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## Alderton Village Newsletter May 2024

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Maypole Dancing

### Note from Editor:

Come on May, time for some sunshine and warmth! With 2 Bank Holidays this month there are lots of fairs and activities, as well as half term coming up. If you haven't watched the infamous cheese rolling on Coopers Hill I highly recommend it, but please don't take part....I don't want to write 'get well soon' notices for head/limb injuries next month! Enjoy this month as we approach Summer and get more out and about. Please don't forget to check for Gareth's sheep and lambs in fields (or Holly's behind Cambridge Square) before letting your dogs off leads. Also see the bluebells on Dumbleton Hill they are particularly stunning this year (but be quick). Mary Merheim

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## 1. PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

aldertonpc@gmail.com

**Parish Council Annual Meeting** – a note for your diary, this will be held on Tuesday 7 May 2024 in the Village Hall. The meeting itself will start at 7pm but doors will be open at 6 for refreshments and we are inviting local clubs and societies to publicise their activities.

The meeting will report on events over the past year in the village and the prospects for the next, It is especially hoped that new villagers will take this opportunity to find out more about local events.

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

The Parish Council is 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 are meeting Pegasus on 25 April and will be asking them to engage with local residents before submitting their detailed plans.

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

As reported in the last newsletter, the Parish Council has submitted detailed highway comments on issues relating to this proposal. There have been no further developments.

24/00234/FUL Alley Cottage, Beckford Road, extend height of front dormer and alterations

**Development of new Strategic Plan for Cheltenham Borough Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council.**

The initial period of consultation is complete. The outcomes are awaited.

**Defibrillator** – the new defibrillator has now been installed outside the Changing Rooms at the Playing Field. The first defibrillator is at Cambridge Square. Just a reminder that defibrillators are devices that give a high energy shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. Anyone can use one. There is no need for advance training. Full instructions will be made available as you access the device.

**Playground** – quotes have been obtained to install fencing around the children's play area.

**Flooding** – reoccurring problems have been identified to our County Councillor and Gloucester Highways. We are awaiting a response.

**Allotments** – the Council have applied for a grant to restore the old village shop, located on the allotments, for community use.

All enquiries/ correspondence to the Parish Council should be sent to [aldertonpc@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonpc@gmail.com). Documents relating to the Parish Council can be viewed on [www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.aldertonparishcouncil.org.uk). DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at 7pm, 21 May 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](http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/aldertonglos](http://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](mailto:mwjmail@gmail.com). To join the chat and women's group message Mary on 07826 019476

**GREAT WASHBOURNE** Karen Cox, 01242 620633

**Friday 27th June**, 6.30pm - our annual Summer Supper. Please put in your diary and more details will follow in June.

Many thanks to all who contribute to the local Foodbank at Alderton shop. Over the last 12 months an amazing 244.68kg has been donated. A thank you letter is displayed in the window of Alderton shop. Your support is hugely appreciated.



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

[www.aldertonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.aldertonvillagehall.co.uk)

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### Coffee Mornings

Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 4th May 10-12. Come along and enjoy the delicious, homemade cakes, pots of tea and cafetiere coffee on sale.

## GARDENING CLUB NEWS

[www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club](http://www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club)

Phil Kitson/Tom Cullimore

At the April 2024 meeting of the Alderton Gardening Club we celebrated the 6th anniversary of our formation. Prosecco and superb cakes made by our secretary Julie Alvis were thoroughly enjoyed.

Our guest speaker Nick Morgan had an illustrious career as a tutor at Sparsholt College. After that he spent 23 years at RHS Wisley where he was superintendent of the glass house and propagation departments.

Nick's talk centred around maximising the usage of your greenhouse. In fact, he supervised the building and planting of the new set of greenhouses at Wisley in 2007.

He began by urging the audience to buy the largest greenhouse they can afford or accommodate. Three main elements are critical for success, light, temperature, and humidity. Ideally a greenhouse should be sited with its ridge running east to west, maximising light levels in spring and even autumn. Nick stressed the need to keep the glass clean not just for hygiene but for growth as 1% light loss equals 10% less growth.

Nick took us through a growing year in his own greenhouse with a season-by-season guide on sowing a wide range of crops from early salad leaves and radish and pea shoots to later tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines, peppers and chillies. He covered different types of feed and pests and diseases. Finally, he instructed us on the heating and insulation of a greenhouse. It was one of the most comprehensive, specialist talks we have ever had.

After speaking for 90 minutes Nick took several questions from the audience and sat down to a loud round of applause.

There are only 12 tickets left to sell now for our star guest Christine Walkden who will be coming on the 13th of June. Email [aldertongc@gmail.com](mailto:aldertongc@gmail.com) to secure yours.

Spaces are still available for the club's June 28th trips to Winterbourne and Castle Bromwich gardens leaving Alderton at 8.30a.m again contact [aldertongc@gmail.com](mailto:aldertongc@gmail.com) to book your seat.

Next meeting:

### **Crayfish on the lawn: Plants, People and Natural History**

**with Joff Elphick**

**Thursday November 9th**

**All welcome 7pm for 730pm start.**

**£3 members, £6 non-members**

## Alderton Acorns News



The Alderton Acorns Team and Committee are thrilled to share with you that following an inspection from Ofsted, we have retained our **Overall effectiveness** rating of **Good**.

**Overall Effectiveness: GOOD**

We were assessed and rated under the following headings:

**The quality of education - Good**

**Behaviour and attitudes - Good**

**Personal Development - Good**

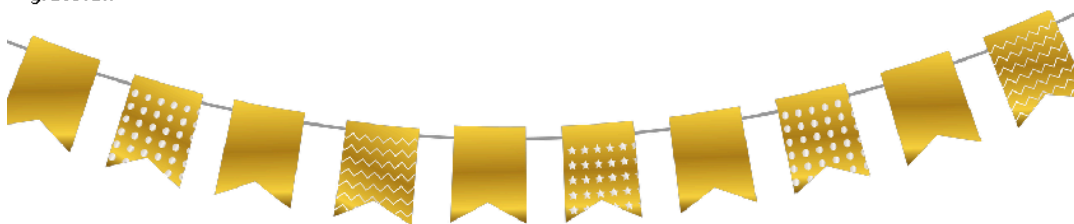
**Leadership and Management - Good**



Huge thanks to the Acorns Team (Ellie, Sarah, Steph and Camilla) for their hard work and commitment to the Preschool. Thank you also to the parents who kindly provided feedback and testimonials.

### Quiz and Curry Night

In other exciting news, the Quiz and Curry Night was a huge success resulting in £1,635.00 being raised for the Preschool. Thank you to all of you who generously supported us with this event. We are extremely grateful.



## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

### Flower Festival and Summer Fair:

this will be on Saturday July 27th from 10.30am to 4pm. The Flower Festival theme will be the Olympics and will be held in Church. There will be a variety of stalls in the Churchyard and then refreshments will be served all day in the Village Hall. If anyone would like to help on the day, either with the flowers (we are all amateurs!) or with refreshments contact Helen West ([helenmarywest4@gmail.com](mailto:helenmarywest4@gmail.com)) or Sarah Hughes ([Sarah.hughes@rocketmail.com](mailto:Sarah.hughes@rocketmail.com)) This will also be St. Margaret's Gift Day.

### 3. CLUBS/CLASSES

**Alderton Wanderers Cricket Club:** Rupert Kinder 07747614815.

For those new to the village you'll have noticed we don't have a cricket pitch, some might say we don't have any cricketers, but we do have a Cricket team. Our matches are on Wednesday evenings against most of the other local clubs.....who do have a pitch....and cricketers....

Hard to believe with all of this rain but the season is now just a few weeks away and the Alderton Wanderers CC have a packed schedule.

Aside from games nearly every Wednesday from 1<sup>st</sup> May to mid August, we also have an annual weekend inter-club game, not one but 2 matches against our friends over the hill in Dumbleton, including the Gordon Hayden Shield match, a mid-season tour to Porto (competing against members of the Portuguese national cricket team – yes, they do have one), an annual trip to the Cheltenham Cricket Festival, the “B\*\*\*\*\* Good Bloke Award” and the end of season meal.

Oh, and as we enter our 2<sup>nd</sup> decade we're also getting new caps!

11 years in and 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 WhatsApp me on 07747614815.

#### **Book Club**

Meets every 2 months in The Gardeners Arms. Next meeting is 7pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The current books are Lucy Worsley's "Agatha Christie, A Very Elusive Woman" and "The List of Suspicious Things" by Jennie Godfrey. You can read both or just one.

### 4.ANNOUNCEMENTS/MISCELLANEOUS



**Open Days**

**Sunday, 21 April 2024**  
**Sunday, 26 May 2024**

2pm-5pm  
Come and try lawn bowls. All equipment provided - just wear shoes with no heel



“One of the most scenic bowls clubs in the country”  
*Bowls England*

## 5. WHAT'S ON?

1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham Jazz Festival

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Upton Folk Festival <https://uptonfolk.org>

5<sup>th</sup> Suffolks Sunday Market and Jazz Fringe 11am – 4pm, Suffolk Parade, Cheltenham

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> RHS Malvern Spring Garden Show [www.rhsmalvern.co.uk](http://www.rhsmalvern.co.uk)

10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Giffords Circus, Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe <https://giffordscircus.com>

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Winchcombe Cotswold Walking Festival [www.winchcombewelcomeswalkers.com](http://www.winchcombewelcomeswalkers.com)

18<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham Pride March, 11am-12noon High Street and 12noon – 6pm Imperial Gardens

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Tewkesbury's Big Weekend [www.tewkesburybigweekend.co.uk](http://www.tewkesburybigweekend.co.uk)

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Eckington Village Open Gardens 10-5pm [www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk)

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Gloucester Tall Ships Festival [www.gloucestertallships.co.uk](http://www.gloucestertallships.co.uk)

26<sup>th</sup> The Suffolks Market 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary May Fair 11am – 4pm, Suffolk Parade, Cheltenham

27<sup>th</sup> Cheese Rolling on Cooper's Hill 12noon onwards

31<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June Wychwood festival

June 1-2<sup>nd</sup> Beckford Village Open Gardens 1pm -6pm [www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk)

For more ideas look at [www.visittewkesbury.info](http://www.visittewkesbury.info)

**Alderton Newsletter has a new email address for you to send your contributions. It is [aldertonnews@gmail.com](mailto:aldertonnews@gmail.com)**

**Next newsletter deadline 25/ 05/ 24**

## 6. ALDERTON BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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 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](http://machilli.co.uk) and arrange local pickup or you can find me on the local WhatsApp group.

## MAYLING DESIGN



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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](mailto:zoe@mayling.design)

## REBEKAH GLOCKLING

