

AROUND AUDLEM

The newsletter for residents of Audlem & District

Autumn/Winter 2017

Audlem Parish Council Parish Council News, October 2017

Councillor Vacancies

Councillors are sad to report that two valued Parish Councillors, Phil Johnson and John Thompson, have recently resigned due to personal commitments. Phil Johnson has been on the Parish Council since 2010 and has served as Chair of the Council, leader of the Planning Group and has been involved in other groups such as Business and Tourism. John joined in 2015 and served on the Finance Sub-committee, Highways and other working groups. Councillors are grateful to both for their contribution to the community and we wish them well for the future.

There is now an opportunity for people to put their names forward for co-option to the Parish Council. Councillors can come from all stages of life; they can be employed, self-employed, bringing up families, unemployed or retired. A good mix of skills, interests and ages creates a Council that reflects all aspects of our community. Further details can be obtained from Heather Jones at audlempc@gmail.com.

Parish Clerk

Kirstin Dixon, our Parish Clerk, has left the position to do a post-graduate course at university. Councillors extend grateful thanks to Kirstin for all her hard work over the last five years and wish her every success in her studies. Sandie McBennett will replace Kirstin in November and we look forward to welcoming her to this key role for the Council.

Affordable Housing

If you have family members who want to live in Audlem but can't afford to rent or buy here, then read on ...

The one 'benefit' of the Anwyl (Little Heath) and Heathfield Road housing developments is that 30% of the homes have to be built for 'affordable housing'. On the Anwyl site currently under construction 23 of the homes will be available as social or affordable rented properties and 13 will be intermediate housing – which means shared ownership. Magenta Living is the registered provider which will take on all 36 properties.

50% of the social or affordable rented homes will be made available to people registered with Cheshire Home Choice who can prove a local connection to Cheshire East. <https://www.cheshirehomechoice.org.uk/choice/default.aspx>

The marketing of the shared ownership units is done by Magenta Living who can advertise through the Cheshire Home Choice 'Homes to Buy' Page. They

may also use local estate agents to advertise their shared ownership properties. There is a website <https://www.helptobuynw.org.uk/>, where properties are advertised by location.

Anyone interested should ensure that they are registered with Cheshire Home Choice and keep a look-out for advertisements over the next few months.

Post Office and Playing Field

We remain 'cautiously optimistic' that a Post Office, either full-time or as a two-session 'outreach' service will be reinstated in the village by Christmas.

Unfortunately progress on the transfer of the playing field is painfully slow due to some queries which have arisen over an error in the plans linked to the transfer. We hope that these can be swiftly resolved.

Planning Update

17/3835N Ivy Cottage, Woore Road has been refused by the Southern Planning Committee.

17/0339N for 25 retirement apartments for McCarthy & Stone is apparently going to Appeal on the grounds of non-determination, which means that Cheshire East Council did not make a decision within the time-frame set. The Southern Planning Committee is 'minded to refuse' this application. We have no information yet about the Appeal.

Parish Councillors' contact details

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Your Parish Clerk is **Sandie McBennett** - 07432 332857

or email audlempc@gmail.com.

Parish Council meetings will be held in the Meeting Rooms adjoining Audlem Methodist Church on Mondays, 6th November 2017, 4th December 2017 and 8th January 2018 (provisional). 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.

The Annexe Opens

On Saturday 18th November at 2pm, the new Public Hall Annexe will be formally opened by the High Sheriff of Cheshire, Sarah Callander Beckett. The event will be celebrated by a peal of the church bells, a short performance by Audlem Voices and other local musicians.

There will be a free glass of bubbly for all (or at least the first five hundred) who attend the opening ceremony, plus a finger-buffet, also free, as well as the opportunity to look round the Annexe and see what it has to offer.

This project has been four years in the making and will have cost very nearly £750,000 altogether, most of it from The Big Lottery Fund.

Members and volunteers from ADCA, Youth Club, 5A's, Football Club and Community Gym will be there and would like to talk to you about their activities in the Annexe, and also about the need for volunteers to help run the individual activities as well as the hall itself and Annexe.

Our pictures show the original artist's impression, done by Sheila Webster from an architect's sketch, and the Annexe as built.



Remember Remember ...

Following the 80's Mania Party on the Park and the 2017 Audlem Festival of Transport, ASET are pleased to announce the next event to be held in the village. This will be the 2017 ASET Fantastic Fireworks display with Blitz Fireworks, the award-winning pyrotechnical provider!

The date is Saturday 4th November and the place is the playing field in Audlem. Join us for our spectacular fireworks display when, once again, the sky will be lit up with an amazing array of colours, accompanied by some great music.

4pm - gates open - with fairground rides, stalls, food and entertainment.

7pm - spectacular fireworks display from Blitz Fireworks, set to music once again. (Times subject to weather)

Tickets are on sale four weeks before the event — online and at various outlets in the area (or pay on the gate).

Prices: £5 per person with under 5s free.

So, remember; remember the 4th November...in Audlem, and join us for yet another fantastic family night out. See the website for more details - www.audlem-aset.org

Winter Extravaganza

Audlem Voices with their conductor Jenny Collis Smith and the Hankelow Flute Trio are pleased to announce they will be performing a 'Winter Extravaganza Concert' at St James' Church on Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £7.50 may be purchased from Williams Newsagents, Pat Jones 81 1005 or any member of the choir.

Buerton Neighbourhood Plan

Buerton Neighbourhood Plan has completed the Independent Examination stage. Buerton Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee would like to thank all Buerton residents that supported all the stages of the plan with returning questionnaires and attending meetings and our Open Day. We are now moving into the final stages 'The Referendum Stage'. This is your opportunity to vote on the plan that is ready to be adopted and you will shortly receive voting information from Cheshire East Council.

The external examiner's full report is available on the Cheshire East Neighbourhood Planning web page or can be found on www.buertonparishcouncilnp.co.uk

Praise and Play at Audlem St James' Church

Praise and Play each Thursday continues to provide a place for songs, crafts and stories for pre-school children and their carers. We are open from 9am, each Thursday in term time, start at 9.30am and finish at 10.30am. The best bit is, it's FREE!

The church is open every day for a quiet place to sit and be still (although it's not quiet Thursday 9-10.30am).

For our services celebrating Christmas please see the Diary Dates section.

It's Panto Time!

Audlem 5A's have just started rehearsals for January 2018's annual pantomime. This time we are going to be performing the timeless classic, The Sleeping Beauty.

Lucy Davenport will be taking the helm and directing the pantomime. Lucy is well practised at walking the boards of the stage having been in 5A's performances for six years. She will have plenty of experienced assistance with Helen Katterloher as Assistant Director, Cat Maddocks as Chairwoman and Colin Cliffe assisting with backstage props and scenery.

The pantomime has been written by Ben Crocker, a NODA Award winning writer. It is full of traditional wit and charm to woo our audiences. This year for the Queen's role, we have cast a very flamboyant Dame played by Luke Murphy accompanied by the King played by Helen Katterloher. The Princess will be played by Rhiannon Brookes and joining her as Prince Orlando is Shona Duncan, both are 5A veterans, but the question is... will there be a happily ever after??? Only time will tell, so get your tickets when they come on sale in early November.

The pantomime will be staged from Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th January 2018, starting at 7:30pm and one Saturday matinee performance starting at 2pm.

ADAS News

The summer bedding plants have now been removed from the tubs and beds in the village ready for the planting of winter pansies and bulbs on 21st and 22nd October. Many thanks to everyone who helped.

Our recent Choral Evening was a great success and the next ADAS event will be the AGM at the Guide and Scout Hall on 9th November at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

ADAS are planning to hold an Open Gardens event next year - if you would like your garden to be included please email: adascontact@gmail.com for details.

If you have not yet returned your subscription envelope please do so to Williams or Flower Divas.

Down in The Woods

ADAPT's latest Action & Interest Group is the Community Woodland Group. The ADAPT Community Woodland Group have been selected as part of a pilot scheme supported by The Woodland Trust. They have received a start-up grant and are being trained in woodland management using traditional hand tools and techniques. At present they are working in a woodland at Birchall Moss. If you are interested to know more, contact Joseph Bloor at: thewoodage.co.uk@gmail.com.

Following the successful launch of the village cycle map, ADAPT Transport Group identified the following priorities:

- provision of cycle racks in the village centre
- pedestrian / cycle link between the new development at Little Heath and village centre

- improvements to road safety in the village centre in collaboration with Audlem Parish Council
- improved cycling link between Nantwich and Audlem (towpath, Coole Lane and Lakeside).

With Christmas soon in our sights, ADAPT will once again be holding their "Homemade Christmas" event on the morning of Saturday 2nd December.



Audlem Methodist Church

Many thanks to all who supported the excellent concert given in our church by Winterley Methodist Brass Band on 30th September. The 35 players of all ages performed a lively and varied programme to a full audience, and we are pleased to be able to donate £220 each to Macmillan and church funds from the proceeds.

We shall be holding a Festive Coffee Morning and Fair in the hall on Saturday morning 2nd December, also for Macmillan and church funds, to which everyone is invited.

The three churches in Audlem will unite for Advent reflections on Thursday evenings during December in our premises, and again all are welcome. Our Christmas services are listed in the Diary Dates section.

History Society

After our summer break we began our autumn programme with a talk by Tony Bostock, a local historian and author, on 'Cheshire's Ancient Parish Churches'. We have a wealth of Medieval churches in our county and Tony focused on three in our locality - Acton, Bunbury and Barthomley - which all have interesting historic artefacts.

In October we were treated to reminiscences and anecdotes from Bob Poole, Isobel Sykes and friends on 'Audlem's Fire Brigade'. This was accompanied by a fascinating exhibition of photos and memorabilia.

For details of our forthcoming meetings and Christmas lunch please see the Diary Dates section. Do come and join us in the Scout and Guide Hall for any of our meetings. It's just £3 on the door (students free). For more information please contact Dorothy Jones on 01270 811814.

More Volunteer Drivers needed!

Audlem & District Community Action continues to provide the vital volunteer medical transport service which now takes about 12 people each month to health appointments at local hospitals and clinics, including to Audlem Medical Practice, and to hospitals farther afield.

Due to increased demand, we need more volunteers to work alongside our current trusty band of 14 volunteer drivers and office staff. So, if you have a few hours a month to spare, please contact us to find out about how you can become an ADCA volunteer driver. Please contact us on 01270 747163 or email on millnsr@talktalk.net and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you need to get to a health appointment but have difficulty with transport from family or friends then please contact us to see if we can assist. Ring our office on 01270 747163 and leave a message with your contact details and information about the appointment and we will get back to you. Please give us plenty of notice if possible.

The running costs of the service are supported by generous donations from Audlem Charity Shop and through contributions made by users of the service which help to cover the travel expenses of our volunteer drivers.

Prestigious Green Flag award - Shropshire Union Canal

The Canal & River Trust is celebrating after achieving Keep Britain Tidy's coveted Green Flag Status for 22 miles of the Shropshire Union Canal in Cheshire. The award-winning section of the canal stretches from Audlem to Barbridge Junction. This international award, now in its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

The Green Flag Assessment Report praised the contribution made by the Audlem volunteer lock keepers / lock rangers also the Audlem ADAPT Group in keeping the canal in great shape for the 'local and visiting public'.



Audlem Lass Brings Santa

The Audlem Lass Boat Service will be bringing Santa into the village along the Shropshire Union Canal to the canal wharf on Friday 24th November – the fun starts at 5.30pm with floating wish candles on the wharf by Audlem Mill shop/Shroppie Fly.

The last day of sailing of the Audlem Lass boat service for this season is 29th October but the boat will be back in the water in March for the 2018 season.

The Audlem Overwater Marina RNLI Festival Weekend in September was a great success, raising further funds for the RNLI Lytham St Annes Shannon Class Lifeboat.

Stay Safe in Winter

Local officers PC 4580 Marson and PCSO Jarvis are continuing to work in Audlem and the surrounding villages using the new Tru Cam device to target speeding vehicles on the rural roads, which has been set as a priority by the Audlem cluster parishes.

Winter is coming so remember to consider your security, making sure security lights are working, and setting your burglar alarms and timers to help prevent your property from being targeted. Be neighbourly, check on anyone who may need a little help.

If you have any questions remember to call 101 for any non-emergency enquiries.

Diary Dates ...

November

- 16 History Society Meeting at 7.30pm in the Scout and Guide Hall. Short AGM followed by speaker: Celia Bloor on 'What we know about Audlem's history up to 1840'.
- 24 The Big Switch-On.

December

- 3 Audlem Methodist Church - 10.30am: Gift service.
- 10 Audlem St James' Church - Christingle service at 4pm.
- 12 History Society Christmas lunch at The Hind's Head, Norton in Hales - 12.30pm for 1.00pm.
- 17 Audlem Methodist Church - 8.30am Early Communion, 10.30am normal service, 18.30pm United Carol Service at St James.
- 21 Carols in the Square at 7pm with Crewe Brass Band and Santa.
- 24 Audlem Methodist Church - Christmas Eve 10.30am: regular service will include Holy Communion for Christmas.
Audlem St James' Church - Crib Service at 4pm, First Communion of Christmas at 11.15pm.
- 25 Audlem Methodist Church Christmas Day Family Worship at 10.30am, for Audlem, Hankelow and Hatherton.
Audlem St James' Church - Holy Communion at 8.15am, Communion for All Ages at 10.30am.

January

- 18 History Society Meeting at 7.30pm in the Scout and Guide Hall. Speaker: Roger Wickson on 'Working boats and boat people - 1940 to 1970'.