



AROUND AUDLEM.

The newsletter for residents of Audlem & District

Winter 2013-14

Audlem Parish Council

Superfast Broadband news

The Parish Council-led team, on behalf of Connecting Cheshire, would like to say a big thank you to residents in the Audlem exchange area who registered their interest in bringing Superfast Broadband (SFBB) to the area.

As a result, the vast majority of the exchange area is in the 96 percent roll-out of SFBB throughout Cheshire. Although Connecting Cheshire and BT have drawn up a 15-month programme starting in January 2014, they hope that the work will be completed by September 2014.

The areas not covered in the roll-out are Sandy Lane, Bath Lane, Bagley Lane, Woodhouse Lane, Kettle Lane, Wood Orchard Lane, Paddock Lane, Woore Road (from Paddock Lane eastwards), Longhill Lane (from Woore Road to Monks Lane), Bunsley Bank and all of Buerton. All of these areas are the subject of a Rural Community Broadband Fund bid which, if successful, means it is likely that SFBB will be installed in these areas at the end of the programme.

Fibre-optic cables have recently been laid in parts of Hankelow and Audlem, but this is only the first stage. The next stage will be for new green cabinets to be installed in the streets near the existing ones. Before any further work starts, Connecting Cheshire will hold an event in the Public Hall telling us the timetable for completion. The appearance of the new cabinets does not mean that the system is ready to go straight away: there is about a two-month lead-in. When SFBB goes live there will be a further event in the Public Hall giving more information.

The likely download speed is up to 80 Megabits per second (Mbps), with an upload speed of 4 Mbps. These speeds will vary depending on the proximity to a cabinet.

Recycling prescriptions

If you have unused prescription medicines lurking in the back of your cupboard please don't throw them away – recycle! Audlem Medical Practice will accept complete strips of tablets in their original packaging, injections, inhalers, creams, eye drops and ointments, dressings and

bandages. All medicines must be unused and have at least 15 months of shelf life remaining. Inter Care, a charity which uses the items in sub-Saharan Africa, collects them.

Please return your unused items to the Surgery; whilst Boots or any other pharmacy do take unused drugs, they are obliged by the Department of Health to destroy them. If you find you have a constant oversupply of your prescription drugs, please alert the pharmacy or the Surgery so that your prescription can be amended. The NHS can save millions by ensuring that people only receive the drugs they really need and use.

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Your local businesses need you!

Audlem is lucky to have a fantastic range of businesses and services, but in order to keep going they need your support.

In addition to the retailers on Cheshire and Shropshire Streets selling everything from quality provisions to 'paint your own pottery', we have three popular pubs and an equal number of cafés. There are also a number of other local businesses and services that are not on the high street but are listed on the Audlem website.

All of them will appear in the annual directory to be published with the spring issue of *Around Audlem*. If you want your business or service included in this printed directory, please make sure that it is listed on *AudlemOnline* complete with contact details.

Calling 101 to report incidents

Please remember to call the police on 101 to report an incident or suspicious activity that does not warrant a 999 emergency call. For example, you should call 101 if:

- Your car has been stolen.
- Your property has been damaged.
- You suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood.

Or to:

- Report a minor traffic collision.
- Give the police information about crime in your area.
- Speak to the police about a general enquiry.

Remember – using 999 for general enquiries may delay response to someone who needs urgent assistance.

Parish Council meetings will be held at the Audlem Methodist Church on Mondays 3 February, 3 March and 7 April 2014. At the beginning of each meeting, residents have the opportunity to bring matters of concern to the attention of the Parish Council. Everyone is welcome to stay and listen for the rest of the meeting.

Win an AED for your school!

Up to 15 young people die every week from cardiac arrest in the UK, with around 270 each year dying at their school. The only definitive treatment for someone in cardiac arrest is early access to an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Outside hospital, the UK survival rate for cardiac arrest is only six percent. However, if an AED is available, and used within the first three minutes, their chance of survival soars to 74 percent.

Do you know a school that needs a defibrillator? Every month, the Hand on Heart Charity offers the public the chance to nominate their school to win a free Defibrillator Package. Please see their website www.handonheart.org for details of how to enter. Hand on Heart gives children the knowledge and skills to save a life.

As part of its ongoing commitment to this deserving charity, AED Safety Services based in Cheshire is offering, where possible, free Basic Life Support awareness courses to local schools and community projects. **Please contact Alexandra Davis at alex@aedsafety.co.uk or telephone 01270 811683 for more details.**



Audlem in Bloom

Audlem in Bloom is a subcommittee of ADAS that looks after all the community planting throughout Audlem and enters the village into the annual North West in Bloom competition at which we regularly win awards. This year is the 50th Anniversary of the RHS Britain in Bloom competitions.

For the first time this year, the local Brownies and Cubs lent us a helping hand and we had lots of fun planting autumn and winter pansies and bulbs to give colour to the village throughout the winter months. We look forward to inviting them back to help with the spring and summer displays.

Audlem in Bloom only survives due to the kind donations it receives from local businesses, Audlem Parish Council and residents through the ADAS envelope subscriptions, and the hard work of volunteers. As we all know 'many hands make light work' so would you like to help? You would only need to give one or two weekends a year to dig out old plants and compost, and then help with the planting of new seasonal plants. **If you would like to join our volunteers, please contact Bryony Nixon, Chair of ADAS and Audlem in Bloom, on adascontact@gmail.com or 01270 811705.**

Online History Archive a hit!

The online History Archive has been a resounding hit and is now receiving more than 250 visits every week. With over 1,100 records on the site and more material being added all the time, it is a veritable treasure trove. If you have any items that might be of interest, such as this picture of children at Hankelow Court (right), please contact the Archive managers via the contact page on the History Archive website at <http://history.audlem.org>.

Do you remember the annual raft races on the Canal? If you do and would like to see the photographs, just go to <http://history.audlem.org/> and under 'Events', select 'Raft Race' and 'Photographs' from the drop-down list of record types. Then click on any picture to view it.



Audlem Voices on song

Audlem Voices joined forces with the Cheshire Constabulary Brass Band to put on a varied and original programme, complete with a Corps of Drums, in St James's Church before Christmas. The concert was such a success that they will be performing together again on 14 December 2014, so make a note in your diaries.

This year, Audlem Voices, together with Musical Director Jenny Collis-Smith and accompanist Richard Lythall, will be performing *The Crucifixion* by John Stainer and other choral pieces on Saturday 5 April in St James's Church, Audlem at 7.30pm. We are fortunate to have Philip Cartwright and Kevin Whitfield as our soloists.

A second performance will take place a week later on Saturday, 12 April at 7.30pm in Wistaston Church Hall. Tickets for both concerts cost £7.50 and include refreshments. All tickets will be entered into a prize draw at the end of the performances.

Audlem Voices will also be performing at the Music & Arts Festival on Saturday 24 May in St James's Church. [For details about future performances, please contact Jon Richardson, Chairman, on 01270 811182.](#)



Audlem Lass breaks record



Santa sails into Audlem

Audlem Lass set itself a new record for the number of passengers carried last year. In 2013, the river taxi ferried just over 4,500 passengers in total, including 1,000 children, more than 200 dogs and countless pushchairs.

Its busiest weekend was the Overwater RNLi Festival when it transported 370 passengers. This year's festival takes place on 31 May and 1 June.

The 2014 service begins on 5 April at 10.30am and the last boat from Overwater Marina is at 4.30pm. Extended sailing starts from 1 May. [Telephone 01270 812430 or 811454, or any of our 17 volunteer skippers and crew, for enquiries for parties.](#)

Audlem History Society

A packed audience of over 100 members and guests who attended the October meeting of the History Society were enthralled to hear Jeremy Nicholls speak about 100 years of trains to Audlem. He recounted the history of the line and gave details of Audlem station (*pictured right*) in the 19th century.

Dinah Andrew, a member of our society for 34 years, has recently had published an account of Lord Combermere. The book, *A Cheshire Hero*, gives a fascinating insight into the life of a person whose name is prominent both locally and further afield. It is available now from Williams Newsagents and from the Canal shop when it reopens in next month.

We are currently collecting WW1 memorabilia from Audlem and elsewhere so please do get in touch if you have anything for us. The September meeting of the Society will study the effects of The Great War in Audlem.

Non-members are always welcome at our meetings – £3 on the door (students free). [Details of forthcoming talks are listed in the Diary dates on page 4 or contact Dorothy Jones on 01270 811814.](#)

Audlem W.I.

Audlem W.I. elected its new committee in December last year and a new programme has already been planned. Our first meeting in January was a successful talk about 'Memories of Audlem' by Ian Jones. Our annual lunch followed later in the month and was greatly enjoyed.

This month's meeting on 6 February will be a Beetle Drive and will be followed by a member's meeting on 6 March. The meeting on 3 April is bound to be popular with fans of the television series, *Downton Abbey*: speaker Mark Beavan will give a fascinating talk entitled 'The Real Downton Abbey'.

We meet each month at 2pm at the Scout & Guide Hall. After the main part of the programme we have afternoon tea provided by the members and, in true W.I. style, the cakes and sandwiches are always excellent. We look forward to meeting some new faces and you can be certain of having an entertaining afternoon, a delicious tea and a very warm and friendly welcome.

[Joyce Clydesdale](#)



Canal Art Exhibition, 6 April to 4 May 2014



The 2014 Canal Art Exhibition will be held at Audlem Mill from 6 April to 4 May. Organised in conjunction with the Guild of Waterway Artists, the exhibition will include paintings and photographs by many of the best canal artists in the country. The exhibition attracts hundreds of visitors from across the country who travel here by car and by boat.

The 2013 exhibition featured 160 works including paintings by Guild Members Sarah Pressland, Dusty Miller, Helen Harding, Sylvia Hankin, Lesley Pearson, Penny Taylor-Beardow and Louise Moore, linoprint artist Eric Gaskell, and photographer Chris Nugent. It also showed paintings by Tony Lewery, an expert on Rose & Castles painting, Dave Holloway, Malcom Davies and local artists including Sheila M. Webster.

Audlem Mill during 2014 which will be of interest to boaters. There will also be exhibitions of needlework and canal-related items, and the gathering of some 40 historic narrow boats on 26 and 27 July, organised by Audlem Mill as part of the village's Festival of Transport. Entry is free. **For details of Audlem Mill events, visit www.audlemmill.co.uk or phone Peter and Christine Silvester on 01270 811059.**

Carers' coffee mornings

The Carers' Group meets in The Pinfold Café at 10.30am on every second Tuesday of the month. We are an informal group of carers and ex-carers who meet to share advice and experiences. If your partner is becoming forgetful, or you are worried about a disabled relative or neighbour, come along. We can put you in touch with helpful organisations. **Contact Celia Bloor on 01270 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, 11 February, 11 March and 8 April at The Pinfold Café from 10.30am to 12.00pm.

February

16 **'Madeley, Past and Present'**, History Society talk by Tony Lancaster, Scout & Guide Hall, 7.30pm.

March

20 **'The Sanatorium at Loggerheads'**, History Society talk by Eric Pemberton, Scout & Guide Hall, 7.30pm.

April

5 **Audlem Voices Concert**, St James's Church, 7.30pm.

12 **Audlem Voices Concert**, Wistaston Church Hall, 7.30pm.

17 **'Betley Soldiers in the Napoleonic Wars'**, History Society talk by Mavis Smith, Scout & Guide Hall, 7.30pm.

Audlem Methodist Church

The Audlem Methodist Church's 2014 production of ***From Pharaoh to Freedom*** will run nightly at 7.30pm from on 18 to 22 February inclusive. Tickets costing £6.00 will go on sale soon and can be booked in advance by contacting Julia Parton at tickets@audlemmethodistchurch.co.uk. We hope you will be able to join us for one of these performances.

The Ash Wednesday service on 5 March will be held at St. James C of E church at 7.30pm. Throughout Lent, Audlem Methodist Church will be hosting a series of ecumenically led reflective worship services beginning on Monday 10 March, and then on the following Mondays up to and including 7 April at 7.30pm.

On Maundy Thursday, 17 April, there will be a meal in the Audlem Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm as well as a short said service at 8pm in the Chapel. The Good Friday walk on 18 April will commence at 10.30am from the Audlem Methodist Church car park.

... and that's not all!

There are loads of entertaining events coming up in Audlem throughout the year. Highlights include:

- **Audlem's Famous Music & Arts Festival**, 22-26 May.
- **Carnival Day**, 26 May.
- **Party on the Park** with ASET, 5 July.
- **Donna Louise Children's Trust Garden Party**, 20 July.
- **Festival of Transport** organised by ASET, 27 July.
- **ASET Bonfire and Fireworks Display**, 8 November.

We hope to see you there!

The closing date for items for the winter issue is 15 April 2014 for distribution during the first week of May. 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.