions during and after the talk. Growing fruit in our gardens is something we may all have to do more of soon, with food cost inflation and supply issues becoming real problems for a lot of people. All in all, a most valuable insight into the

subject courtesy of our knowledgeable friend Reb. So, thank you mate!

After the talk chairman Tom went through a few gardening jobs to tackle during August and read out some club notices. He also invited the audience to give suggestions for talk subjects to be included, where possible, for our 2023 programme. These were all duly noted.

The 7-prize raffle was drawn by Reg, after which he signed copies of his handbooks 1 & 2 which were for sale on the evening. It was good to see yet more new faces joining us for the first time, so good to see them and welcome!

Our Next meeting is the **8th of September** when Paul Green will be coming with some of plants of the early Autumn season, Doors open at 7 for a 7p.m start, with a raffle and refreshments. It promises to be another great evening, so we look forward to seeing all you there!

### **ALDERTON VILLAGE PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW 2022, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>.**

Growers and sewers, bakers and makers. Have you handed in your entry yet? You should all have received a copy of the show schedule with details of how to enter. Extra copies are available in the shop. Please make sure all your entries are delivered to Sian at 28 Beckford Road by **8pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**.

On the morning of the show, doors open to exhibitors at 8:30am and judging begins at 10:30am. Viewing admission to the hall is from **1pm** and it is **FREE** to come along and view the exhibits with the Presentation of Trophies and Prizes at **2.30pm**. Do come along and see what a talented community we have in Alderton. Refreshments will be on sale.

If you need any more details, contact Sian Tryner on 620906/07790 342157 [stryner@btinternet.com](mailto:stryner@btinternet.com)

### **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

Our next Village Hall coffee morning will be held on **Saturday 1st 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, please contact Judith on 07837 402692

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

As our primary school gears up for an exciting year ahead with all students now studying on the Alderton site, the FOOHs committee have lots of plans to raise essential funds to support the school to maintain it's rightful place as a hugely important part of our community.

For any families with children at the school (new and existing) or indeed any families who want to know more about the school by chatting to fellow parents, we'll be enjoying an informal gathering at Alderton Park (children too) on the morning of **Sunday the 11th September** at 10.30 am - bring your own refreshments and a picnic blanket and get to know other families.

The school are also hosting a **Community Ceilidh (barn dance)** at Alderton Village Hall on **Saturday the 8th October** from 7.30pm at the Village Hall. All over 14s are welcome (you don't have to be a school parent) and tickets are selling out fast! £15 per ticket to include a homemade feast. Please bring cash for raffle and bar. Tickets at <https://foohs.eventbrite.co.uk/> We would also be extremely grateful for any donations of raffle prizes - please use the email below to let us know what you can offer.

Finally, all villagers are warmly invited to join our **Bonus Ball Scheme**. For an annual payment of £52 (which can be paid in instalments) you choose a number and if it features as a lottery winning number each week you win back £10! This is by far the school's biggest fundraiser and it's open to all to join. Please contact our treasurer Rebecca Hill on [friendsofoakhillschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofoakhillschool@gmail.com) to secure your number!

## **ALDERTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB:**

Yet another most enjoyable summer for the Alderton Wanderers Cricket Club. So far, our season has seen us win 6, lose 4, with one still to play. Several closely contested and exciting matches this season, not least the Gordon Hayden Shield match against our neighbours Dumbleton. In a tight game we managed to skittle them out with 1 over remaining and in so doing gain our first bit of silverware.

In another first for the club, we finally got to tour Porto where we enjoyed 2 days of cricket and hospitality (2 things that don't necessarily mix it turns out) at the Oporto Cricket Club. On the pitch the opposition, including a Portuguese international (and yes, that's in cricket before you ask!), proved just a bit too strong for us. We did, though, do ourselves justice, had a fantastic weekend and managed to get ourselves an invite back for 2024. Next time we'll remember to save the glasses of Port until AFTER the match!

Next year Alderton Wanderers Cricket Club will celebrate it's 10-year anniversary. Watch out for any events planned for that.

We continue to go from strength to strength, though not necessarily on the pitch, and we are always open to new players, young/old, male/female, regardless of ability. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please do message me on [rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com](mailto:rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com)

## **NEXT GREEN FIELDS TRUST APPLICATION DEADLINE - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

Green Fields Trust ([www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk](http://www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk)) on behalf of Alderton Solar Farm Limited have funded numerous small projects within Alderton over the last 7 years; solar panels on the playing field changing rooms, energy efficient lighting in the village hall, outdoor and environmental education projects for Oak Hill School and Alderton Acorns and water butts and compost bins for the allotment committee - you see the sort of thing! The next funding application deadline is **30 September 2022** - go to the website for more information, application forms and start thinking!

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| NEXT NEWSLETTER Deadline for copy is <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b> . All items must have Name & 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> |
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## **ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **VACANCY FOR A PARISH CLERK/ RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Alderton Parish Council is seeking a Parish Clerk.

Alderton is a rural parish lying to the east of Tewkesbury which has grown quite considerably in recent years through new housing development. This is a permanent part-time role in which the Clerk will be required to attend all Parish Council meetings, which are generally held every month on a Tuesday evening. The Council is a small, friendly and diverse group doing its best to serve the community.

The successful candidate will have initiative, be well organised, have excellent administrative and financial skills with a high level of IT literacy. The applicant will ideally be CILCA qualified or willing to work towards this qualification in a timely manner. An important aspect of the Clerk's role is the management of the allotment site in Alderton which has increased in size and popularity.

The successful candidate will have a strong desire to make a success of this important role and with the Councils support undertake any necessary formal training. There will be a 6-month probationary period with a start date as soon as possible. A full Job Description, a Person Specification and a Calendar of Regular Clerk's Activities are available on request via the email address below.

Hours of work are 10 per week, worked flexibly and work will be home based. Salary will be dependent on experience and qualifications but will be in the range NJC LC2 [ £25419 to £32798] pro rata. This is an hourly rate of £13.21 to £17.05.

Applications for the post should be submitted with a c/v and a covering letter setting out relevant experience to [aldertonchair@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonchair@gmail.com). Any queries regarding the post to be sent to the same e-mail address. **Closing Date is 30 September 2022**