



The newsletter for residents of Audlem & District

Winter 2016/Spring 2017

Audlem Parish Council

Parish Council News, October 2016

Playing Field, Car Park and Children's Play Area

Cheshire East Council have given the very good news that they are now prepared to transfer the playing field and play area to the Parish Council on a 99 year lease.

This is subject to both parties reaching agreement with Fields In Trust to protect the area against development in perpetuity. Further information on the legal aspects and costs is awaited. The car park is being treated as a separate issue and a decision has to be taken on whether to take this on a 30 year lease. Parish Councillors will discuss the options and vote on how to proceed at their meeting on November 7th.



Post Office Update

Unfortunately, there is still no good news on the replacement of the Post Office that closed in April. The PC has met with the Public Affairs Manager of Post Office Limited and expressed severe concern at the lack of progress. Assurances have been given that the lack of post office facilities will be resolved as soon as possible. Parish Councillors are continuing to press Post Office Limited to ensure this happens.

Congratulations to Audlem's Shopkeepers

Entering The Great British High Street awards for the first time, Audlem finished in the top five in the country for the village category. Well done!

Update on Recent Planning Applications

Little Heath (120 dwellings) Cheshire East Council approved the design and layout despite some aspects being contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Mill Lane (2 dwellings) The application was approved at Appeal.

Heathfield Road (26 dwellings) Outline planning permission was granted at Appeal in Dec 2014. We are still awaiting details of the design.

Bird's Nest – opposite the Little Heath development above (20 dwellings) This application was refused by Cheshire East Council.

Moorsfield Avenue (87 dwellings) Audlem PC has objected strongly. As yet, no decision has been taken by CEC on this application.

Parish Councillors' contact details

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Parish Council meetings will be held in the Meeting Rooms adjoining Audlem Methodist Church on Mondays, 7 November, 5 December and 9 January 2017. 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.

Audlem Voices

Audlem Voices with their Musical Director Jenny Collis Smith will be presenting a combined Christmas Carol Concert with The Band of the Cheshire Constabulary and the Corps of Drums on Friday 16th December at 7.30pm in St. James' Church.

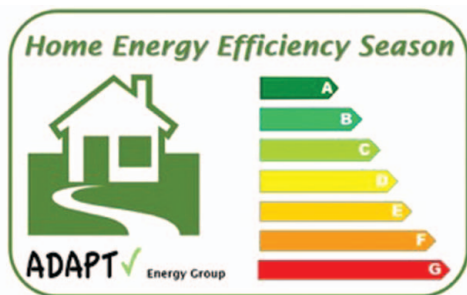
We are expecting it to include another "raising the roof" range of Christmas music to provide everyone with an inspiring start to the Christmas festive period.

The ticket price of £7.50 includes mulled wine and mince pies.

Tickets will be available from Williams Newsagents and members of the choir.
Janette Gray

ADAPT

ADAPT Energy invite you to the second of two broad based talks about saving energy in your home whilst also reducing your personal impact on climate change, the effects of which we are all noticing. The talks will explore in simple terms the use of energy, how to conserve it, how to control it, where to buy it, what to look for when replacing appliances, heating systems or lighting. The emphasis will be on practical cost effective measures which can be retrofitted to existing homes.



This second talk will deal with appliances and lighting with particular reference to the most cost effective choices appropriate to personal life styles. This will include;

- growth of appliances in a appliance usage and frequency and how this pumps up your energy bill
- give examples of savings and when to change
- give an overview of lighting particularly LED
- give examples of conversion savings and consumption
- explain what to look for when buying LED

This talk will be given on 15th November 2016 at 7.45 pm in the Scout and Guide Hall. The event is FREE and is expected to last no more than 90 minutes. Andy Hannah

Audlem Lass

After a wet and windy start, the Audlem Lass has enjoyed improved weather over the past 3 months carrying nearly 4,260 passengers including dogs. The Maughan Lass Wheelyboat, and the Audlem Lass have done a number of combined trips along the canal and around Overwater Marina. A combined service is now offered for 'walk-on' passengers, and those with mobility difficulties and using wheelchairs, as it is recognised that there is a need to enable those of all abilities to enjoy a trip together. Such combined trips allow up to 20 people enjoy such outings.



During the Summer Nantwich Twinning Association took a total of 20 visitors from Germany on The Audlem Lass. Their trips involved a tour of Overwater Marina and a journey along the Shropshire Union Canal to beyond Bridge 80 and return.

Other visitors enjoyed various picnic trips to Hack Green and return. The Audlem Lass Boat Service welcomes new volunteers to their friendly team. Boating experience is not necessary as full training is given. Those interested should contact www.audlemlass.co.uk

History Society

Our Autumn programme got off to a brilliant start when we were fortunate to hear about Jane and Pete Marshall's acting and travelling life on the canals. Several entertaining sketches served to illustrate how the use of the waterways has changed over the years.

In October we were given a fascinating insight by Jill Barber into the story of Primitive Methodism. We are very privileged in November to be able to hear a talk by Helen Carter (who has had 25 years in the Army) on Medical Services in The Great War. This will be preceded by a short AGM, and if you have any topics that you would like to raise, this is your opportunity.

On Saturday November 19th we are holding a Coffee Morning at the Scout and Guide Hall from 10.30 to 12 noon. We are hoping to gather information about Audlem Fire Service in preparation for a talk next year. If you are or have been a firefighter or have any related experiences photographs or artefacts etc that you think may be of interest then please call and see us. Refreshments are free!

The year concludes with our Christmas Lunch at 12.30pm on Tuesday December 13th at The Hind's Head, Norton in Hales.

2017 starts off on 19th January with a talk by Matthew Jones on The History of Photography in the Scout & Guide Hall at 7.30 pm.

Do come and join us - it's just £3 on the door. For more information please contact Dorothy Jones on 01270 811814

Patient Participation Group

The Patient Participation Group at Audlem Medical Practice is looking for new members. The Group acts as a conduit between patients and the Practice, feeding back concerns from patients, and notifying them of changes happening within the Practice.

Meetings are held once every two months, and are formal, although minutes are taken and put up in the waiting room for patients to see. Alternate meetings are held at the Practice with one of the doctors present.

If you are interested in current issues in local healthcare, and think you would like to join the Group, please do contact one of the group or **Diana Ryan**, the Practice Manager.

Audlem & District Community Action

ADCA is one of two local charities chosen by the Coop for its new Community Fund. 1p in the pound of all purchases of Coop branded goods goes to local charities. So get along to the Coop and donate with your membership card. Money raised will go towards new equipment at the new Public Hall Annexe for the use of ADCA members and others users. ADCA's Tuesday Club will be moving to the Annexe when it opens.

ADCA plans to retain a luncheon club at the Hankelow Chapel when the Day Club moves to the Annexe and are looking for even more volunteers to help with this. If you are interested in becoming an ADCA volunteer please contact our office number — 01270 747163. We also need more voluntary drivers to help each Friday morning at our Coffee Club at the Lord Combermere.

ADCA members, staff, volunteers and local people helped raise £515 for Macmillan Cancer Support at the two coffee events at the Day Club and Coffee club during September. A lot of cake was involved! Thanks to everyone who came along.

Roger Millns

ADAS

The audience who attended the ADAS Choral evening at St James' Church on Saturday 8th October enjoyed a variety of musical items performed by Crewe Brass and the Simply Allsorts Choir.



Simply Allsorts performing in the church

After a glass of wine during the interval, the performance resumed and reached a grand finale as the band and the choir joined forces in 'Land of Hope and Glory' - the audience joined in with great gusto!

The evening's entertainment was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Irene Pryce

Audlem Medical Trust

We'd like to thank everyone who has donated to our trust fund. It enables us to purchase items that benefit our patients, but are not provided by the NHS.

The trust fund is run separately from the practice by trustees, who approve all purchases. Recently the trust fund purchased a new mobile heart monitor for the practice which is loaned out to patients.

Anyone wishing to donate in the future should contact the practice in the first instance. **Diana Ryan**, Practice Manager.

Audlem Special Events Team

ASET would like to take this opportunity to thank volunteers, sponsors, advertisers, audiences and spectators for your valuable support this year at all our events, including "Party on the Park" and The Festival of Transport. Although we value all our sponsors and advertisers, a special thank you must go to EPG Fire and Security who have been the main sponsors of the Party on the Park for the last 9 years. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Cheshire East for their continued financial support of our village events.



We hope to see you at the Firework Display on Sunday 6 November. Gates open at 4pm with the bonfire lit at 6.30 pm. Tickets are available from Williams newsagents at £5 per head with under 5s free.

Lynne Smith

Touring Arts Visiting Audlem

TAVA presents its latest extravaganza, Police Cops by the award-winning group of actors "The Pretend Men", on Friday 7 November at Adderley Village Hall.

The comedy incorporates comedy and musical flair and tickets cost £10 (£7.50 students and concessions) or £30 for a family. (The suggested audience is teenagers and adults (12+). Do book early to avoid disappointment.

For tickets phone **Janet Warrington** on 811250.

APHAx (Audlem Public Hall Annexe) Update

There was a major step forward in October when the APHAX team were in a position to place the contract to construct the annexe. The tenders were above budget but the APHAX team was able to negotiate with the Lottery for an increase in the grant awarded. The builder will be Sneyd Construction Limited from Stoke on Trent and work will commence on Monday 7 November 2016. The date was delayed slightly to allow Bonfire Night to proceed as normal. Set out below is the latest situation and a reminder of previous information. The key points are:

- The first action will be the builder establishing his site compound, which will of necessity be larger than the new building.
- It will require temporary changes to the car parking which will be re-lined with the aim of minimising any loss of spaces. Cheshire East, the landowner, has granted APHAX a licence for the compound to be erected.
- The builders' hours of work will normally be limited to 8am to 6pm during the week and 9am to 2pm on Saturdays. No work will take place between 22nd December and 4th January. (Normal Christmas break for the construction industry.)
- The degree of disruption will be kept to a minimum and the playing field, playground, tennis courts and access to Public Hall will not be affected.
- Obviously at times there will be large plant working and construction materials being delivered and APHAX will give advance information when this is planned.
- Inevitably a construction project of this size will cause some disruption and we would ask for your patience and remember the superb sport and recreational facilities for residents of all ages this will provide.
- The Architect, Martin Greenwood of Bower Edleston will be Project Manager.
- It is expected that the new annexe will be ready for use on Friday November 29th 2017.

Please raise any concerns with the following members of the APHAX team who will be working closely with Martin and the builder:

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APHAX thanks everybody for their support to date and please keep a look out for future fund raising events in coming weeks. This includes a Dinner Dance on Saturday March 25 2017.

Audlem Methodist Church

The three churches of Audlem will unite in St James' for the annual Remembrance Service at 10.45 on Sunday 13 November. The annual united Christmas Carol Service will be led by Rev Gary Windon at St James' at 6.30 pm on December 18th.

We are holding an open social evening of Films and Food on Wednesday 23rd November, at 7pm, with a four-course meal to be provided by our splendid catering team, during which a few short films will be shown by our own film expert, John Owen. John is well-known for his film-making skills, both locally and nationally, and also for his collection of old films. Tickets will be available shortly.

Christina Lawson

And finally ...

a massive thanks to Audlem Scouts for delivering this newsletter and all who have helped in the past.

Dates for Your Diary ...

November

- 03 WI meeting at 2 pm in Scout & Guide Hall.
- 12 WI Quiz with fish & chips at 7 pm.
- 13 Village Remembrance Sunday at 10.45 am St James's.
- 19 Firewalk at 5 pm at The Bridge Inn.
- 25 The "Big Switch On" with Santa at 6 pm; switch on at 6.20 pm and choir at 6.25 pm.

December

- 01 WI meeting at 2pm at the Scout & Guide Hall
- 03 ADAPT Homemade Christmas at 10 am in The Lord Combermere car park.
- 11 Christingle Service at 11 am at St James's.
- 16 Christmas Carol concert at 7.30 pm with Audlem Voices & Cheshire Constabulary Band at St James's.
- 18 The Village Carol Service at 6.30 pm at St James's.
- 22 Carol singing in The Square at 7.30 pm.
- 24 11.30 pm: First Communion at St James's
- 25 8.15 am Holy Communion at St James's.
- 25 10 am: Family Communion at St James's