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Aylburton Parish Council

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Village Weeding - Vacancy

Are you a self-employed gardener or do you know one? The council is still looking for someone to carry out weeding through the village. It consists of two stints of two hours in every month from April to October, manually removing weeds from the pavements and public spaces. This is a one-year trial of a herbicide-free approach. If you're interested, please contact Meg via aylburtonclerk@outlook.com.

New Grounds Maintenance Contractors for 2022-24

Every three years we renew the grounds maintenance contracts and we did this at the end of 2021. We are pleased to welcome Countrywide, who will be looking after the verges, and Richard Morgan, who will be caring

for the churchyard and school grass. Countrywide currently looks after some areas in Lydney so they will be bringing local experience. Richard lives locally and in fact used to maintain the churchyard around ten years ago, so we're pleased to welcome back a familiar face.

Annual Parish Assembly and the Annual Council Meeting – 17 May

Everyone is welcome to attend this once-a-year event, where local community groups share their news from the past year, the chairman and vice-chair for the year ahead are elected, and the council gives a financial report and Chairman's Report. As with every meeting, there is a chance for residents to bring up any issues.

We wish you all a sunny springtime.

ANPR for Aylburton

We are hopefully a step closer to getting an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera with radar for the High Street. Funding applications have been made to both Gloucestershire County Council's Build Back Better Fund and the county's Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund.

An ANPR camera with radar is one of the key traffic calming measures planned for the village. Other measures include re-positioning the flashing Vehicle Activated Speed Sign, extending the 30 mph area to Sandford Road and up Church Road.

20's Plenty

We are campaigning for 20 mph for all residential parts of the village. Volunteers are distributing '20's Plenty' wheelie bin stickers to residents. Please put them on your bins - the more we have, the more impact they will make. If you'd like one (or two), please contact the parish clerk: aylburtonclerk@outlook.com

Pedestrian Crossing

We will hopefully be making a splash soon in the local media with our campaign for a pedestrian crossing on the High Street. Our petition for a crossing is doing the rounds too and getting longer. Please sign it when it comes your way if you've not already done so.



Aylburton C of E Primary School

Head: Rachel Dare Office: 01594 842426
admin@aylburton.gloucs.sch.uk www.aylburtoncofe.co.uk

The Severn Federation Academy Trust

As Covid restrictions ease we can now start inviting parents back in and start organising trips. We are now offering a Breakfast Club which has been a great success.

We celebrated Red Nose Day and the children came in dressed up as their favourite superheroes. We also had the Life Skills Bus visit us in March for all pupils.

Our KS1 class have also got a hamster called 'Nugget'. The children are learning to foster a sense of responsibility and how to nurture and respect animals.

Class 1 had a visit from the Fire Service in March and had an amazing afternoon climbing into the fire engine as well as spraying staff with the hosepipe. Class 1 are also visiting Chepstow Castle in line with their topic.

Class 2 are going to visit the National Waterways Museum in Gloucester on 25 April which will include a workshop, a tour of the museum and a boat trip. As part of the curriculum our KS2 classes will be taking swimming lessons starting after Easter for 11 weeks. KS2 will also be taking part in music lessons with a recital at the end of 10 weeks.

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by



Fire Service visit in March

honouring her 70 years of service. Every Monday, we invite all the children and their families to become involved in Acts of Service. A different Act of Service will be posted on Seesaw each week and we love to see the photos. Finally Tuesday, 24 May is our school sports day over at the playing fields, with a Jubilee twist this year!

Aylburton Methodist Church

Minister: Rev Michelle Ireland 01594 833247 07906 431919 www.aylburtonmethodistchurch.co.uk
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Property Steward: Brian Reece 01594 842307 07712 733820



It seems no time at all since we were planning Christmas services and deciding which carols would be sung. Now we look forward to Easter and all that the infant Jesus in the manger did as a grown man.

In Holy Week, we will sing some of our favourite hymns as we gather on Friday, 15 April at 3pm to reflect on the events of Good Friday. Then on Easter Day we will celebrate the *Good News* of Easter that Jesus is alive.

A successful Messy Church, based around Lost Sheep and Loving Hearts, was held during the February half term and another one is planned for the Easter week – Thursday, 21 April at 10:30. We look forward to seeing our young people there.



Aylburton WI

President: Jane Tovey Secretary: Sandra Rickards 01594 841041

April will be the start of a new year for Aylburton WI with membership still increasing, and many enjoying the varied speakers we have in the diary for the next 12 months. The last two speakers were very entertaining, with a visit from the Severn Free Wheelers and The Dean Forest Railway. Sometimes we forget what good knowledgeable people we have on the doorstep.

The lunch club has become very popular as we try to use local venues with value for money. Our next venture will be the Globe at Alvington, having previously been to the Fountain Inn at Parkend.

This year the summer outing will be a boat trip up the Thames to Henley, where we can spend a couple of hours

sightseeing. The closing date for this is June, if anyone would like to join us please let me know.

At the end of May we are hoping to use the Cross monument once again for a display, celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee. We are always so thankful for everyone's comments and know you all appreciate our efforts. Later in June our ladies will be enjoying a picnic celebration – let's hope for fine weather.

If anyone would like to come along to the meetings please give me a ring and we will meet and greet you. Recently there have been quite a few new members joining so you will not be alone.

Acorns Baby and Toddler Group

Leader: Jane Penny 01594 563803 07856 679387 cfmydney@gmail.com

We have fun together, playing and exploring. We like to meet new friends and our grown-ups also get to have a cuppa and a chat. We have lots of lovely toys for babies and toddlers to enjoy. We usually have a craft activity or messy play. We end our time together by singing rhymes.

The group is run by volunteers from the local churches, with some help from our mums, dads and other grown-ups. We would like some more helpers too! We recently sold cakes to raise funds for Comic Relief and had fun dressing up.

We hope that you can
join us in the
Memorial Hall
Friday mornings
9:30-11



Aylburton verges - better for wildlife

CLlr Mark Topping

Aylburton verges - better for wildlife

In the Spring the grass verges on the outskirts of Aylburton will no longer have the neat and tidy, closely mown appearance we have grown used to and appreciate. Instead, although they will be mown in March, they will be allowed to grow until August/September before being mown again.

They are not being abandoned!

It will never be a riot of colour like an intensively managed flowerbed, but our verges will be of maximum benefit to wildlife . . .

The small verges in the High Street will still be mown neatly twice a month, along with St. Mary's churchyard. Twice a month *all* the verges will be mown around the edges but the larger areas will be left to grow until late summer.

Biodiversity in Britain is declining.

In the last 100 years, the UK has seen a 60% decrease in biodiversity. A third of bumblebee species are under threat of extinction, and 70% of butterfly species have seen populations decline since the 1970s. (State of Nature Report 2019)

Verges are a vital refuge for wildlife.

Conservationists say more pollinators are found on well-

managed verges than in the neighbouring countryside. We're changing how often we mow our verges because it's better for wildlife.

Aylburton Parish Council will be following verge management guidelines written for local authorities by the wildflower charity Plantlife, guidelines which are followed by numerous councils throughout the country. As wildflowers (OK 'weeds' if you prefer) grow they provide habitat for insects. When they flower they provide food for flying insects like bees and other pollinators. All the insects are food for birds. And when the flowers and grasses turn to seed there's more food for birds. Amphibians, reptiles and small mammals also benefit.

Some flowers are being planted in the verges, but to start with, Aylburton's wildlife verges are likely to be dominated by grasses and various vigorous wildflowers/weeds like cow parsley. Over time, as we continue to mow in March, August/September and remove the cuttings, the number and variety of wildflowers is likely to increase and dominant grasses and weeds reduce.

It will never be a riot of colour like an intensively managed flowerbed, but as our verges will be of maximum benefit to wildlife we hope that it is something the community can support.

Volunteers are needed to help rake our wildlife verges please email Wendy Kennison: wendy.kennison@hotmail.co.uk



CLEANING

MISS MOP

Housekeeping Duties
For prices and availability please contact
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What's On

Parish Council

Full council meetings are held in the Methodist Community Room at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month except in January and August. There is a public forum session at each meeting. Forthcoming meeting agendas are posted online and on the village notice boards about a week beforehand.

Tuesday 12 April	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 10 May	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 17 May	Annual Parish Assembly and Parish Meeting
Tuesday 14 June	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 12 July	Full Council Meeting

St. Mary's Church

Parish Priest: Rev David Gardiner admin@lydneyparish.org.uk
Churchwarden: Aylburton – Mary Court 01594 843651
Aylburton Common Mission Church – Jane Hale 01594 843917
A full list of services is displayed on the church notice board



Methodist Church

Services each Sunday at 10:30am unless otherwise stated
A warm welcome awaits you anytime you wish to join us on a Sunday or at our other events.

EASTER SERVICES
Friday 15 April GOOD FRIDAY service at 3pm
Sunday 17 April EASTER MORNING service at 10:30am

Meetings

Coffee Mornings – third Saturday each month at 10:30am
Messy Church – Thursday 21 April at 10:30am

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Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Various speakers entertain us.
April 12 Kate Peakes Dressing a Victorian Lady
May 10 Social Evening
June 14 Kirsty Bingham Witchery and Superstitions
July 12 The History of Teddy Bears

SOME USEFUL NUMBERS

District Councillor

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Glos. County Councillor

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Glos County Council

01452 425000
FOD District Council
Planning, waste, recycling,
nuisance, licences, street
wardens, dog warden
01594 810000

Local Police Team

01452 753800
Non-Emergency 101

GCC Highways

08000 514514
Neighbourhood Watch
FoD Chrissie Parkes
01452 753784

Snow Warden

Colin Newman
01594 842532
Community Wellbeing Agent
Richard Skinner
01594 812447 or 812399
07927 051328
richard.skinner@fdean.gov.uk

Lydney Doctors

Severnbanks Surgery
01594 845715
The Lydney Practice
01594 842167

NHS Dentists

0300 330 1348

Hospitals

Lydney
0300 4218722
The Dilke
0300 421 8640
Gloucestershire Royal
0300 4222222

Pharmacists

Lloyds Lydney
01594 842847
Lydney Co-op
01594 843443

All Emergency Services

Western Power (enquiries)
0800 404090
Western Power (power cuts)
105
Severn Trent Water
0800 783 4444

Dial-A-Ride

01594 843809

Cinemas

Coleford - Studio
01594 833331
Cinderford - The Palace
01594 822555

Leisure Centre, Lydney

01594 842383

Libraries

Lydney 01594 842769
Chepstow 01291 635730

NHS Direct

111

National Rail Enquiries

03457 484950

Travel Line

08712 002233

Airports

Bristol 0871 3344444
Cardiff 01446 711111
Gatwick 0344 8920322
Heathrow 08443 351801

Recent Planning Applications

Outline application for the erection of three dwellings and improvements to vehicular access and associated works. (all matters reserved)

91 High Street
Ref. No: P0276/22/OUT
Received: Mon 28 Feb 2022
Status: Pending Consideration

Construction of new single storey garage near to boundary

18 Upper Common
Ref. No: P0217/22/FUL
Received: Tue 15 Feb 2022
Status: Pending Consideration

Erection of a double bay two storey carport with gravel driveway and associated works

4 High Street
Ref. No: P0143/22/FUL
Received: Thu 03 Feb 2022
Status: Pending Consideration

1 x Cypress on boundary of Conservation Area. Fell to improve light into the property.

3 Orchard Close
Ref. No: P0105/22/TCA
Received: Tue 25 Jan 2022
Status: Consent

Change of use of land to tourism with the siting of a shepherd's hut.

Land at Lodge Barn
Ref. No: P0007/22/FUL
Received: Thu 06 Jan 2022
Status: Pending Consideration

Change of use of land to allow the siting of a shepherd's hut for holiday use.

Land at Lodge Barn
Ref. No: P2086/21/FUL
Received: Tue 21 Dec 2021
Status: Unknown

Erection of new single storey dwelling (self build), including associated landscaping, and parking

Rear Garden of 5 Cross Farm Close
Ref. No: P2003/21/FUL
Received: Mon 06 Dec 2021
Status: Consent

Application forms, plans and supporting information can be inspected electronically at the FODDC Council Offices, High Street, Coleford GL16 8HG during office hours or through the Council's website at www.fdean.gov.uk using the P reference number above.

You can make comments on any application by using this site, sending an email to planning@fdean.gov.uk or by sending a letter to the Planning Office. Any comments submitted that make representations for or against an application will be taken into account when the Council reaches its decision.