



# NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2008

## AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

### A Summary of Parish Council business – October 2008

#### AUDLEM WINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE!

Richard Furber, Chair of Audlem Parish Council, was delighted to accept a special award at the 2008 Community Pride Competition ceremony held on 25<sup>th</sup> September. Which raises two questions - is there enough space on the wall in The Square to put up our new plaque, and can we do it again next year?

Judges had been so impressed with the efforts of Audlem and 2 other villages (Prestbury & Mottram St Andrew) over the past three years that a special "Excellence" category was introduced to recognise competitors' achievements. Audlem's scores for "Absence of Litter", "Absence of Graffiti", "Absence of Dog Fouling" were the highest attainable. Score sheets are on the PC noticeboard and some judges' comments are on [www.audlem.org](http://www.audlem.org).

#### YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

Last year's efforts to establish our Youth Parish Council have faltered and the Parish Council is now keen to re-launch the group. We want youngsters willing to act as the voice of local young people when community matters are being considered and to let us know what issues concern them as a group. In turn, they will be given the opportunity to plan and apply for funding for their own initiatives and they will become more aware of the wider issues affecting the whole of the community. Richard Furber, Kate Down, Geoff Stretch and Andrew Smith will be pleased to talk to anyone interested.

#### **Parish Councillors' Contact Details**

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 Kate Down (Vice Chair) 811160  
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 Your Parish Clerk is Jean White 01948 871383 or [parishcouncil@audlem.org](mailto:parishcouncil@audlem.org)

*Parish Council meetings will be held in St James School on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December, starting at 7.30 pm.*

*At the beginning of each meeting there is an opportunity for residents 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.*

## PLEA FROM AUDLEM VILLAGE TRADERS

Britain's economy appears to be sailing into stormy waters and no doubt the ripple effect will hit our local shops and businesses but, with Christmas fast approaching, we would urge you all to explore the full range of goods and services on offer within our village. We will do our utmost to serve your every need and your support will help to preserve a local sustainable community.

## ST JAMES' CHURCH

We shall be holding our annual Christingle Service in the church on Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. This is a short service for people of all ages and raises money for The Children's Society.

The church is again open each day for visitors and those who want to use it for private prayer.

Helen Chantry

## AUDLEM SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM



A reminder about our final events of 2008:

### **Audlem Bonfire Night and Firework Display**

will take place on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> on Audlem playing field. Admission charge remains the same as the last two years at £3 (children under 5 free). Our new pyrotechnic team promises a truly spectacular display so we would urge everyone to come along and enjoy a wonderful night out in a safe environment. We will also have the usual funfair rides, hog roast, coffee and burger stalls.

During the weekend of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> ASET and our friends from Crewe and Nantwich Round Table will be accompanying Santa and his sleigh on his world famous tour of Audlem, Buerton, Hankelow, Cox Bank and places in between. Over the last three years alone YOUR generosity has raised over £3000, all of which has been distributed to local organisations for the benefit of local people.

## NEWS FROM THE WEB

One of the many topics under discussion on *Audlem Online's Forum* is the lack of a bus service to get to Market Drayton for the Wednesday Market. Even if you don't have a computer you can join in this discussion, or even start your own, using the computer provided for just this purpose in Williams Newsagents. What do you think? Have your say on the Forum – click on the top bar on Forum and then on 'Market Drayton Bus'.



### **Distraction Burglaries**

The problem of distraction burglaries is a perennial one, and whilst I don't wish to frighten people unnecessarily, it is important to remind everyone of the risk, especially to older members of our community. Typically a team of distraction burglars will target the home of an elderly person. One member will call at the front door and engage the occupant in conversation whilst a second member goes around the back and gains entry.

The story given at the front door can vary. Recently in Nantwich the caller at the front door pretended that he was fitting a washing machine next door and he asked the occupant to check the water supply. Whilst she was doing this another man entered the property and searched through the entire house. Others will pose as meter readers or officials from the water or electricity supplier.

If you have an elderly relative then please make them aware, without unduly alarming them, of the additional risk at this time.

Remember to use a door chain and challenge all officials to produce proper identification. If you are still not completely satisfied that the caller is who they say they are then please ask them to call again after having first made an appointment. No genuine caller will object to these safeguards.

A Home Office leaflet giving advice about bogus callers can be downloaded from the following address. [www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/boguscaller/boguscaller17.pdf](http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/boguscaller/boguscaller17.pdf)

Another problem which peaks at this time of year is domestic burglary. As the nights draw in people are arriving home from work long after it has gone dark. If there are no lights on in a house in the late afternoon or early evening then it can be an indication that the occupants are still at work and that the house is empty.

It is a very simple matter to fit a timer switch to a lamp, and the switches are inexpensive and widely available. A straightforward measure such as this could easily prevent your home from becoming a target.

If you have any concerns then please contact me, either by e-mail [ken.maple@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ken.maple@cheshire.pnn.police.uk) or by leaving a message for me on the Nantwich voicemail system 0845 458 6378

Thank you

Ken Maple

Audlem Police Officer

### **BRITISH WATERWAYS TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY**

Regular readers will recall that the Parish Plan's Community Projects team has investigated the potential for a small-scale hydro scheme on the Shropshire Union canal. DerwentHydro, a company that specialises in this field, carried out a feasibility

study that has since been studied in detail by British Waterways (BW).

The prospect of success moved several steps nearer this week. Firstly, a meeting between village representatives and BW was held at which the Waterways explained how they were looking at a range of funding options. The organisation had earlier said they had few if any technical reservations about the scheme using water passing down the locks system in Audlem.

Secondly, both the BBC and the Press Association reported that plans to generate power from wind turbines and hydro schemes alongside canals and rivers across the country have been unveiled. British Waterways has, it was reported, set a target of building 50 wind turbines and an unspecified number of small-scale hydro schemes over the next five years, with the capacity to generate enough electricity to power 45,000 homes.

The public corporation, working with 'Partnerships for Renewables', is now looking at potential sites, believing it could generate over ten times more electricity than it consumes. As the Audlem site was one of the first where a specific hydro proposal has been put forward by a local community, Audlem Parish Plan representatives hope it will be considered very seriously.

BW's Chief Executive Robin Evans said: "This is a real example of a public organisation using its land in innovative ways to generate additional income and work towards a more sustainable future. We look after 2,200 miles of canals and rivers throughout the UK and, whilst always protecting their heritage, are proactively looking at how we can use this resource to make a contribution towards the fight against climate change.

Stephen Ainger, Chief Executive of Partnerships for Renewables, which helps develop renewable energy projects in the public sector, said the announcement marked the beginning of a trend, adding: "It is great to see that British Waterways has demonstrated the vision to become a torch bearer for others to follow."

### **HISTORY SOCIETY**

The History Society has its brief AGM at 7.30 pm on Thursday November 20th followed by a talk by Derek Rooke (subject to be announced). Some of our archives will be on display and the storage facilities we have in the hall can be viewed. The Christmas dinner is at Brookfields Golf club on Tuesday Dec 16th when Dinah Andrew will talk on 'past Christmases'. History Society members should sign up for the Christmas dinner at the next two meetings.

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January we have Alison Horrobin of Nantwich Museum with a talk on 'Tudor Nantwich'.



### **D.A.H.L.I.A.**

(Developing Allotments 4 Healthy Leisure in Audlem)

1. Do you like fresh, seasonal fruit and veg?
2. Would you like to G.Y.O?
3. If you had the chance of an Allotment in Audlem would you take it?

If yes to these questions and you want to register an interest in having an Allotment (with no commitment at this stage) please:-

**PHONE: 01270 811887 or 811774**

**EMAIL: [czarptc@hotmail.com](mailto:czarptc@hotmail.com)**

**[christmjdill@aol.com](mailto:christmjdill@aol.com)**

**TEXT 07974 368518 or 07772 150739**



### **CHESHIRE CARERS' CENTRE**

Cheshire Carers' Centre is a charity which offers advice, information and support for those people who care for a relative or friend who needs help due to age, disability or illness. We offer many services at the centre which can be accessed by calling our freephone Helpline number 0800 085 0307.

We can help with benefit advice, signposting to other agencies, offer Carers' Emergency Cards, and help to access funds and grants. We offer a Carers' Fund, which can contribute to essential home items, decoration and mini breaks for Carers and a Carers' Opportunities Fund, to help Carers find and fund educational courses.

We also have drop in sessions across Cheshire, one of which is in **Audlem** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10.30am until 12.30pm at Audlem Public Hall, Cheshire Street. Please find a list of the activities we have planned below.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – trip to Burwardsley.** Booking is essential and we will be leaving the hall at 10.15am and returning for 2.00pm. There will be time for a coffee, candle making and some shopping. Anyone interested call Dawn on **01606 828151 ext 5**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Crafts and mince pies.** No booking, just drop in.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Coffee and chat.** No booking, just drop in.

We also have a shopping trip to Botany Bay on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, places limited, booking essential (please call the Helpline.)

Cheshire Carers Centre produce a quarterly newsletter with lots of information for Carers and of events that are happening across Cheshire that Carers might be interested in as well as other literature. To sign up for the newsletter, please call the helpine. We can arrange home visits to help with benefit forms and advice by appointment.

**All the services we offer are free of charge so please contact us to find out more.**

### **SOUTH CHESHIRE EMBROIDERERS GUILD**

The skills techniques & talents of the embroiderers of South Cheshire Embroiderers Guild were showcased in an Exhibition at Audlem's Methodist Church during September as part of the new season. The success of this 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration was echoed by the comments of the 236 visitors - "Lost for words", "Speechless", "What creativity & attention to detail" & "Inspirational" were just a few.

The wide variety of textile artistry captivated the visitors and caused much consternation when they were invited to nominate their personal favourite. Visitors came from as far as France, Kent, Wilmslow, Northampton, the potteries and surrounding villages, many choosing to take lunch in the village before returning for a second look.

Stewards were members of the guild and demonstrations of specialist techniques were held on each day by guild members.

The Guild would like to thank Ralph Warburton from ASET and the Scout and Guild hall for allowing us to use their display stands, also the Methodist Church for being a good host and allowing the exhibition to be held in their church hall.

Thanks to all who contributed to make this exhibition one which Audlem could be proud of.

*5 A's*  
The Best of the Best and performing the  
Embroiderers Guild

# Sleeping Beauty

By Colin Cliffe

*Ticket Hotline*  
**01270 811468**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>**

**AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL**

### **CRICKET CLUB REPORT**

The Cricket Club had an excellent year to follow on from the success of last year. The 1st team achieved promotion to the Cheshire Alliance Division 2 under the leadership of Chris Shenton after finishing 2nd in the table and the 2nd team achieved a respectable mid table in Division 5. Next year Toby Banfield will be taking over the 2nd team captaincy from John Wainwright who, over the past 2 years, has helped maintain a 2nd team at the club. We would like to



thank Geoff Seddon and the Audlem Website Team for the excellent reports that kept the village informed of our progress. We would also like to thank Simon Banks for the work he has done with the juniors this year. Next year the club will have another qualified coach and will be arranging matches with local teams for the Juniors. Thank you also to John Eve, who stepped down as Chairman of the club this year, for his work over the past two years. Andy Capper will be taking over as Chairman and is looking forward to taking the club forward into the future. Anyone interested in join us at the cricket club please call Tom Measures 811105 or for Juniors - Simon Banks on 07764 202752.

**AUDLEM & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB**

*The Audlem Probus Club continues to thrive both in terms of membership, interest and activities*

*It has a varied speakers and social programme and meets at the Brookfield Golf Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month (except August) commencing 10 am for coffee followed by a guest speaker. Recent weeks have seen members enjoy talks on Gilbert and Sullivan , Alcoholics Anonymous, Global Warming, Christianity surrounded by Islam( personal experience of the Christian Church close to the Pakistan/Afghanistan border). Future topics range from Life and Times of a Busker to Taylors Boatyard & Shropshire Union Canal.*

*We look forward to Christmas at Chatsworth in December and a talk by Andrew Humphris, Head Gardner at Wollerton Old Hall Gardens, on the Great Gardens of China followed by supper. Plans for a holiday in Alnwick Northumbria in May 2009 have been finalised.*

*For further details contact our President Alvar Jones 01270 811005 or Derek Rooke 01270 668111*

**ADAS (Audlem District Amenities Society)**

The ‘summer’ is over but the blooms in the village still give lots of colour. The children of Audlem St James’ school were each given a pumpkin plant to grow through the summer and in October Ralph Warburton was delighted to have the task of judging well in excess of 70 fruits – in sizes from the tiny to a veritable huge monster grown by Ryan Adams. All the winners of each year were presented with a prize and every pupil who managed to grow a pumpkin also received a gift. Next year it will be sunflowers.

The **ADAS AGM** was held in mid October. Mike Hill, who took over the chair in 2007, resigned due to other commitments and Ralph Warburton was appointed Chair for the very last time, it being his third term as chair.

Our next event is a fabulous **Fashion Show on November 13<sup>th</sup>** in the Public Hall when “**Petals &**

**Pearls”** of Woore will present a wide range of clothes and accessories – modelled by ladies of the village.

**Christmas is coming** .This year’s sponsor of the Big tree is **Leisure Surfaces of Hankelow** – to whom we are very grateful. The tree will be in place at the beginning of December.

We sought out quotes for such a tree from commercial growers who supply trees to local councils. The cost, including a drop off delivery, is over £500! Thankfully at present we are able to obtain our tree from local plantations at a very reasonable cost. If however this should dry up, then it could be the end of what has become such a welcome Christmas display in the village. If you would like to sponsor a tree in the future please contact any member of the ADAS committee.

The popular Carol singing around the tree will take place on **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**AUDLEM BRANCH CONSERVATIVES.**

The branch organises a number of social events and is currently planning for 2009. For further information about the Branch contact Roland Hall (812530) or Alan Cross (811974). Audlem Branch is part of the Eddisbury Conservative Association - full details at eddisburyconservatives.co.uk.



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Arts & Crafts, books, cakes, tombola and lots more

**FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

11.00am – 3.00pm

At

**CEDAR COURT**

**CORBROOK COUNTRY ESTATE**

**AUDLEM**

In aid of The Macmillan Nurses

**FREE ENTRY**



***HAVE YOUR SAY***

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**The closing date for items for the winter issue is 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008.**