



The newsletter for residents of Audlem & District

Winter/Spring 2019

Audlem Parish Council

Parish Council News, January 2019

Happy New Year

May we wish all residents a happy and prosperous 2019.

Turnpike Field, Green Lane

The Parish Council has created a temporary gateway into the field from Shropshire Street to give access. The field has become a popular area for dog walkers, especially with its public footpath links to both the canal and Green Lane. The Working Group of Councillors and residents has met on a number of occasions and will be holding an Open Evening on

Thursday 28th February in the Town Hall starting at 7.30pm. Please come along and find out what progress has been made since the last meeting.

The proposal to create a green car park and a permanent access point on Shropshire Street is being pursued and an application to Cheshire East Council for a grant towards the cost has been submitted.

It is pleasing to see many dog walkers using the field. Please can we ask that you keep your dogs under

control and pick up any dog mess. A dog mess bin is to be provided near the entrance on Shropshire Street.

In April and May many residents indicated that they were

willing to make a financial donation towards work to be carried out on the field. The Parish Council will soon be contacting those residents who made this generous offer. If anyone else wishes to donate, please contact the Clerk.

New Councillors

Since the last *Around Audlem* newsletter three new Councillors have been co-opted. They are Lorna Matthews, Derrian Ellis and Paul Barrett.

Derek Mckelvey

Derek was a past Chairman and Vice Chairman and worked tirelessly as a Parish Councillor for 24 years. His death is a sad loss to the village and surrounding area. We are grateful for the hard work and effort he put in to improve Audlem and are pleased that Derek was able to see the naming of Mckelvey Way on the Anwyl development, a name suggested by the Parish Council.

Parish Council Precept

The Parish Council has set its precept for 2019/20 at £50,000. This is £10,460 more than the current level, purely to cover the repayment of the loan taken out from the Public Works Loan Board. The approximate increase in the Parish Council element of the council tax will be 25%, which is as predicted when views were sought from residents on the purchase of Turnpike Field. For a Band D property the extra amount will be in the region of £10 to £12 per annum. This depends on the increase in the number of occupied properties in the last year. The more that are occupied, the lower the increase will be.

Road Safety Issues

A request has been submitted to Cheshire East to provide a pedestrian crossing near the entrance to the car park on Cheshire Street. This is part of a wide-ranging review of highways issues which has been requested by the Parish Council following the purchase of Turnpike Field.

Parish Council Election

The date for this is Thursday 2nd May. An election will only take place if more than twelve candidates put their names forward, which hasn't happened for many years. Although the Parish Council has a full complement of Councillors, new faces are always welcome.



Parish Councillors' Contact Details

Geoff Seddon, Chair - 811282

David Higham, Vice Chair - 812069

Frances Mary Christie - 811340 **Kate Down** - 811160

Tim Lawton - 811899 **Dave Siddorns** - 811012

Lynette Hopkins - 811529 **Steve Boyes** - 812192

Lorna Matthews - 811826 **Nigel Mottershead** - 811537

Paul Barrett - 811148 **Derrian Ellis** - 812811

Your Parish Clerk is **Belen Lopez Bloor** - 07432 332857
or email audlemcpc@gmail.com.

Parish Council meetings will be held in the Meeting Rooms adjoining Audlem Methodist Church on Mondays, 4th February, 4th March and 1st April 2019, starting at 7.30pm. 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 Wildlife & Ecology Group

AWEG (Audlem Wildlife & Ecology Group) is a small group of friends with interests in all areas of wildlife and the environment. We now have a full programme arranged for 2019 including six meetings in the Public Hall Annexe, three field trips, and a short break to investigate the wildlife of Anglesey (now fully booked). Our next meeting is on the 29th January at the Annexe at 7pm when Paul Bell from Shropshire Wildlife Trust will talk on frogs and toads of the UK – all welcome. A £3 charge per person is made at each meeting to cover costs and donations to speakers' causes.

AWEG events for the rest of 2019 include: Martin Mere trip in February, a talk on Hedgehogs in March and a trip to Dorrington Hall farm in April. Details of these (and events after April) will be posted on AudlemOnline prior to each event. Contact via audlemwildlife@outlook.com

SHRECK at the Public Hall

Shreck is coming to the Audlem Public Hall for four days ONLY! A never-seen-before stage performance of Shreck written and adapted by local and resident writer Colin Cliffe and performed by the Audlem 5A cast, is set to take to the stage from Wednesday 6th February to Saturday 9th February, with four evening performances and a Saturday matinee performance. Tickets are available by calling 01270 811743 or from Williams' Newsagents, all priced at £6 each.




SHRECK

AUDLEM
PUBLIC HALL

Written by Colin Cliffe

FEB 6th, 7th, 8th @ 7.30pm
FEB 9th @ 2pm and 7.30pm

All tickets £6 Each
Ticket line: 01270 811743



ADAS News

At the Britain in Bloom awards ceremony in September Audlem achieved the coveted Gold Award in the North West Large Village category. This was a result of all the hard work carried out by a team of volunteers who planted and watered the displays throughout the hot summer. The winter flowering pansies and bulbs have now been planted to provide some colour during the next few months.

During November the ADAS Committee and volunteers were busy preparing for the annual Big Switch On event which took place on 30th November. Santa arrived by barge at the Wharf and a large crowd enjoyed a truly festive evening. The big tree was kindly donated by Angela and Graham Allinson of Hatherton Lodge and Janet Maughan of Hankelow switched on the lights. The ADAS Committee would like to thank everyone who helped prepare for the Big Switch On and also those who sponsored the small trees.

On 21st December a large crowd gathered in the Square to sing carols and as usual Crewe Brass accompanied the singing. Santa distributed sweets and the Lord Combermere provided soup to warm the singers. The collection raised over £400 which will be used to replace and improve the lights for next year.



The ADAS AGM will take place on Thursday 7th March in the Guide and Scout Hall at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and the Committee would welcome any suggestions for future projects and events.

Following the success of last year's Open Gardens it is hoped that a similar event will take place during the weekend of 15th and 16th June 2019. If you would like your garden to be included please send your details to: Vanda Clemes vandam@rocketmail.com tel 811342, David Latchford david.latchford@hotmail.co.uk tel 811567 or email adascontact@gmail.com

Finally the ADAS Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped throughout 2018 and contributed towards a very successful and enjoyable year!

Audlem Voices

On the 14th December 2018 we presented the Audlem Voices Yuletide Concert along with our guests Crewe Male Voice Choir. We so much appreciate our loyal Audlem and beyond audiences who turn out whatever the weather to give us their support and encouragement. The evening was a great success enjoyed by all, not least by the choir!

Our next concert will be in late spring / early summer (date to be confirmed). An evening with the music of Gilbert and Sullivan. The choir will be most ably supported by guest soloists of G&S distinction and experience.

If anyone is interested in joining the choir, a degree in music is definitely not required, please feel free to pop into the Methodist Church Hall where we rehearse every Tuesday evening between 7.30pm and 9.30pm during the winter months or St James Church from spring onwards. You will be made very welcome. Our web page voices.audlem.org gives more information about the choir including all contact details should you wish to speak to us.

ADAPT Highlights

ADAPT's Food Group hasn't been idle since the Saturday markets finished in the autumn.

We had a fun social evening and meal at the Lord Combermere and a crafting session where we swapped ideas for creating decorations and snacks for Christmas, including wreaths made from garden pickings.

The annual apple pressing under the Buttermarket was a great success again and participants are now drinking the resulting cider.

The last event of 2018 was the Home Made Christmas stall in December, again held under the Buttermarket. A band of hardy Food Group members entertained passers-by with hot mulled apple juice (saved from the apple pressing event), Christmassy snacks and decoration ideas, though we needed thawing out by the end of the afternoon!



The Food Group meets once a month. We are planning seed swap meetings and garden visits in 2019 as well as the usual Saturday markets starting in the spring. Want to join us? Please contact jane@day-star-theatre.co.uk

Indoor Bowling

Short mat bowling is held in the Public Hall every Wednesday from 2pm until 4pm from January until the end of March (and then from October to the end of December). If you would like to try it out, please come and join us. All you need is flat soled shoes.

Audlem Methodist Church

In November we were pleased to welcome Year 6 classes from Audlem, Wrenbury and Madeley Primary Schools to take part in our workshops on the theme of Remembrance, involving drama, craft, readings and film. All

enjoyed the memorable and rewarding sessions and we hope to continue school involvement with the Easter Hope Journey.

Also in November the Charity Fair raised funds for all 12 organisations involved, as well as being an enjoyable social occasion, as was the December Festive Coffee Morning.



Looking ahead, the hills around Audlem will soon be alive with "The Sound of Music" as we present a production of this much-loved musical in March.*

"How do you solve a problem like Maria?" wonder the nuns of Nonberg Abbey about their free-spirited young postulant. The solution: send her to be governess to the seven children of the autocratic Captain Von Trapp. Maria soon wins the affection of the children and their father by bringing music back to the family. But this is Austria, 1938, and Nazi storm clouds are gathering ...

The young cast will be supported by the much-loved choir: don't miss what is set to be a truly heart-warming production running from Wednesday 6th to Saturday 9th March 2019 at 7.30pm. Tickets £6. Bookings will be taken by Julia Parton on 01270 811761 or email programmes@audlemmethodistchurch.org.uk

**This is an amateur production by arrangement with R&H Theatricals Europe. Music by Richard Rodgers, Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, Book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse.*

Audlem Scout Group

After over a decade at Audlem Scout Group our Scout Leader is moving on to a District role. We are now looking to recruit a new Scout Leader and Assistant Scout Leaders. Audlem Scouts are well attended and very active both in the District and the local community. They have a fantastic meeting hall and excellent equipment for all types of indoor and outdoor activities, but the best thing about Audlem Scout Group is the Scouts themselves.

Do you want to:

- Make a positive impact on your local community?
- Enjoy and rediscover adventure for yourself?
- Develop your own skills?
- Change lives?
- Help a young person to fulfil their potential?

Then please get in touch with Cathie on 01270 812152.

History Society News

We ended our 2018 programme with a nostalgic look at various aspects of bygone times in Cheshire through a series of short films from North West Film Archives. These included newsreel footage of a 1928 Cheshire Hunt Meet on Nantwich Square and a WW2 study of children in a local primary school. Presented by the Chair of our Society, Jeremy Nicholls, some were enhanced by accompanied music recorded by Geoff Smethurst - a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

BAPTISTS and BUTTONS



Alan Paterson

Our 2019 programme got off to an intriguing start with a talk by local resident Dr Alan Paterson. Entitled "Baptists and Buttons" it told part of the social history of Audlem over 300 years through the eyes of three local families. If you missed this talk there is a book now available to buy.

We have a varied range of subjects and outings planned

throughout the year so do come and join us. It's just £3 on the door or £12 annual subscription. For more information please see Diary Dates or contact Dorothy Jones on 01270 811814.

A Successful 2018 Season for the Audlem Lass

Following a very successful 2018 season, culminating in the arrival of Santa on the Audlem Lass into the village for the Big Switch On at the end of November, we are now preparing for the 2019 season which begins in late March/early April – keep an eye on AudlemOnline and other social media for the actual starting date. The sailing



times will be 10.30am from Overwater Marina, with the last sailing of the day at 4.15pm from Lock 15 landing stage. These times continue until the end of April when they become the summer sailings of 10am and 5pm respectively. Don't forget that we also offer pre-booked mid-week charters which can cater for a maximum of 10 people per boat trip.

The Audlem Lass encourages new volunteers to join our team and help us run this highly successful and enjoyable service within our community. Are you interested? If so please contact Joe Hoyles at info@audlemlass.co.uk or 07880 727870.

Thank you from Audlem Charity Shop

A very big thank you to all our customers in 2018. Your help and support is much appreciated. We are on schedule to donate £28,000+ to our local charities at the end of March 2019. We look forward to welcoming old and new customers in 2019.

On Easter Saturday (20th April) the shop will be open as usual. In addition, there will be a gazebo and tables outside the shop from 10am until approximately 4pm for the purchase of bargain jewellery and other items.

TAVA Advance Notice of Show

Orpheus on Saturday 18 May at 7.30 at Audlem Public Hall – further details will be available on AudlemOnline.

Update Your Contact Details

The next edition of the newsletter will contain the directory of businesses, organisations and clubs, so please make sure your contact details are correct on AudlemOnline and delete any entries which are no longer valid. Many thanks for your help.

Diary Dates . . .

February

- 21 History Society Meeting at 7.30pm in the Scout and Guide Hall. Speaker: Tony Bostock on "Cheshire Pubs and Pub Signs".
- 28 Turnpike Field Open Evening at 7.30pm in the Public Hall.

March

- 7 ADAS AGM at 7.30pm in the Scout and Guide Hall.
- 21 History Society meeting at 7.30pm in the Scout and Guide Hall. Speaker: Matthew Jones on "The History of Bicycles".

April

- 18 History Society Meeting at 7.30pm in the Scout and Guide Hall. Speaker: Dr. Diana Leitch on "Fletcher Moss and His Travels in Cheshire and Shropshire".