



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2006

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

A Summary of Parish Council business –

Summer 2006

RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLOR PAUL HUNTBACK

Many thanks to Paul Huntbach who has retired from the Parish Council after many years service. Over the years Paul has invested considerable time and effort in community affairs and Parish Council matters, especially on public footpaths and land drainage matters. The Parish Council wishes Paul all the very best in his well-earned retirement.

RESULTS OF MAY 2006 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ELECTIONS

There were eleven nominations (all existing Councillors) for the 12 seats on the Parish Council so an election was not necessary. Peter Morgan of Pentre House, Salford, was co-opted on 8th May. We look forward to working with him. Councillors also unanimously re-elected Richard Furber and Kate Down as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Thank you to everyone who came to the first new style Annual Village meeting on the 11th May. We heard from Shea O'Neill, Project Manager, about proposals for the Upper Weaver Valley; Andrew Smith spoke on behalf of both ASET and Audlem District Traders' Association; Ralph Warburton traced the history and aims of ADAS; and finally Bob Cartwright gave us a run down on progress of Parish Plan projects. **Minutes of the can be seen on the Notice Board outside the Co-op.**

NOTICE BOARD FOR COXBANK RESIDENTS

Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council have kindly agreed to install a notice board for local use at Coxbank in the near future.

*During the remainder of 2006 Parish Council meetings will be held in **St James's School** on July 17th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.*

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.

DOG MESS ON PLAYING FIELD!

We are still receiving complaints about persistent offenders. If you know who the culprits are, then **PLEASE** contact to the Community Support Officer P.C.S.O. Sharon Jones on 0845-458-0000

Problems with public toilets/grounds maintenance

Report to Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council's STREETWISE on 0800 387491

Problems with highways – pot holes, pavement and street lighting –report to Cheshire County Council on 0845 2450558, or e mail engcn@cheshire.gov.uk. If you are reporting street lighting faults, remember to have the lamp number (printed on the face of the standard) to hand.

Parish Councillors' Contact Details

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Kate Down (Vice Chair) 811160

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Geoff Stretch 811011

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Your Parish Clerk is Jean White 01948 871383 or

parishcouncil@audlem.org

RICHARD FURBER'S REPORT AS CHAIRMAN OF AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

It hardly seems like twelve months since I became Chairman of Audlem Parish Council. Many thanks for the hard work my predecessor Mike Hill put in – what an act to follow! One of my first duties was to welcome a new councillor onto the Parish Council, Pam Seddon.

Planning

During the year we had two very controversial planning applications, Moorsfield House and Canalside (Moseley's Yard). The Parish Council worked hard to obtain a reduction in the housing density on each site. A public meeting was held to discuss the Canalside development at which attendance was more than a hundred, showing how much concern there was about the development in the centre of the village.

Policing

At the beginning of the year we were pleased to welcome PC Ken Maple as our new rural beat officer. He has policed the village conscientiously and also organised the Community Action Meetings on alternate months and I would urge you to attend these meetings to voice any concerns you may have. The Parish Council have provided a mobile CCTV camera to aid his policing.

VE/VJweekend

Audlem celebrated in style with beautiful weather too. A typical example of 'building community life': The shop displays were wonderful and the tableaux, in the Scout and Guide Hall depicting life at the end of World War II, along with our own Land Army girl Nora Bate, were exceptional and created considerable interest. This together with a Jitterbug Ball set the scene for much reminiscing. A special Proms in the Park and the wonderful play by 5 A's with its serious moment

reminding us of those villagers who never returned from the war, and finally an outdoor ecumenical act of worship.

Calor Village of the Year

What an exciting year for me as chairman and all involved in this competition. We were delighted to win the award for the Cheshire Village of the Year and then be successful in the Northern region competition which culminated in Mike Hill and I travelling to London on 7 December for the National Presentation luncheon. As you all know we were presented with The North of England Village of the Year award, Building Community Life and the National Building Community Life award. I am very grateful to the committee for their work in presenting Audlem to the judges and also to the many organisations which set up displays in the Public Hall and those who provided refreshments. Special thanks to Syd Seabridge for providing stylish transport for the judges. The total prize money we won for the village was £4,500 which at the moment is ring fenced while we try to add to it in the Best of the Best competition this year.

Parish Plan

The Parish Plan was completed in October. Bob Cartwright and the Steering committee have done a fantastic job and this has been reflected in the number of invitations Bob, and Mike Hill, have received to talk to other councils about the process. As a result of The Plan the Village News has been successfully re-launched and is now published by the Editorial Group.

The village website

www.audlemvillage.org, was launched in August and I wish to congratulate the webteam on their success. The Forum certainly creates much interesting discussion! And the site is a mine of information.

Quality status

The Parish Council became a Quality Parish Council last December thanks mainly to our clerk, Jean White, who also makes my job so much easier thanks to her efficiency.

On 20 January we held a social occasion in the Public Hall to celebrate Audlem's success during the year. 150 people attended including the Mayor of Crewe and Nantwich, our MP and many other civic dignitaries.

On 17 February Parish Councillors were delighted to represent Audlem at the Mayor's Oscars and even more thrilled when we were actually presented with an Oscar for the achievements of the village during 2005. At this ceremony our own Bill Consterdine received a further three Oscars including Citizen of the Year. Well Done Bill.

Amenities

During the year bike stands were installed outside the Church, picnic tables provided, teen shelter erected at the edge of the playing field, and new seats, kindly donated by Mr and Mrs D Hodgkins, placed on the

perimeter of the playing field.

The Public Hall has been greatly improved thanks to the chairman, Geoff Stretch for his leadership of the committee, and the commitment of Geoff and his wife Olive. Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council have made a grant of £30,000 to the Hall which is greatly appreciated and has enabled the replacement of windows and re-decoration.

Tom Neville retired as Internal Auditor and on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank him for his work over the years, and also welcome Kevin Mellor as his successor. I would also like to welcome John Kemble, our new responsible financial officer. Finally Audlem Parish Council says farewell to Paul Huntbach who has retired after 23 years service. Enjoy your retirement Paul and thank you for your commitment to the Parish Council & Village of the year.

AUDLEM CEMETERY.

The Cemetery was established in 1872 and the first interment was in 1874. The Chapels are one of the finest Victorian Gothic buildings in Cheshire and the cemetery is thought by all to be one of the very best in Cheshire.

The Cemetery is administered by a Burial Committee made up of Parish Councillors for all the area covered by the Cemetery and who meet quarterly. The maintenance and running is carried out by the Clerk, Ralph Warburton who oversees a team comprising Roy Booth, Derek Stockton and Ingrid Shaw.

The cemetery has a life of about 100/140 more years - based on the past years history. Any assistance in seeking graves or relatives, or purchase of plots should be addressed to Ralph Warburton on 812125.

AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL COMMITTEE

The Public Hall Committee would like to thank the members of 'Watch Your Weight' for their contributions towards various items for the Hall. These include: a new cover for the snooker table, a glass top for the Committee Room table, and new and better seats for the toilets. The Watch Your Weight Club meets in the Village Hall each Thursday at 6pm. The fee is £1 per week, part of which is donated to the Village Hall. New members welcome: contact Olive Stretch on 811011.

UPDATE ON SPORTS CENTRE PROJECT - JUNE 2006

The Spring Parish Newsletter provided outline details of proposals to improve the Sports Facilities in Audlem as in the Parish Plan.

The Community Projects Group is refining the plans into an achievable project which will not only provide the sports facilities but also benefit the social activities that take place in the Village. Current thinking is for an

extension to the back of the Public Hall with a separate entrance to the sports area. This would comprise a badminton hall, fitness suite, male and female changing rooms, showers and toilets all with access from the sports field, storage for both sports equipment and 5A's Theatre Group and a drinks/ snack area. Discussions have taken place with the Public Hall Committee who are very supportive of the concept. Obviously more thought is needed on matters such as how closely the sports facilities are integrated with existing activities, particularly from the management and funding points of view.

If you have views on these proposals you can contact the Community Project Group via the Village Website, the Newsletter Box in the Post Office or telephone Roland Hall (01270 812530).



Who Funds the Club?

ASFC costs in the region of **£1500 each season**. As you are aware we have always provided this free of charge and hope to do so in the future. We need funds for insurance, youth federation membership, training kit, equipment, CRB checks, football shirts and coaching courses to ensure the players get a high standard of training. Over the past 4 years Hilda & Brian Nagington have done table top sales and raised over £1000 per year. They will be giving this up this year so that income will cease. We cannot thank them enough for their support – they donated the first set of goals to get the club started. We are also supported by ASET & Audlem Parish Council to whom we are thankful. However, we now need to secure regular funds next season to continue to offer the standard the village has come to expect. The club has developed and grown from strength to strength and we now have success in the Sunday Crewe Alex League and participate in the Funky weekend and external tournaments.

Please contact Jane Palin 01270 812584/email jane.palin@btinternet.com if you can assist/have any ideas.

Training / Fun-ky 06

Training resumes on **Saturday 9th September 2006**

Entering a team in the Fun-ky 06 tournament on 23rd July 2006? – Contact Reuben for a team sheet Tel 01270 812584 / reuben.palin@btinternet.com book early to avoid disappointment!

CRICKET CLUB

Unfortunately the promised junior coaching has had to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control and we apologise to all who expressed an interest. Instead we are trying to encourage younger players with some experience of cricket to play in our regular

Sunday friendly matches. Anyone interested should contact Geoff Seddon on 811282.

On a brighter note, the Local Knockout matches started on May 30th. The group games, which are 15 overs per team, take place on Tuesday and Thursday, at 6.30pm and run until August 8th. The semi finals and final will be held on Sunday August 28th, when play starts at 11am. Come along and watch any games at one of the most beautiful cricket settings in Cheshire.

AUDLEM CROWN GREEN BOWLS

Crown Green Bowls can and will provide many years of enjoyment and interest for all the family; wether purely at club level or progressing to county level the aim is enjoyment for all.

We welcome new members-for more information contact the Club Secretary, Sue Orme on 811855

AUDLEM BRANCH CONSERVATIVES REPORT

Audlem MP Stephen O'Brien held a well attended individual surgery in the Public Hall on 5 May 2006 and also had a meeting with members of the Audlem Traders' Association. An 'Open House' evening gave residents the opportunity to raise issues of general concern. He was also interviewed by the Audlem website, visit www.audlem.org to view the content.

Forthcoming events include 'Music and Canapés' a summer evening with COSA DOMHSA at the Brookfield Golf Club on 28 July 2006 commencing 7.30pm. A visit to the House of Commons is planned for 31 October 2006. Hosted by Stephen O'Brien it will include a tour of the Palace of Westminster followed by lunch in the private dining room overlooking the Thames. For details of both events contact Roland Hall (812530) or Alan Cross (811974)

AUDLEM & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

Under the leadership of our new President, Jim Winfield, the Club has started the year with record attendances and increased membership.

A coach party went on a 5 day trip to Dorset. The Hotel said how much they enjoyed having us there, creating a real buzz about the place, particularly the dining room. We did explain that we were from the village that vibrates!

The Club meets at the Brookfield Golf Club on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month (except August) commencing 10 am for coffee followed by a guest speaker. Current programme includes The Magic of Toys ,Nunc est Bibendum , The Experiences of a New old Pilot and The History of the Toilet. There is a full social programme with visits to Marstons Brewery, JCB Factory, Combermere Abbey as well as a Quiz and fish and chip evening and Antiques Roadshow(no, not Probus Members)

Membership is open to all retired or semi retired professional men and women who live in the locality.

For further details contact Jim Winfield 01270 812909 or Roland Hall 01270 812530

FUN - KY - audlem@06

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd July

Planning is well under way for this year's fun-ky weekend. Most of the popular events and activities are back again as well as some new ones and include:-

Fun Triathlon with four sessions for all ages up to 18
Crafts tents with mask making, plant pot decorating, beads, and a chance to help create a funky banner with the Embroiderers Guild.

The Live Music Night open to all children and adults with fantastic young bands and a bar for the over 18 s

Box Cart Derby. Make a cart and take it down 'death alley' Start building it now. Get details and rules from Ian on 812068 or www.kampadaze.co.uk

Football tournament. Enter your own 5-a-Side team by July 9th contact Reuben on 812584 or reubenpalin@btinternet.com

Have a go at Tennis A chance to get some expert coaching

Talent workshop. Work on your act with Day-Star Theatre and then perform at the awards show. Details on Funky website or from Pete 811330 or info@funkyaudelm.co.uk

Awards & Talent show

Free Barbecue followed by family fun rounders and tug of war. A full programme will be out early July and very soon on www.funkyaudlem.co.uk

CENTRAL CHESHIRE MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

*Are you interested in any aspect of mental health?
Perhaps you are a carer, service user, parent, or simply interested in local or national developments?
Information is available from a variety of local groups or individuals, or if you would like to be involved please contact Brian Bowles on 811253.*

CHESHIRE CARER' CENTRE

Cheshire Carers' Centre offers information, advice and support to those who care for a relative, partner, friend or neighbour who are suffering an illness, disability or who are elderly and frail. We are based at 98 Victoria Street, Crewe with Outreach 'Drop In' sessions held at Audlem, Alsager & Sandbach.

We meet every 2nd Tuesday in the month at Audlem Public Hall between 10.30am. & 12.30noon. Everyone is welcome. Former carers as well as carers sometimes accompanied by the cared for person, members of the public, health & social professionals, etc.

We share information and advice or signpost people to relevant organisations, share a chat over a cup of coffee or tea with others facing similar problems.

Our Crewe office offers telephone support and is open 2 days a week when people can drop in. We visit people at home and will do benefit checks to help people access the benefits to which they are entitled. We are part of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, and on Carers Day, May 8 an event was held at Portal's Golf Club in Tarporley. We were delighted that Princess Anne attended, and met all 121 Carers, including 4 from Audlem.

Contact: Maggie Stordy or Kate Elsby on 01270-215317

ASET SUMMER PROGRAMME

After six months of hectic planning and several headaches, ASET, the Audlem Special Events Team, is pleased to announce that Audlem Proms on the Park will take place on Saturday 15th July, two weeks later than originally planned. The evening's entertainment will open with the Crewe Male Voice Choir followed by the Bill Basey Big Band. ASET are delighted to have secured the services of the Band of the Kings Division, based in Lancashire. The evening will close with a spectacular fireworks display at approximately 10.30pm. This year's event will cost a staggering £18,000, some £6,000 more than the inaugural Proms back in 2001. Ticket prices, however, have not increased. Full details are on the Proms leaflet which will be dropping through letterboxes shortly in the Audlem area. Tickets are on sale in the Post Office or on 01270 811211. Do order your tickets early as last year's event was sold out. All profits from the event are used to fund the Transport Festival and the Bonfire Night Celebrations as well as supporting local organisations. Another date for your diary is Sunday 30th July when ASET presents the Audlem Festival of Transport.

AUDLEM DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2006

July 15 or 22 Saturday coach trip and guided tour to **Ludlow**
August – no meeting
September 21 – Terry Lilly on a 'History of Crewe Hall'
For further information contact Celia Bloor On 811260

HAVE YOUR SAY

If you would like your views in the Newsletter or the Website contact:

Newsletter editor Margaret Roberts on 812942 or newsletter@audlem.org or post your item in the box situated in the Post Office

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