



## **Alderton Village Newsletter**

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### **Note from Editor:**

Thank you for all the kind words I've received about the new newsletter. I know the move to being predominantly online is a controversial one, but paper copies will always be available for anyone who can't access this online. The idea was not mine, initially, but requested by a villager.

The positives of going digital are:

- we can put more info in than having to stick to 4 sides of A4 so more people/groups /businesses can contribute
- it saves paper, it's greener
- it costs a lot less
- more people will visit the website/Facebook group
- people from outside the village, with an interest in it, can keep up to date with our news

The negatives are:

- you have to search it out online
- not everyone will get it delivered

I hope you, as an Aldertonian, understand why the decision was made. *Mary Merheim*

### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**     Mike West

[www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk)

#### **PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT – Land East of St Margaret's Drive [was 55 houses, now 48 houses]**

This Enquiry is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April. All comments made will be available to the Planning Inspector and the Parish Council will play a full role at the Hearing under what is called Rule Six Status. There will be an opportunity for villagers to speak during the Hearing and over 10 have volunteered to give statements.

We have just been notified that the Inquiry, with the same format and dates, is likely to be held virtually, by video, rather than face to face.

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

No further news at this time. Still waiting to go to Tewkesbury Planning Committee.

#### **PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT – Land South of Beckford Road [35 houses]**

No application has been seen, as yet.

Maps of the three current proposals are on noticeboards so villagers can see the extent of possible change and expansion.

**23/00047/FUL** – Dixon Manor, extension of existing cloister to serve proposed new gardener's room in kitchen garden.

**TODDINGTON** – Alderton Parish Council have objected to a proposed extension to the Toddington Industrial Estate.

**CALA DEVELOPMENT:** Concerns about the impact of development on Willow Bank Road have been communicated to Cala and Highways. Responses are awaited.

**VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS:** terms of office for the current Parish Councillors end on 4 May 2023 and there will be vacancies going into the next term. Alderton Parish Council has 7 councillors. More details will be published on the Parish Council website and on noticeboards in due course but if you might be interested in becoming a Councillor and would like to learn more, two councillors will be available at the village hall, for an informal chat, on Tuesday, 14 March [ 7.30 to 9.00 ] to answer any questions. It is expected that nomination forms will be available from 14 March with a closing date of 4 April. Forms must be supported by a local proposer and seconder and delivered in person to Tewkesbury Borough Council offices.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** This is likely to be in June.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 18 April 2023

### **GREAT WASHBOURNE NEWS** Karen Cox

2023 Fundraising dates - the following have been set, more details to follow nearer the time.

Family quiz - Saturday 15th April

Summer supper - Friday 23rd June.

### **GARDENING CLUB NEWS** Phil Kitson

The freezing February evening weather didn't deter the attendees for the latest AGC meeting. A brilliant turnout of 60 was one of the highest since our return from the covid lockdown.

Our guest speaker was the chatty gardener, Mandy Bradshaw, talking about "Four Seasons - Cotswold Style". She took us on a tour of some great gardens in our area. Beginning in Winter with Colesbourne Park, Painswick Rococco garden and Cotswold Farm snowdrops near Cirencester. Then onto spring with Westonbirt Arboretum, Lydney Park and Trench Hill, Sheepscombe.

Summer views of the borders at Miserden park were stunning as were the pleached hedges and canal at Temple Guiting Manor. The rose gardens at Sudeley Castle were magnificent.

In Autumn we saw views of Batsford Arboretum with the wonderful leaf colours of the Cherry and Acer trees, and the planted borders of Aston pottery. The last garden was Cerney House which is great for interest throughout the four seasons.

Tom gave us jobs and tips for February, including seed sowing, pruning, and dividing snowdrops.

There is a trip to RHS Wisley on the 17th of June, the AGM on March the 16th and Chris Beardshaw tickets for our September meeting are on sale to members. These will be available to non-members in March.

Our next meeting is on March the 9th with Chris Evans from Dundry Nurseries, talking about his charity "The Butterfly Garden". A seed share/exchange will take place so bring your spares. Doors open at 7p.m for a 7.30p.m start, with the usual refreshments and raffle.

### **ALDERTON ACORNS NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Quiz and Curry night. The Village Hall was buzzing, the food was spectacular and the raffle was amazing. We raised over £2,200 for the Preschool. Vital funds which will go towards keeping Acorns running in this era of increasing costs all round.

Forest School on a Friday morning continues to be very popular and Preschool is now full on this morning. We still have spaces available on the other days so if you are thinking of joining our group please get in touch. Phone Ellie on 07842 161159 (term time only) or email [aldertonacorns@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonacorns@gmail.com)

### **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

Judith Humphreys and Sarah Hughes

Canine Coffee Morning - well behaved owners and dogs on leads are very welcome at our inaugural Canine Coffee Morning from 10 till 12 noon on Saturday 4th March in the Village Hall. Pots of tea and cafetiere coffee with delicious home made cakes. Lots of doggy treats and pupcakes too for your "best friend"! All funds raised go to Cheltenham Animal Shelter which has been helping animals since 1926 by rescuing, rehoming unwanted and abandoned dogs, cats and small animals from across Gloucestershire. [www.gawa.org.uk](http://www.gawa.org.uk)

The new VH emails one is for bookings and the other is for enquiries

[Bookings@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:Bookings@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk)

And

[enquiries@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk)

Also we are in the process of updating the VH website and details will follow shortly.

### **Oak Hill CE Primary School**

#### **Formal notice of proposed significant change to Oak Hill CE Primary School**

Oak Hill CE Primary School's Board of Governors is proposing to make a significant change to the School by closing the satellite site in Dumbleton. If this proposal is approved by

Gloucestershire County Council it will permanently unite the whole school community on one site in Alderton.

A public consultation commenced on 14 February and will conclude at midday on 21 March 2023.

A public meeting will be held in the Alderton School Hall on Monday 6 March 2023 at 6pm.

Please visit the School's website [www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk) to read the statutory proposal notice and accompanying documentation and to learn how to submit your views. Any person may support, object to or make comments on the proposal.

Requests for copies of documentation can be made by telephone, email or by post. All requests should be clearly marked "Statutory Proposal Notice and Documentation Request".

**Contact details:** *Oak Hill CE Primary School, School Road, Alderton, Tewkesbury, GL20 8NP*

**Tel** - 01242 620448 **Email** - [admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk)

The Governing Body of Oak Hill CE Primary School are looking to appoint a Clerk to the Governors.

We are looking for someone who has excellent administrative and written communication skills and who is able to manage information effectively. They will be required to: prepare meeting agendas; track progress against actions; take minutes; maintain a coherent electronic filing system; and, advise on and track progress against statutory requirements. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining governing body records and will need the ability to find the information governors require to enable them to make informed decisions. Discretion and confidentiality are essential.

The Clerk advises the governing body on governance legislation and procedural matters and, therefore, an awareness of sources of expert advice and information is an important part of this role to ensure that legal requirements for the governing body are met.

Please see the job description for more details about the responsibilities of the role.

Previous experience as a Clerk to Governors or of the work of a Governing Body is desirable but not essential. Full training in all relevant procedures will be provided.

The position is anticipated to be for approximately 100 hours per year, with Full Governing Body meetings 8 times a year. It does require flexibility as the Full Governing Body meetings take place in the afternoons and evenings on pre-arranged dates within the school year. We are happy to consider applications from suitably qualified individuals who already work as a Clerk to another Governing Body.

For application pack and further details, please email [admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk) or telephone 01242 620448.

Completed application forms must be sent to [admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk) by 5.00pm Sunday 19 March 2023.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

### **OVERBURY CRICKET CLUB** Rob Hayden

Overbury Cricket Club are looking for new senior and junior players of all abilities. Indoor preseason nets start soon at Winchcombe. Sundays 1pm to 3pm for juniors. Tuesdays 8pm to 9.30pm. First session free for new players. Men, Women, boys, girls all welcome.

We run a league Saturday team, a midweek and Sunday friendly team. We also have a thriving junior section, with U11, U13 and U15 teams.

For more information call or text Rob Hayden on 07527 340320. Or email [robhayden68@hotmail.com](mailto:robhayden68@hotmail.com)

### **GREEN FIELDS TRUST** Ken Roles

#### **Next Green Fields Trust Application Deadline - 31st March 2023**

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 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 bins for the allotment committee - you see the sort of thing! The next funding application deadline is 31 March 2023 - go to the website for more information and application forms.

### **GARDENERS ARMS**

Get 20% off takeaways on Fridays

20% off drinks on Saturday for 'Happy Night'

Open from 9am for Racing breakfasts during the Cheltenham Festival

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### **CLUBS/CLASSES**

PILATES. Mixed ability Pilates/Conditioning class. 6-7pm Fridays. Alderton Village Hall.

Contact Tina at [sportinafitness@gmail.com](mailto:sportinafitness@gmail.com) 07376051863

TAI CHI. Classes available in Winchcombe and surrounding areas. New beginners group on Tuesdays. For full details see [cheltenhamgloucesterTaiChi.com](http://cheltenhamgloucesterTaiChi.com) or contact Olly on 0750 8686315

ALDERTON GOLF SOCIETY organises an event for each season.

Winter '22 was at Tewkesbury Park followed by a meal at the Gardeners Arms. 12 took part and the runaway winner was Nigel Roe.

The spring event will be at Stinchcombe Hill on Friday April 14th followed by a meal at the Gardeners Arms. The winner will get a trophy to keep until the each event. As always the aim is social and sporting fun.

If you're a golfer of any standard, gender and live in the Alderton area contact Brian Spence by email [brianlspence@hotmail.com](mailto:brianlspence@hotmail.com)

ALDERTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB As we head into March thoughts start moving away from Football/Rugby to Cricket and a quick reminder that Alderton has a prospering cricket club. We are a Wanderers team playing all away games in the local area. Our matches are in the 20/20 format and take place on a Wednesday from May-July (occasional game in Aug/Sept), add on a few socials and even the odd tour. Just to clarify, we always play to win but we also consider ourselves a social team where ability/capability/skill/talent take 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the enjoyment of getting involved. If it was any other way most of the current squad would never get selected!!!! Anyone interested just email

me: [rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com](mailto:rupert@davidbrucerecruitment.com)

CRIBBAGE. Play Monday evenings through the Winter season at The Gardeners Arms and around Tewkesbury. On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February the team of 8 won the semi final of the Knockout Cup. Currently 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams in the Tewkesbury & District Cribbage League. [pjaaa.woodman@btinternet.com](mailto:pjaaa.woodman@btinternet.com) Paul Woodman (Captain)

## **CHURCH NEWS**

Please join us for Afternoon tea & Prosecco on Easter Monday (April 10th)! We'll be serving tasty finger sandwiches, savoury bites, warm scones with cream and jam and a selection of delicious, homemade cakes with a glass of Prosecco and cafetiere coffee or pots of tea for just £12 per person from 2.30 until 4.30 in the Village Hall, Alderton. All proceeds to St Margaret's Church funds. For tickets please contact **Sarah Hughes on 07989 048123** or **Helen West on 07941 373030**

**Saturday May 13th** - Severn's Eight Concert in the Church starting at 6.30pm - more details to follow. Kindly arranged by Matthew Clayton.

**Saturday July 29th** - Art Exhibition and Sale in the Village Hall and a Flower Festival in the Church with all day refreshments - more details to follow.

**Churchyard Clearance:** we will be smartening up the Churchyard on **Saturday morning 25th March starting at 10am**. We would really appreciate if you would come and join us to ensure we keep it looking as good as ever! The more the merrier! Many thanks.

## **SHORT FILM RESEARCH**

Hello! My name is Jem Westgate and I live on Orchard Road. I am a Student at Cirencester College doing Media Production and I am currently in the process of producing my final project, a stop motion horror short film.

As part of this project, I need to conduct some primary research to support my production decisions. Because of this, I have made a quick survey so that I can get a grasp on my target audience and their preferences.

It is linked below and will only take 5 minutes of your time if you'd be kind enough to complete it.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejc28mtlkrBkCGuvJwdD4P2cGMoSsndVjc9q3UJiaq8rLwrw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejc28mtlkrBkCGuvJwdD4P2cGMoSsndVjc9q3UJiaq8rLwrw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Thank you very much, Jem.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderton Newsletter has a new email address for you to send your contributions. It is [aldertonnews@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonnews@gmail.com) (will still check [mazmerheim@gmail.com](mailto:mazmerheim@gmail.com) though!)

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

**Next newsletter deadline Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**



## Alderton Business Directory 2023



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Mary Merheim here. I am a Nutrition Advisor for the Elderly. Providing professional development for staff in the care industry, talks to groups and 1:1 support through my business: **Elderly Nutrition UK**. I also set up and run **Grandbar Snacks Ltd**, a nutritional snack for the elderly and anyone who wants something that feels and tastes indulgent but is actually good for you! And finally, and most passionately, I'm a Dementia and End of Life Doula.....

Mary Merheim 07826 019476



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. For those of you, who don't know Ma Chilli it's simply about great taste and chilli sources that come in a range of three different strengths all with the same base flavour. There is 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 is the Chipotle sauce, Th

eSmoky one, for those that likes a smoked flavour in their food, the perfect bottle for a barbecue. And finally there is 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](http://machilli.co.uk) and arrange local pickup or you can find me on the local WhatsApp group.

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