



Alderton Village Newsletter June 2024

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Note from Editor:

Well, May was a washout...with some people, sadly, getting water in their houses. The amazing Alderton spirit kicked in and there were, as always, volunteers galore. The stream at the back of my house became clogged up, so I, and others will be ensuring it is clear as more rain is forecast over the summer.

We have tragically lost two young men in the last few months, both of whom have grown up in the village. It has thrown a lot of sadness across the whole neighbourhood, but also shown how amazing our community is at supporting each other. There is now a bench on our hill dedicated to Ross Thomas, and there are plans afoot for there to be another one for Will. It is a fabulous spot, one where many of us survey the view and think how lucky we are to live here.

Mary Merheim

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1. PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk

aldertonpc@gmail.com

Proposed New Development – Land south of Beckford Road [35 houses]

The Parish Council have just been informed of an outline planning application with access by Franklin Road for up to 35 dwellings. Already there are 199 new houses built or going to be built in the village in recent years. This proposal would increase that total to 234, getting ever closer to a 100% increase in houses.

How to make your comments:

WEBSITE – www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/planning click “new planning applications” then “search for and comment on planning applications” and to add your comments you will need to register first and then search for the application using ref 24/000393/OUT

OR EMAIL - You can email your letter/comments to developmentapplications@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Please ensure you add ref 24/00393/OUT to the subject line.

You'll need to include your name and address (These are not published).

OR IN WRITING including ref 24/00393/OUT

Planning Department Tewkesbury Borough Council

Gloucester Road Tewkesbury GLOS GL20 5TT

Each Individual member rather than just households can express a view and non-residents can also comment.

Please comment as soon as possible.

Proposed New Development – Land West of Willow Bank Road [48 houses]

The Parish Council is still waiting to see details of pre- commencement conditions.

Proposed New Development – Land East of St Margaret's Drive [48 houses]

The Parish Council have been notified by Pegasus that they are acting for Freeman Homes who will be advancing a reserved matter planning application for 48 homes. Parish Councillors met Pegasus on 25 April and asked them to undertake consultations with local residents before finalising their plans. We now know that they will be holding an exhibition in the Village Hall, issuing a written letter and establishing a website. We will publicise the date of the public exhibition as soon as we know it.

Archaeological digging has started and we understand an invitation is being extended to Oak Hill school for children to see any interesting items found.

Proposed New Development- Land South of Dibden Lane [26 affordable houses]

There have been no further developments.

Parish Council Annual Meeting - this was held on Tuesday 7 May 2024 in the Village Hall. Over 40 people attended and local clubs and societies publicised their activities. It was perhaps a shame that few new residents attended but details of the clubs and their societies will be on the Parish Council website.

Development of new Strategic Plan for Cheltenham Borough Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council. No further news.

Playground – a potential supplier has been identified to erect the fencing around the children's play area.

Separately there has been a complaint about dog fouling in the play area. Residents are reminded not to take dogs into this area.

Flooding – reoccurring problems have been identified to our County Councillor and Gloucester Highways. We are awaiting a response. [Made more important by the flooding on 22 May. This was at least attended by Gloucester Highways]

Allotments – the Council were unsuccessful in their application for a grant to restore the old village shop, located on the allotments, for community use. An application will now be made to a different organisation.

Road Closures – Willow Bank Road [for bridge strengthening] – these are scheduled for June /July. We are trying to be clearer about dates.

Change of Name – consideration is being given to change the name of Tewkesbury Borough Council to North Gloucestershire Borough Council to be more representative of the geographical area covered. If villagers want to express a view details of how to respond are on the Parish Council website.

All enquiries/ correspondence to the Parish Council should be sent to aldertonpc@gmail.com.

Documents relating to the Parish Council can be viewed on www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at 7pm, 18 June 2024 in the Village Hall.

2. ALDERTON & GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS

- Welcome to any new residents, wherever you live in the village. This newsletter is published monthly and tells you what's going on. The village website is at www.aldertonvillage.co.uk and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aldertonglos
- We also have WhatsApp groups:
- 'Alderton residents' is for time sensitive information and answers to questions that locals know,'
- 'For Sale/Free' is our group for selling and exchanging
- 'Alderton chatter' is for chatting!
- 'Alderton Coven' is women supporting women. To join the first two message Mark on 07973 963539 or email mwjmail@gmail.com. To join the chat and women's group message Mary on 07826 019476

GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS. (Karen Cox, 01242 620633)

Family Quiz - many thanks for all who joined us on 27th April; everyone had a great time and we made a very satisfying £780! Special thanks to our super quizmaster Jane.

The **Great Washbourne Summer Supper** will be held on Friday 28th June at 6.30pm in the garden of Great Washbourne House. Some local Cheltenham musicians will be providing us with light summer music during the evening. A supper of roast pork (veggie alternative available) and salads will be served with all the trimmings, and strawberries & cream for dessert. There will be a bar, raffle and other entertainment including skittles. Do come and join us for what promises to be a great evening. Tickets will be available in advance from Jane (01242) 620291 or Karen (01242) 620633 or on the door: Adults £14, Children £7. All proceeds will go to the church funds.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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

June 1st - Coffee Morning from 10-12. Come along and enjoy our delicious homemade cakes and catch up with friends

July 6th – Canine Coffee Morning. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.

August 3rd – Coffee Morning, 10-12.

A date for your diary, this year The Alderton Village Show will be held on **Sunday September 8th**. More details next month.

FRIENDS OF OAK HILL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

friendsofoakhillschool@gmail.com

The children have been busy enjoying the new trim trail in the playground, which was funded by kind donations from our community and the 2022 Married v Singles Charity Football Match via FOOHS.

They will also be enjoying a whole school trip to the Cheltenham Science Festival funded by FOOHS as this goes to press.

Our fundraising efforts this term will be focussed around an Olympics themed summer fete to follow on from Sports Day at the park on Friday 12th July. Do please mark it on your calendars and come and enjoy!

Also if anyone would like to buy or renew a number in our Bonus Ball lottery style fundraiser or make a one off donation please contact us on the email address above.

GARDENING CLUB NEWS

www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club

Phil Kitson/Tom Cullimore

For our May meeting, we welcomed professional gardener and podcaster from Cirencester, Joff Elphick. Joff gave us a wide-ranging presentation. "Crayfish on the Lawn" was the title and it didn't disappoint. Our speaker has worked at some notable gardens and for some interesting people including Raymond Blanc, Sir Chris and Lady Evans, the National Trust, and currently poet Pam Ayres. Joff played us a recording of her reading her poem about Hedgehogs. He also featured Judith Haan who appeared on Tomorrow's World for longer than any presenter.

The talk featured places where he has worked, unusual plants, moths, fungi, dragonflies, beetles and even snails. Joff told us how he had discovered a rare snail from Turkey which he noticed in a garden whilst at work, which had travelled here on imported plants. He concluded with a story about the crayfish and how he found it on the lawn!

After speaking for 70 minutes Joff took a couple of questions, and then Chairman Tom gave out the latest club and village notices, followed by a brief talk on Wisteria.

A seven prize raffle was drawn, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Tom.

Free Tomato and Sunflower plants were on offer, thanks to Louise Kennedy for helping the chairman out with the supply of these.

With 4 of the committee absent we were down to the bare bones staffing wise. We need not have worried though as Jono Lewis, Leonora Tovey, and Mike Patterson all put their shoulders to the wheel, thank you all!

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 13th of June.

Christine Walkden

SOLD OUT

£3 members, £6 non-members

Currently all tickets have been sold for this event. Email aldertongc@gmail.com to see if there are any returns.

Can we request that all ticket holders arrive a little earlier than usual to avoid queue congestion around the main entrance.

Email aldertongc@gmail.com to see if any are still available.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Bishop of Tewkesbury came to our service in Alderton on May 26th and it was great to welcome him to our Church. It was good to see the service so well attended.

Flower Festival, Summer Fair and Gift Day: this will be on **Saturday July 27th** with a flower display in the Church and stalls and refreshments in the Churchyard and Village Hall – all day. Gift Day is an event normally held on the Saint's Day for the Church and ours for St Margaret's is around this time. It is a way of supporting the Church financially because like any building, money is needed to keep it in good condition. We have to have an extensive building survey every 5 years which we have just had and inevitably with a very old building there are repairs that need to be done. The money that you kindly donate will be used for general church maintenance including essential bell tower repairs - many people in the village comment on how they enjoy hearing the bells.

If you would like to make a cake for the refreshment stall, it would be gratefully received!

THE GARDENERS ARMS

www.gardenersarms.biz

We are taking bookings for Father's Day on Sunday 16th June 2024! Full Sunday menu available.

- We now have Jeremy Clarkson's Hawkstone Cider on tap – come and try it!
- Open from 9:30am daily, serving delicious breakfasts.
- Early bird offer – 15% off food from 5pm to 6pm Monday to Friday.
- 25% off any bottle of wine available all-day Monday to Thursday.
- HAPPY HOUR! From 5pm to 7pm every Friday and Saturday where you can get 10% off ALL DRINKS!
- Serving tasty Sunday roasts all day every Sunday from 12pm to 7pm – including our famous roast lamb.
- Don't fancy cooking? Order a takeaway! Please pre-order in advance and collection only.
- QUIZ NIGHT.... Every 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- A reminder that we are dog friendly – and even have a doggy menu!
- For those who have visitors from further afield, we have spaces for one night campervan stop overs with both electric and non-electric spaces available. Contact us for more information and to check availability.
- To make any reservation please contact us on 01242 620257.
- Or book a table online at <https://www.gardenersarms.biz/book-a-table-3/>

3. CLUBS/CLASSES

Book Club

Meets at the Gardeners Arms every 2 months on a Tuesday evening at 7pm.

Next meeting 4th June. Everyone welcome.

Gardeners Arms Crib Team.

We have 10 regular team members and some loyal stand ins now, with 8 players needed each week.

The season has just ended with the Tewkesbury and District Crib League.

Mary and Pauline won the League Doubles Cup (first time we have won it in 14 years!) and as a team we ended the season in 4th place, out of 8 teams. We are reasonably happy with 'mid table mediocrity'!

If interested in joining us next season contact Mary Merheim 07826 019476

4.ANNOUNCEMENTS/MISCELLANEOUS

William Humphreys' Funeral

Judith and Hugh would like you to know that William's funeral is being livestreamed. If you would like the details of how to watch live at 10am on Friday 14th June, please email Judith.humphreys64@gmail.com or contact her on Facebook Messenger.

Village Shop

If you can, please use the village shop. At this time of year there are usually local strawberries, asparagus and tomatoes.

Next Green Fields Trust Grant Application Deadline - 30 September 2024

Green Fields Trust (www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk) on behalf of Alderton Solar Farm Limited have funded numerous projects within Alderton and Gretton over the last few 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 bays for the allotment committee. In Gretton we have recently funded a solar battery system on the school. You see the sort of thing and there has been a huge range of scale and ambition in applications. We expect to have something in excess of £6k come September to give you a rough idea of the funding available every year! We encourage funding applications representing novel projects / installations which are making significant contributions to funding objectives over and above replacement and maintenance of existing assets. The next funding application deadline is 30th September 2024 - go to the website for more information and application forms.

5. WHAT'S ON?



WINCHCOMBE MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

21 - 28 JUNE

To book tickets, scan the QR Code or visit the Undercroft at the Winchcombe Museum to buy tickets in person.



Music and Arts Winchcombe 

WWW.WINCHCOMBEFESTIVAL.CO.UK

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 21 JUNE

SCENE IT ALL | 20:00 | THE LION INN

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

FAMILY FUN WITH LUCAS JET | 17:30 - 19:30 | SUDELEY ADVENTURE PARK
VO FLETCHER & TYLER MASSEY | 19:30 | ENCOUNTER HALL
WITH GREG BRICE IN SUPPORT

SUNDAY 23 JUNE

CVA - OPERATIC HIGHLIGHTS | 14:00 - 16:00 | ST PETER'S CHURCH
THE ACOUSTIC STAGE | 14:00 - 18:00 | THE LION INN

MONDAY 24 JUNE

WINCHCOMBE COMMUNITY CHOIR | 13:00 - 14:00 | SUDELEY CASTLE PAVILION
OLD BOY NETWORK | 19:30 | WINCHCOMBE CWM CLUB

TUESDAY 25 JUNE

SUSAN BLACK - MY ADVENTURES IN OPERA | 15:00 - 16:30 | ABBEY FIELDS
THE VALLEY COLLECTIVE | 19:30 | ABBEY FIELDS

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

BEV HARRELL | 13:00 - 14:00 | SUDELEY CASTLE PAVILION
FIONA JAMES, ART HISTORIAN | 15:00 - 16:00 | ABBEY FIELDS
SNAKE DAVIS & ROBIN A SMITH | 19:30 | ST PETER'S CHURCH

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

FANTASTIC WITH FIZZ | 13:00 - 14:00 | SUDELEY CASTLE PAVILION
HANNAH HUGHES & JUDE LANE | 19:30 | SUDELEY CASTLE COACH HOUSE

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

DUCKWORTH & DUPREZ | 13:00 - 14:00 | SUDELEY CASTLE PAVILION
CHILTERN WINDS QUINTET | 19:30 | ST PETER'S CHURCH

To book tickets, scan the QR Code or visit the Undercroft at the Winchcombe Museum to buy tickets in person.



Get ready for the Winchcombe Midsummer Festival, an 8-day celebration filled with music, family events, performances and more - there's something for everyone. Check it out at winchcombefestival.co.uk

1st and 2nd Beckford Open Village 1pm
2nd Ahston Under Hill 5k Race
4th-9th Cheltenham Science Festival
8th Offenham Wake. Street fair, music, barbecue and bar 2-4.30pm
8th Hampton Ferry Car and Bike Show
8th-9th Prescott Speed Hill Climb Mid Summer Meeting
8th-9th Ashton Under Hill Open Gardens
9th Bishops Cleeve Street Fair 12.30
14th-16th Royal Three Counties Show, Malvern Showground
15th Guiting Power Fete and Fun Dog Show 12noon
20th-22nd 'Waiting for God', Bretforton Amateur Dramatic Theatre (adult themes)
(BADTheatreBretforton on Facebook)
21st-28th Winchcombe Midsummer Festival (see above)
23rd Prescott Speed Hill Climb Bike Festival
28th-30th Upton Jazz Festival

Alderton Newsletter has a new email address for you to send your contributions. It is aldertonnews@gmail.com

Next newsletter deadline 25/6/24

6. ALDERTON BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Any businesses based in the village are welcome to send their logo and brief description/
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news to the above address. They will be added on to the end of every digital newsletter for free.

ART'S KITCHENS & BATHROOMS



Art's Kitchens & Bathrooms Art Milczarek



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FREE no obligation quote!



- Kitchen & bathroom design and fitting
- Bespoke cabinetry
- Tiling & natural stone restoration service
- Plumbing, electric, plastering, painting

Aleks, myself and the children moved to Alderton in 2017 and love the village life. I've been in the kitchen and bathroom industry for 17 years, 6 of them in my own business. I can design, supply and fit quality kitchens and bathrooms.

Please contact me for a free no obligation quote!

Thanks Art

MA CHILLI

Hello, I'm Zoe a local business owner who has recently moved to Alderton. I own a chilli business Ma Chilli, which many of you have seen in Yari's, and also bought from me personally.



Ma Chilli it's simply about great taste and chilli sauces that come in a range of three different strengths all with the same base flavour. There's the Red Pepper sauce, The Cool One, with a rich tomato a flavour, it's the perfect alternative to ketchup that's just right for kids. There's the Chipotle sauce, The Smoky one, for those that likes a smoked flavour in their food, the perfect bottle for a barbecue. And finally, there's the Habanero sauce, this sauce pulls no punches in

bringing the burn to the bear.

You can purchase these sauces via my website machilli.co.uk and arrange local pickup or you can find me on the local WhatsApp group.

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I also own Mayling Design. I design websites, domains, web hosting, SEO, help with social media marketing, email marketing and much more. If you would like any more information on how I can help you and your business, please feel free to drop me an email on zoe@mayling.design

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