



Audlem Parish Council

United Utilities information request

United Utilities intends to conduct a survey of the sewage network in Audlem to assess its current state and what improvements will be required to ensure the system is fit for purpose in the future. Any information that residents can supply about significant occurrences involving wastewater flooding or odours they have encountered with the public sewage system would help inform this process. Please include:

- Date of occurrence.
- Resident's name and contact information.
- Address of the location (with a postcode if possible).
- Description of the symptoms encountered.
- Circumstances e.g. after heavy rain or light rain; during hot, dry weather, etc.

Please forward this information to the Parish Clerk, who will be collating all items received. **In writing: Keeper's Cottage, Adderley, Shropshire, TF9 3TQ. By email: audlemparishclerk@gmail.com.**

Street lighting

With the days growing shorter, we all become more aware of the street lighting around the village, especially when it develops a fault or goes out completely. If you spot a problem, you can report it directly to Cheshire East Council using its website www.cheshireeast.gov.uk or over the phone on **0300 123 5020**. When you report a problem, you will be asked for the following information:

- Number on the column or the number of the house the light is outside.
- Name of the road.
- Name of the town or village.
- What is wrong with the light.

If you have a continuing issue with street lighting, Audlem Parish Councillor John Langston will be happy to

help you get things resolved. **Please contact Cllr Langston on 812395.**

Parish Councillors' Contact Details

Phillip Johnson, Chair – 811774

Heather Jones Vice Chair – 811836

Frances Christie – 811340 Kate Down – 811160

Richard Furber – 811598 David Higham – 812069

Mike Hill – 811843 John Langston – 812395

Carole Loweth – 812767 Geoff Seddon – 811282

Pam Seddon – 811282 David Siddons – 811012

Your Parish Clerk is **Kirstin Dixon** – 01630 658456 or email audlemparishclerk@gmail.com.

Parish Council meetings will be held at the Audlem Methodist Church on Mondays 4 November, 2 December and 6 January 2014. The Finance Meeting is on 25 November. At the beginning of each meeting, residents have the opportunity to bring matters of particular concern to the attention of the Parish Council. Everyone is welcome to stay and listen for the rest of the meeting.

News from Buerton

The children's play area on the Buerton playing field has been fully operational over the summer, and has been well used and much appreciated. Disabled access and hard paths are currently being installed and work should be completed by the beginning of November.

The final stage of the work will be to install seating by the play equipment. Funds for this are available so hopefully the playground facility will be completed by the end of the year.

Next year the Parish Council wants to repair and paint the Cheshire railings on the A525 and Windmill Lane. Cheshire East Council, which owns the railings, does not have any budget for this so it is up to locals to find the cash.

Audlem Public Hall Extension Plans (APHEX)



The Audlem Parish Plans of 2005 and 2010 established the need for better sport and recreational facilities for residents. A committee has been set up, working with the Public Hall Management Committee, to produce detailed plans and then to seek funding. The current plans would provide:

1. A venue for the ADCA (Audlem & District Community Action) Tuesday Day Club and other activities for older people following the decision to demolish Thornton House.
2. Changing rooms with shower and toilet facilities for Audlem Football Club (and potentially another football club).
3. Dedicated room(s) for the village Youth Club which has ceased to function primarily due to lack of premises.
4. Better changing rooms and storage facilities for Audlem 5A Drama Group productions.
5. Local premises for NHS service providers to offer health and clinical services through Audlem Medical Practice.
6. A suitable room for Parish Council monthly meetings.
7. Allowance for a room which could be used by a club or organisation running a mini-gym.

8. Suitable rooms for U3A (University of the Third Age) and similar educational meetings.

APHEX is therefore an essential and viable project to cater for the elderly, youth, children, sports, health and education. The costs are estimated to be in region of £500,000 to £600,000.

We have appointed an architect to draw up sketch plans agreed by users, which will be used for public briefings, feedback and funding applications. We are also in discussion with Cheshire East Council regarding the transfer of a small parcel of unused land at the back of the existing Public Hall.

We have had a preliminary on-site meeting with members of the Cheshire East Planning Department who have indicated general approval of the plans. Audlem Parish Council supports the project and is represented on the APHEX committee by Cllr Dave Siddorns.

We are seeking funding from a wide range of sources including Homes and Community Agency, Right to Build, Lottery, Football Foundation, Youth Funding and Arts Foundations. In addition, the beneficiaries of the improved facilities are expected to contribute significant funding.

Roland Hall, Chairman, APHEX



Raise the roof at St James

It is great to see the lead replacement going on to the roof of St James. It has all been made possible through the generous help and support of our local community. Thank you.

The maintenance of our beautiful building, sited at the heart of our community, is a huge responsibility. There will always be more to be done on maintaining the stone work, installing new handrails to improve access and so on. This is so the church will be a welcoming place not just on Sunday but for all the special occasions we are privileged to host, our school, Praise & Play, and for the visitors who are interested in it for its history or as a quiet place to pray.

We have now raised most of the money we need, but there are still a couple of events in the pipeline to help secure the remaining funds. We hope that having helped us to 'Raise the Roof' financially, you will join us to raise it again with your singing, especially on Remembrance Sunday this month, at the Christingle Service at 4pm on 1 December and at the Village Carol Service at 6.30pm on 22 December.

Helen Chantry, Vicar

ADCA news

Our Tuesday Day Club has moved to Hankelow Methodist Chapel where we have received a warm welcome. Wulvern Housing has installed a ramp at the side entrance to the hall and we hope that Cheshire East's Community Grants Committee will help towards the cost of providing a new shed for storage and an access pathway.

The Friday Coffee Club meets every week at the Lord Combermere between 10am and 12 noon where chat, news updates and speakers provide interest and stimulation. All are welcome.

Ronni Briggs, our Co-ordinator, is always happy to hear from anyone who may be interested in attending our clubs or to receive support from our Befriending Service. We are steadily expanding our Befriending and Home Library Services and would welcome volunteers. Please contact Ronni on **07845 495973**.

We are also recruiting an Assistant Co-ordinator. This is initially for eight hours per week, at £7.40 per hour, for one year with the possibility of extending the hours in the future. The role is to support our members and volunteers across the range of our activities and to help expand our services. People with experience of supporting vulnerable people in either paid, voluntary or family roles are welcome to send an expression of interest along with a short CV to roger.millns@lineone.net. More information will be provided to those who are shortlisted. The closing date for applications is **15 November, 2013**.

Roger Millns, Chairman

Audlem in Bloom



ADAS members were pleased to have to be on watering duty during the long warm summer to keep the blooms alive and well. The hanging baskets, tubs and troughs have been fine this year and ADAS achieved a record **fourth Britain in Bloom Award in a row**. The judges obviously agreed with the vast majority of residents that this year's display

was the best we have had for a few years. The splendid begonias (*pictured*) have proved their worth to the full and can, if left alone, bloom right through to the frosts.

I have been in touch with Muller Properties regarding the empty flower beds to the frontage of Kingbur Place and am pleased to say that ADAS will take these over – and hopefully plant a display recording the 50th Anniversary of North West in Bloom. New ideas for next year are being planned by members of the ADAS executive team.

Ralph Warburton

Audlem history online



Members of Audlem District History Society and Thenmedia, the Audlem-based web company that created the technical framework for Audlem Online, have been extremely busy over the last few months creating an online History Archive. It is an amazing account of the life and times of Audlem throughout the centuries and contains more than 1,500 documents including letters and pamphlets, some from as early as 1086. New items are being added all the time and each one is categorised by date, place, organisation, building and so on.

Anyone can look at the Archive and locate particular items, or just scan through entries until something catches their eye. The Archive includes facilities for adding information about an item. You can also notify us about items in your possession that would make good additions to the Archive. To visit the Archive, go to <http://history.audlem.org> or click on the banner picture on the Audlem Online website but be warned – it can become addictive!

The Society's autumn programme began with a large audience enthralled by a bloodthirsty talk from Dorothy Nicholle on 'The History of Shrewsbury'. For future events, please see the Diary Dates or **Contact Dorothy Jones, Secretary, for details on 811814**.

ADAS

The 44th AGM of ADAS in the Public Hall was very well attended by residents last month. This was the last ever address given by Ralph Warburton as Chairman. Awards were presented to the Olive and Geoff Stretch, worthy winners of the Senior Citizen of the Year, and to Laura Bentley as Young Citizen of the Year. Olive & Geoff Stretch do so much to enhance life here in Audlem. Laura (*pictured with Ralph*) has worked very hard to raise funds to go to Tanzania in Africa next year, learn Swahili and join a programme to teach Tanzanians First Aid.



Audlem charity shop

Thank you to all our customers, donors and volunteers for helping Audlem Charity Shop achieve another successful year. Saturday afternoon opening, fairs and village events have all contributed to raising money for local charities.

Recycling textiles is a considerable source of income for all charity shops. Nearly every week a charity bag is delivered to houses in the village for you to fill with unwanted items to be collected from your doorstep. The value of textiles has increased dramatically in recent years and the annual global value of second-hand clothes is now more than £620m. Consequently, many charity bags are stolen by organised gangs. Even if they are not stolen, the percentage of your donation reaching the charity of your choice may be as low as five percent as most of the profits go to the commercial companies who make the collections.

To ensure that your donation of goods gives maximum benefit to the organisation that you have chosen, please either take the goods to the charity shop yourself or check on the bag that the collection is by the charity itself and not a third party working on their behalf.

The 5A Company proudly presents its 20th
pantomime at Audlem Public Hall

RED RIDING HOOD

Evening performances from 29 January to
1 February 2014 plus Saturday matinee
Tickets £6

Place your orders now with May Hunter on 811145

Audlem W.I.

Our grateful thanks go to retiring President of Audlem W.I., Irene Cunliffe, for her sterling work.

Recent meetings of Audlem W.I. have included a talk from self-taught wood-carver Geoff Williams on 'The History of Walking Sticks', accompanied by examples from his amazing collection, and an illustrated musical presentation by Brian Greene entitled 'Andrew and his Amazing Technicolour Musicals'. In addition to excerpts from some of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's hit musicals, members were treated to anecdotes about the composer accompanied by pictures of him, his family, his homes, and the buildings and paintings he owns.

Last month's Malbank meeting saw one member from each of the W.I. groups attending dressed up as a pantomime character. The entries were judged by their speaker for the evening who shared tales of his life as a Pantomime Dame. Congratulations go to Irene Cunliffe on securing first place as Little Red Riding Hood, thoughtfully carrying gin and cigarettes in her basket for Grandma.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For details contact Helen Dunlop on 811995.

Carers' coffee mornings

The Carers' Group meets in Jinja Bakes on the second Tuesday of the month. You don't have to be a 'carer' but you might want to chat about a disabled relative or neighbour you would like to help, or perhaps you are worried your partner is beginning to get forgetful. Between us we have experience of a range of issues including benefits, social workers and mental health worries. For details, contact Celia Bloor on 811260.

Diary dates

Monthly

ADCA Day Club every Tuesday at Hankelow Methodist Chapel from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Includes lunch and entertainment. Volunteer transport provided.

ADCA drop-in Coffee Club every Friday at The Lord Combermere from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Carers' Coffee Mornings, 12 November, 10 December and 14 January at Jinja Bakes from 10.30am to 12.00pm.

November

2 **Bonfire and fireworks** brought to you by ASET. Gates open at 4pm, bonfire at 6.30pm, fireworks at 7pm.

10 **Remembrance Day**. Annual joint C of E, Methodist and Baptist service at St James's Church, 10.45am.

21 **History Society AGM** and a talk, '150 Years of Audlem Methodist Church', Scout & Guide Hall, 7.30pm.

28 **The Big Switch On** of the Christmas tree lights.

December

1 **Christingle Service**, St James, 4pm.

10 **History Society Christmas Lunch**, The White Lion, Hankelow, 12 noon for 12.30pm.

15 **Audlem Voices Christmas Concert**.

18 **Action for Children Concert**, Audlem Methodist Church, 7.30pm.

20 **ADAS Community Carol Singing** in The Square.

22 **Village Carol Service** at St. James Church, 6.30 pm.

24 **Christmas Eve Service**, Hankelow Methodist Church, 7.30pm.
First Communion of Christmas, St James, 11.15pm.

25 **Christmas Day Services:**

Holy Communion, St James, 8.15am.

Family Communion, St James, 10am.

Christmas Service, Audlem Methodist Church, 10am.

Christmas Morning Worship, Baptist Chapel, 10.30am.

January

16 **'The Changing Scene of Farming in Cheshire'**, History Society talk by Michael Mulliner, Scout & Guide Hall, 7.30pm.

26 **A Prayer for Christian Unity**, service involving pulpit swaps in the three Audlem churches, 10.30am.

The closing date for items for the winter issue is 10 January 2014 for distribution during the first week of February. Please contact Editor Kira Nicholls on 812485, at newsletter@audlem.org, or leave your contribution at the Post Office. All items will be carefully considered.