



AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011

Audlem Parish Council

Annual Report 2010-11

Kate Down, Chairman, writes:

I have recently completed my second year of office as Chairman of the Parish Council. It has been a particularly busy year for the Council and I would like to record my thanks to fellow councillors, and Jean White and John Kemble, for their support and hard work during the year.

Once again, we had a great Cheshire Community Action awards night. Audlem again won the Best Kept Village award, also the Best Community Website, and was highly commended for its newsletter, and a Little Gem award was given to the cemetery. Congratulations to all those concerned in bringing this about.

Improvements to the facilities of the village are always good to see. This year the Council supported the regeneration of the towpath leading to the new marina and the introduction of the Audlem Lass, the ferry between the village and the Overwater Marina, and I was pleased to be among her first passengers. The Council also set in place the improvements to the footpath between the Shroppie Fly and the playing field.

As mentioned last year, the Age Concern Lunchtime Club was threatened with closure. Since then, I am very pleased to report that local efforts have resulted in a trust, Audlem and District Community Action, being formed to protect and continue the services provided from Thornton House.

We have had a lot of concern this year about the possible transfer and devolution of services to Parish Councils and an explanatory letter was sent to all residents with the spring newsletter. The immediate outcome has been the closure of the public toilets but, after negotiations with Cheshire East, we are now able to refurbish and take them over. Hopefully they will be

reopened in the near future and will be much improved.

We are still concerned about the heavy lorries using the A525 despite it being deprimed and are working towards getting a weight restriction as well as monitoring the traffic using the road at the side of the church.

As the Council was up for election this year, we saw the resignation of four councillors, David Rowe, Geoff Stretch, Andrew Smith and Peter Morgan, and I would like to express the Council's thanks for all their hard work. We are now pleased to welcome David Siddorns, John Langston, Heather Jones and Jill Sanders to the Council.

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Finally, I hope you like the new look of our newsletter, which has been provided at no additional cost by our new joint Editors, Kira Nicholls and Jennifer Cope.

Parish Council meetings will be held in St James School on Mondays: 5 September, 3 October, 7 November and 5 December. 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.

Audlem Lass

The Audlem Lass has now carried 2,280 passengers since 22 April 2011. We have also collected £1,950, which has more than covered the costs of the British Waterways licence and our public liability insurance. This means that after fuel costs the full amount can go to the lifeboat appeal. The money is sent to the Crewe and Nantwich branch treasurer who ensures the proceeds go to the New Brighton appeal.



On Tuesday and Friday afternoons during the school summer holidays we are planning to provide a service to Hack Green picnic site. Please look on the website or ring 811429 for details and to make a reservation.

We are looking for additional help on the service by way of second mates. No experience is required. Helpers must be at least 16 years of age but there is no upper age limit. We usually work half days on a voluntary basis.

Rodney Cottrell, 811454

Audlem & District Probus Club

Alan Hodgson's presidential year has got off to a busy start with excellent speakers, enjoyable social activities and a number of local walks.

The club meets at the Brookfield Golf Club on the second and fourth Thursday each month (except August) commencing at 10am for coffee followed by a guest speaker. Members are encouraged to stay on for an informal lunch.

Recent talks have been on 'The Spitfire', 'British Humour', 'A Morning of Oriental Delight' and 'The Experiences of a WW2 Evacuee'. We have 'The History of the Long Bow', 'Chester's Ghosts' and 'Nantwich Museum' to look forward to.

The trip to Sussex was very successful, including visits to iconic gardens such as Sissinghurst, Great

Dixters and Chartwell as well as Battle, the site of the 1066 battleground.

Nearer home, such was the demand for the trip to Llandudno and Lord Langford's family home, Bodryhddan Hall, North Wales, that we had two coaches! One of the highlights to come is our August visit to Highgrove, family home of the Prince of Wales. In addition there are the usual lunches, social evenings and monthly walks.

For further details contact President Alan Hodgson 01630 655382 or Rex Rayner 811896.

Embroiders' Guild

Our meetings of the last three months have been so varied and inspiring that members are spoiled for choice as to what techniques and processes they should try out for themselves.

In April, we entered the wonderful world of 'Digital Imagery' with Judy Fairless, who gently took us through her favourite selections and processes that she uses in the creation of her exciting modern quilts.

In May, we had another quilt maker, Greta Fitchett, whose recent work has taken on a more unusual 3-D form.

Our latest meeting took us back to the 16th and 17th centuries when Kay and Michael Dennis came to talk to us about the very traditional technique of stumpwork.

We have also had cause for personal celebration when member Pat Matthews received her 25 Years Badge from the Embroiders' Guild and another member, Marjorie Derbyshire, won third prize in the Coats Anchor Competition at the North West Regional Day for her hand-felted, embroidered vessel.

Our branch is going from strength to strength. We now have more than 100 members and we are busy preparing for our upcoming exhibition in September, when we will be celebrating '21 Years' – all visitors will be welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. www.mini-webs.com/Audlemembroidersguild.

Friends of Audlem School Association (FASA)

It has been some time since FASA has featured in the Audlem newsletter, so we would like to take the opportunity this summer to re-introduce ourselves to the community.

FASA is a voluntary organisation, which raises money for various projects and items needed to enhance the education of the children at Audlem St James Primary School. This year we are aiming to raise

money to buy four computers for each classroom. In order to do this, we have a regular programme of events designed to involve both parents and the community.

One of our largest, most recent events was our Summer Fair at the end of June which was very successful despite the typical summer weather! Thank you to everyone who came and contributed in any way.

Still to come this autumn is our Rag Bag collection, which will be taking place in mid-October, where we collect your unwanted textiles, shoes, bags and accessories. The main collection point will be at the school.



Our events are advertised through various media, so wherever you see our logo, please remember our cause and if possible come along and support us.

Audlem WI

Audlem WI is as popular as ever and members have enjoyed a variety of speakers and outings during the spring.

In May, Chris Bridgeman gave an informative and interesting slide show of the work and challenges of The Wingate Centre, Wrenbury. June's speaker was Ronald Groundsell who entertained us with his many funny stories of life in the theatre.

Our Malbank Group meeting was held in the Public Hall in mid-May and writer Dulcie Lewis's talk 'Down the Pan' had a packed hall in tears of laughter with her hilarious tales of the history of the WC!

Our summer programme includes 'Jigsaw Players' and 'Disney and the Music', and day trips are planned to the Well Dressing at Brown Edge and to Highfields at Kinsey Heath where we look forward to a tour of the magnificent Tudor mansion.

Our annual garden party will be held in August at the home of Mrs Daphne Mountenay. A fun day is planned, with various games and competitions and of course the usual delicious strawberry tea.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Scout and Guide Hall. Our membership has increased this year but as always we extend a warm welcome to visitors and new members.

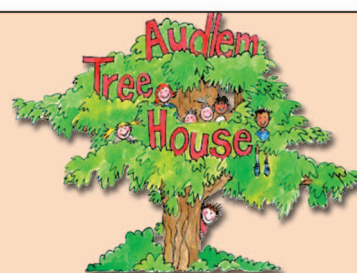
For further details contact President Christine Salisbury on 811110 or Secretary Anne Watson on 811473.

Audlem Tree House

We are running a promotional offer at Audlem Tree House for our morning playgroup sessions. From 7 September to 31 December 2011 we are offering a 50 per cent fee reduction for a Thursday or Friday session when it is booked alongside a full price session during the week.

We have places available every morning so if your child is 2½-years-old, why not give us a call? You are welcome to drop in at any of our sessions to join in the fun and find out all about us!

For further information please call 811829 any morning.



SITUATIONS VACANT

PRE-SCHOOL SUPERVISOR, AUDLEM

Do you have an NVQ3 qualification in childcare or equivalent? Are you looking for approximately 15 hours' work? We have a permanent position available at Audlem Tree House. Hours are 8.45am–12.45pm, five days a week, Monday to Friday, in school term only.

PRE-SCHOOL PLAY WORKER, AUDLEM

Would you like to return to work with hours that fit in with your childcare? Do you now have more time on your hands and would like to work with children? We have a permanent position for a pre-school play worker available at Audlem Treehouse. Hours are 8.45am–12.45pm between two and five days a week, flexibility to suit you. School term only. Qualifications in childcare not essential, support offered to gain the relevant qualifications.

If you are interested please send your application/CV to audlemtreehouse@hotmail.co.uk or by post to Jane Hines, Audlem Tree House, Heathfield Road, Audlem, Cheshire. Closing date: 17 August 2011
www.audlemtreehouse.co.uk

ADAS

We have been delighted with the wonderful response from the residents and the businesses of Audlem and district in giving us their support. The major blow by

Cheshire East Council in denying us any funding, a loss of £1,350, has been lessened considerably and we have managed to provide a fine floral display. New sponsors have been attracted and we are very grateful for this.

Our next community event is on 17 September when we hold our annual Table Top Sale in the Public Hall. **Anyone wishing to book a table should call 812125 or email rjw@notrubraw.com.**

Exemplary Service Award

Gillian Dimelow, Watch Manager at Audlem Fire Station, has become the first female operational firefighter in Cheshire to receive the Long Service Good Conduct medal for completing 20 years exemplary service. Gillian received her medal from Cheshire's Lord Lieutenant, David Briggs, at an awards ceremony in Warrington.

Joining the service in October 1990, Gillian was promoted to Crew Manager in May 2003. In February 2009 she was appointed as Temporary Watch Manager and has spent all her time in Audlem.

Ten years ago, Gill took up a role as a Fire and Rescue Service driving instructor, covering all types of vehicles used in the service, having previously held a similar position with Cheshire Police.



Audlem Music and Arts Festival

Our 2011 event was considered to be a great success. Each year we try to make this major festival even better and we are now planning the 2012 one. It will take place over the weekend of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and will include a carnival which reaches its 200th year since it began back in 1812.

Methodist Church

Between 27 June and 3 July, Audlem Methodist Church organised a 'Holiday at Home' and 24 local holidaymakers enjoyed a week's holiday without having to leave home. The packed week was delightfully accompanied by fine weather.

The holiday was based at the Methodist Church, but included numerous visits to places of interest and even a day at the seaside.

Lots of people helped and ADAS, ASET and the Parish Council all lent financial support. Audlem Methodist Church is grateful to everyone who helped with the venture.



News in Brief

- Don't forget the ASET Audlem Beer Festival on 27–29 August and the Food Festival on 28 August.
- Please help save the rain forest in Peru by forwarding tokens from packs of Yorkshire Tea, Cakes, Biscuits and Taylors of Harrogate coffee to Caroline and Bob Hope of 19 Chapel Close, Audlem, CW3 0BG. Tel: 01270 811867

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or the website please contact: Newsletter Editors Jennifer Cope (811499) and Kira Nicholls (812485) at newsletter@audlem.org or post your item in the box in the Post Office. For the website email editor@audlem.org or go to 'Contact Webteam' on the website.

The closing date for items for the autumn issue is 10 October 2011 for distribution during the first week of November. All items submitted will be given careful consideration, however, the final decision for inclusion rests with the Editorial Team.