



# NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2010

## AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

### A Summary of Parish Council Business – January 2010 NEW EQUIPMENT AT AUDLEM CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND



Cheshire East Mayor, Councillor Margaret Simon, made an official visit to Audlem in freezing weather on Monday 4th January to cut the ribbon and “open” our improved playground. She said, “I’m so proud to see this project come to fruition..... it’s a wonderful resource that has captured the imagination and playful spirit of a whole new generation of youngsters in East Cheshire. Children who spend much of their time playing on home computers are being lured outdoors into the fresh air.” Peter Morgan added: "We've had reports before the snow fall that children were having a whale of a time on the new adventure slide and climbing frame. Too many children aren't getting enough exercise these days, probably because many parks don't offer the sophisticated challenge that, say, a computer game would."

Peter added his thanks to the Parish Council committee members, especially Irene Stockton, who assisted in making the project possible.

Grants from WREN, Cheshire East Council and Audlem Parish Council allowed the Parish Council to proceed with plans for new kit to attract a wider age group and to improve facilities and safety.

### BUDGETS AND PRECEPT FOR 2010/11

In January the Parish Council agreed its budgets for next year and decided to increase the precept by 1%. As a result, we have requested £29,742 from the Cheshire East Council. Total annual income from all sources is expected to be in the region of £31,432. We expect a small overspend for 2010/11, which will be met from reserves. Budgets are summarised as follows:

	£
Salaries and payments to contractors	11,600
Planned donations to village organisations	10,000
Audit and insurance	1,750
Audlem Burial Committee	1,232
Administration, newsletters, training, subscriptions, etc.	3,600
Projects and enabling monies	6,360

### CHEESE & WINE EVENING – WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH (FREE TO RESIDENTS!)

Preparations are being made for this year’s Annual Village Meeting – following on from last year’s success, the Parish Council has agreed that it should be another Cheese & Wine Evening. So make a note in your diary to keep the evening of Wednesday 10th March free and please come along. Representatives of Dane Housing, British Waterways (technical staff), Cheshire Carers, Cheshire East Tourism, Cheshire Constabulary, Low Carbon Communities and Cheshire Dial-A-Ride will be here to chat and answer questions. Several of Audlem’s local groups and clubs will be represented – Parish Plan, ADAPT, Probus, History Society and the children from Audlem’s Scouts, Guides and Brownies. Look out for posters nearer the time.

## PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Please keep an eye on [www.audlem.org](http://www.audlem.org) or the notice boards if you would like to be considered.

### Parish Councillors’ Contact Details

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Mike Hill - Vice Chair 811843  
Frances Christie 811340      Bill Consterdine 811647  
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Your Parish Clerk is Jean White 01948 871383 or email [parishcouncil@audlem.org](mailto:parishcouncil@audlem.org)

*Parish Council meetings will be held in St James School on Mondays February 1, March 1, April 12, 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.*

### THANKS TO THE SNOW



The recent winter weather may have been extremely inconvenient to many who have to travel afar, but some local residents have found unexpected bonuses in the inclement conditions. *Audlem Online* has received reports praising Stuart for his early

morning milk deliveries, the regular postal deliveries, the boys and girls who deliver our papers and to Williams Newsagents for their coal. One resident has also contacted *Audlem Online* to say how much he's enjoyed carrying out all his shopping in the village in recent weeks. It's so much more convenient than having to travel six or seven miles and so much more personal and friendly.

As they say, almost, every snow cloud has a silver lining.

### AUDLEM PARISH PLAN 2010

The steering committee has been asked by Audlem Parish Council to produce a 2010 Plan as a follow-up to the last one published at the end of 2005.

Questionnaires have been distributed around the Parish seeking the views of residents. Now, working groups will be formed to look at the following areas:

- Environment and Ecology
- Community Projects - (Community Involvement including Sport & Leisure)
- Local Businesses including Tourism
- Health
- Planning, Housing & Built Environment
- Youth & Education
- Community Care & Access (Social Inclusion)
- Traffic & Transport (includes canal, footpaths, parking)
- Local employment
- Communications

The working groups will ideally have 6-8 members. The groups will meet to develop the Plan from now until mid-July. Each group will assess progress since the 2005 Plan; discuss new ideas that could be included in the 2010 Plan; ensure that these ideas are in line with residents' views; and draw up a detailed Action Plan to implement the ideas.

If you would like to get involved, please let Audlem Online know, or email [bojcartwright@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bojcartwright@yahoo.co.uk) or speak to anyone on the steering committee - Judy Benson; Bob Cartwright; Roland Hall; Mike Hill; Kate Parkes; Pam Seddon or Greville Watts.

### **METHODIST 'SPLASH'**



This year's Methodist musical is 'Splash!' by Craig Hawes. It is billed as 'a musical comedy straight out of the ark', and re-tells - with a difference - the ancient story of Noah's Ark. It is being performed at Audlem Methodist Church over five nights, 16 - 20 February. Performances begin at 7.30 pm,

and entry is by programme. Contact Julia Parton at the chapel or on [bookings@audlemmethodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:bookings@audlemmethodistchurch.org.uk).

This year's company numbers more than sixty and brings together all ages from seven to seventy. The Methodist musical is invariably a sell-out, so don't delay in securing your programmes.

### **CHESHIRE CARERS CENTRE**

Cheshire Carers Centre manage the Disabled Children's Database on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester & Cheshire East Children's Services. The Database is a special information and support service for families with children with a disability in Cheshire. Entry onto the database is voluntary - the benefits are that families will receive regular newsletters, events such as time out/information day/fun days, the opportunity to help statutory and voluntary organisations plan future services and identify gaps in current services.

If you are not registered on the Database and would like to be - or you want to find out more please contact the Database Office on 01270 215440 or email [dcd@cheshirecarerscentre.org.uk](mailto:dcd@cheshirecarerscentre.org.uk) or telephone Cheshire Carers Centre freefone helpline on 0800 085 0307.

Cheshire Carers Centre hold an informal Carers drop in session on the 2nd Tuesday (except Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>) of each month at the Public Hall, Cheshire Street from 10.30 am until 12.30pm. It is open to those who care (unpaid) for a relative or friend who needs their help due to disability, illness or frailty. Pop in for a coffee, chat to centre staff and other Carers and find out about the services offered to Carers. Some sessions may include activities, events or trips. For more information about Cheshire Carers Centre, please call the helpline on 0800 085 0307.

### **ADAPT**

A hardy group of ADAPT members braved the freezing weather to attend the meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. ADAPT (Audlem & District Acting Positively for Transition) is a new group which supports initiatives to create a sustainable and resilient community for the future to meet the challenges of peak oil and climate change.

Simon Ross from the Marches Energy Agency gave an inspiring presentation which outlined MEA's collaborative projects in Shropshire. MEA is one of the UK's leading sustainable energy and climate change social enterprises and an independent, registered charity (<http://www.mea.org.uk/> for more information)

ADAPT meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the Baptist Church and a warm welcome awaits new members. For information about the group contact Susan James 811092

### **THE "GET-IT-ALL" IN AUDLEM CAMPAIGN**

Audlem Traders met recently to discuss their forthcoming "Get-It-All" In Audlem Campaign. The aim of the new campaign is to highlight just how much the village traders have to offer the residents of Audlem, and its surrounding districts, in terms of goods, services and entertainment.

Over the course of the campaign local business are hoping to illustrate the real benefits of shopping and eating locally, and the many advantages of using the wide variety of services available in the village.

Whether you need a hair cut in a hurry, fuel for your fire, send a parcel to Peru, dry clean your dresses, order flowers for a friend or pine for your parlor, get gifts for a granny, or simply grab some groceries....or take coffee and cakes with your mates, enjoy pubs with great home cooked grub, or relax and takeaway your tea...don't forget, not least of all, you can reupholster your settee !! Yes, you can "Get -It-All" in Audlem!

The campaign is one of the initiatives suggested by ADAPT and Judy Benson has been asked to take a lead role in encouraging more of us to shop local thus reducing food miles and carbon emissions and, of course, helping to make Audlem a better place to live for our children and grandchildren.

### **AUDLEM'S HIGH STREET MEDICS**



Staff at Audlem's Co-operative Food store have been given specialist life support training to boost the survival chances of shoppers who suffer a cardiac arrest. North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust (Nwas) provided free training to four

members of staff - the manager and three customer service assistants.

The training took four hours to complete and included operating a defibrillator - a machine that can restart the heart by giving an electric shock in some cases of cardiac arrest and cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The new skills they have acquired, with the support of Nwas, mean that the Co-operative staff now have the ability to provide life-saving help to patients before paramedics arrive.

Nwas's Community Resuscitation Development Officer, Rob Sharples, who delivered the training said: "Giving free training to local volunteers means they have the ability to provide life-saving help in the first few critical minutes after a cardiac arrest, now staff at the Co-op can offer this additional and reassuring service to their customers. "Survival chances fall by 10 per cent every single minute



someone is in cardiac arrest. Having defibrillators in communities and town centres helps save lives. Research shows that applying a controlled shock within five minutes of collapse provides the best possible outcome for the patient."

Store manager, Jackie Gibbons said: "As a retailer committed to the local community, we are only too happy to support the North West Ambulance Service and its initiative, which could, ultimately, save lives."

### **SHORT-ARS WALKS**

Fear not, this has nothing to do with being vertically challenged! ARS, the Audlem Ramblers Society, met recently and agreed to add a series of shorter walks to its programme.

Short-ARS walks will be 5 to 7 miles in length with only easy climbs. They will normally be on the last Saturday of the month. The walks will be no more than 45 minutes or so (and usually less) driving from Audlem.

Start times will normally be 9.30am from the main Car Park in Audlem. Walkers need to wear good stout shoes or walking boots and carry wet weather gear. The walks will usually include a stop for a packed lunch.

Walkers are expected to become members of ARS, although do come along for a "trial" walk to see if joining is likely to appeal. Annual membership is £5.

A programme of walks for the first half of the year was agreed, and published on Audlem Online.

### **AUDLEM'S SIGNATURE DISH**

Melton Mowbray has its pies; Cartmel its Sticky Toffee Pudding; even Market Drayton is famed as the home of gingerbread. Audlem Village Traders, meeting to discuss new ideas for the shops, cafés and pubs in Audlem, felt it may be interesting to find the ideal 'Audlem dish'.

A famous local food can attract visitors and put a village on the map, even be featured in TV food shows. Sticky Toffee Pudding has been a bonanza for the south Cumbrian village of Cartmel with the product now distributed across the country and visitors flocking to the Cartmel Village Shop.

Ideas for an Audlem dish were soon being discussed, both in and after the meeting. Damsons were immediately identified as being a local speciality with an interesting history - Audlem Damson Cobbler; Damson cheese; Damson Ice Cream; Duck n' Damson ideas were just a few. Could Müller be persuaded to produce Audlem Damson Corner yoghurt?

Damson drinks also came up - beer, wine and gin. Even more adventurously, why can't we distil local fruit, just like villages throughout Continental Europe. Dishes other than damsons have been suggested since the meeting - Audle Lyme pie, made with limes, has a tangy historical ring to it; or cheese dishes based on local Cheshire Cheese.

Have you a local dish that could really put Audlem on the map; that could be produced by local pubs and cafés and have a 'take away' potential. If so, please drop them off at Williams' newsagents or the Post Office or send them to [editor@audlem.org](mailto:editor@audlem.org)

It doesn't have to be a full recipe - just the idea and a brief description will do as starters.

### **KEEP FIT IN AUDLEM!**



The following Keep Fit classes will take place in the Scout and Guide Hall:

**Gentle Keep Fit** for Weight Loss - Tuesdays 10.45 am (names being taken).

**Pilates** for Flexibility & Health - Wednesdays at 1.30 pm

**Gentle Keep Fit** for All Ages - Wednesdays at 2.30 pm

Gentle Keep Fit to Music is aimed at anyone looking to do a gentle workout & keep supple & strong in later life. Even if you have never exercised before, the class is suitable for all ages and abilities. More details at [www.nantwichpilates.co.uk](http://www.nantwichpilates.co.uk)

Lynne also teaches Fitness Pilates locally during the evenings in Audlem. For more details and to book contact Lynne on 01270 663958.

### **ADAS(Audlem District Amenities Society)**

Some 3500 bulbs were planted in Oct/November and these should give a fine spring display. More plants are on order ready for spring planting. We plan to reduce the white plastic troughs and increase the wooden tubs a little. Hopefully the car park bed will be planted with a more permanent display similar to the Church Bed. The use of bark chips and membrane has helped reduce weeding and general care.

### **Annual appeal for subs.**

This will begin to be delivered to households late in Feb/early March and we say a big thank you in advance of this as we are very grateful and very dependent on the aid given to us in this manner.

### **Christmas Displays**

The Big Christmas Tree in the Square, as well the installation of thousands of lights on this and other trees gave Audlem a good festive display for the Christmas Season. Lots of hard work by volunteers made this possible plus a big input of capital. Trees were also placed at the approaches to the village from Whitchurch, Nantwich and Woore. The Carol singing was superb as was the New Year's Eve firework display. Any queries on **ADAS matters** to **Ralph Warburton** on 812125 or at [rjw@notrubraw.com](mailto:rjw@notrubraw.com)

### **VANDALS TURN OUT THE LIGHTS**

During the early hours of Thursday morning the 31<sup>st</sup> December, someone destroyed 90% of the lights on the big Christmas tree in the Square. The tree is a special feature in the square and provides pleasure for both residents and visitors to the village. If anyone can point a finger at the perpetrator/s, ADAS would be delighted to reward such information contact Ralph Warburton on 812125 or email [rjw@notrubraw.com](mailto:rjw@notrubraw.com)

### **Audlem Music and Arts Festival.**

**May 27th to May 31<sup>st</sup> .2010**

We are getting to the stage of booking bands and singers for the 10<sup>th</sup> Music Festival. The web site [Audlemfestival.com](http://Audlemfestival.com) gives full details of what will be happening. Masses of Music to suit all tastes and two stages planned!

Any queries please contact **Ralph Warburton on 812125.**

### **Audlem Carnival Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>**

A reminder that the annual Carnival will, we hope, be as popular as ever and we have booked bands and stalls plus the Fun Fair already. We urge all to try to enter a float of any kind to make any parade a success. Sadly last year we had to dispense with the parade as we had nothing to show off but the day went well.

Contact **Gwen Moss on 811467** for more detail.

### **SCOUT & GUIDE HALL**

We are very pleased to announce that after a long break we have a new Scoutmaster, George Cooper, who started Scouts early in January. George would welcome any assistance so if you are interested please contact him on 07904969951

*Our next big event is a band concert with a difference when the Macclesfield Silk Band will be playing in St James Church on Sat 27 Feb at 7.30 pm. The band is not to be missed - they were our regional finalists. Tickets £5.00. To book your tickets now ring Suzanne 811370, Chris 811454 or Karen 812295.*

Over the Christmas break a new kitchen floor has been laid and the units replaced with stainless steel ones – all to Health & Safety standards. All thanks to a grant from Grassroots funding. It is hoped this major improvement will attract even more users and visitors. As soon as funds are available a new dish washer and cooker will complete the kitchen refurbishment. To book the hall or check availability contact Mel on 01630 647062

### **A BIG THANK YOU**

Audlem Scout and Guide Hall would very much like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas tree collection on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January. We collected £342 on the day and Barclays Bank will match it pound for pound, so we will have a grand total of £684. Well done to all our helpers who worked so hard on the day.

### **AUDLEM & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB**

*2010 commenced with the Clubs traditional trip to the Halle New Year Viennese Concert at the Victoria Hall, Hanley followed by the Annual Luncheon at Brookfield Golf Club with 100 members and guests attending, including the President of Nantwich Rotary and his wife*

*The Club 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. We have talks on the History of Rolls-Royce, Who wrote Shakespeare's Sonnets, Moorcroft Pottery and the Oldham Mountain Rescue to look*

*forward to. The next social event is a Quiz and fish and chip supper in the Scout and Guide Hall with Ralph Warburton asking the questions. In addition to the 5 day visit to East Anglia other trips may include Powis Castle, Birmingham Centre by Canal and a special Guided Tour of Chester. In addition there are the usual lunches and social evenings plus monthly walks.*

*For further details contact our President Ben Clark on 01630 655052 or Rex Rayner 01270 811896*

### **AUDLEM & DISTRICT BRANCH CONSERVATIVES**

The by election for the Cheshire East Cholmondeley Ward, which includes Audlem, saw Stan Davies elected to succeed the late Allan Richardson

The lunchtime drinks and canapés reception was very successful and thanks to our President Betty Goodwin for providing the venue. We are delighted to welcome Janie Smith and Chris Lewis to our Committee and they will be helping plan future events

For further information about the Branch and its events contact Roland Hall (812530) or Alan Cross (811974)

### **AUDLEM & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Dinah Andrew 'Lord Combermere in His Time and Ours'

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Mark Potts 'Memories of War'

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> April: (7.30 pm start at Whitchurch Civic Hall)** John Martin 'Operation Anthropoid 1942' Czech Special Ops Based in this Area

All talks start at 8pm prompt, Please try to arrive by 7.45pm  
Membership £10 p.a. Visitors £2 per meeting Tea and biscuit 25p. Contact Celia Bloor: 811260

### **CORRECTION**

*The telephone number quoted for 'The Flower Company' in the Autumn 2009 issue of the Newsletter was incorrect. The correct number is 01270 812434. Apologies to Sue Poole.*

### ***HAVE YOUR SAY***

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

**Newsletter editor** Margaret Roberts on 812942 or [newsletter@audlem.org](mailto:newsletter@audlem.org) or post your item in the box situated in the Post Office

**Website Team** on [editor@audlem.org](mailto:editor@audlem.org) or 'Contact Webteam' on the website.

**The closing date for items for the spring issue is 10th April 2010.**

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