



The newsletter for residents of Audlem & District

Spring 2015

## Audlem Parish Council

Business summary, April 2015

### Parish Council election

As reported on Cheshire East's website, Audlem is among the majority of parish councils where no election will be taking place.\*

This is because only 12 applications were received for the 12 vacancies. The applicants are: Frances Mary Christie, Bill Consterdine, Kate Down, David Higham, Mike Hill, Phil Johnson, Heather Jones, Peter Oxley, Geoff Seddon, Pam Seddon, David Siddorns and Ann Tilling. They are expected to be formally elected at the Parish Council meeting on Monday, 11 May 2015.

*\*Only 14 parish councils out of a total of 97 throughout the whole of Cheshire East will be holding elections.*

### Where is our Directory?

The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed that this Spring edition doesn't contain the customary directory of businesses, organisations, clubs and other handy contacts. It hasn't been left out because we don't consider it to be useful. Far from it!

The reason is that *AudlemOnline*, which provides the information for the list, is currently updating its own database. They want every organisation, business and club to check their entry on the website and send in any amendments required. Similarly, if you have a business or organisation that isn't listed, contact the website at [www.audlem.org/p/information.html](http://www.audlem.org/p/information.html) to find out what details are required. And, of course, if you are currently listed and no longer wish to be so, then please contact *AudlemOnline* by email at [editor@audlem.org](mailto:editor@audlem.org) and ask for your entry to be deleted.

Alternatively, you can provide your details in writing and post them in the 'Newsletter box' in the Post Office from where they will be re-directed to *AudlemOnline*. The

### Parish Councillors' contact details

The list of new Parish Councillors is currently awaiting confirmation.

Your Parish Clerk is **Kirstin Dixon** – 01630 658456 or email [audlemparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:audlemparishclerk@gmail.com).

deadline date for sending in all amendments and details is **Monday 1 June**.

With your help, we hope to publish a new, fully up-to-date directory in the Summer edition of *Around Audlem*.

### Playing field complex

Councillors were pleased to learn from Councillor Rachel Bailey that the Cheshire East Council Finance meeting on 13 April '*...Resolved that approval be given for the following assets to be prioritised for approval to transfer and that reports on their transfer be prepared and considered by the Portfolio holder as a priority.*' The first item listed is '*Audlem – the car park, playing field and playground and land at the rear of the Public Hall*'.

It is thought the land at the rear of the Public Hall will be the subject of a separate report later in the month. Audlem Parish Council has written to Cheshire East Council to request that outstanding repairs and queries that need to be resolved prior to any transfer are dealt with as soon as possible. Further information will be provided in the next few weeks.

**Parish Council Meetings will be held in the Meeting Rooms adjoining Audlem Methodist Church on Mondays 11 May, 8 June and 13 July. 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.**

# Neighbourhood Plan status

A key milestone for a Neighbourhood Plan is when it enters the Pre-submission Consultation stage. It must be sent to any recognised bodies whose interests may be affected by the Plan, such as statutory bodies including Highways, Utilities and the NHS, as well as voluntary organisations and other Parish Councils in the immediate area. They have six weeks within which to comment on the Plan.

**Audlem's Neighbourhood Plan entered this phase at the end of April 2015. SO WHAT? Good question.**

Immediately a Draft Plan is submitted it becomes officially recognised as an **Emerging Plan**. As such, it will be taken into consideration for any new development applications that are made to Cheshire East Council. There are examples where Emerging Plans have successfully been used to prevent inappropriate developments. There are no guarantees, of course, but if we don't make an attempt, then we will definitely have no influence over the future of Audlem.



## ADAS

Audlem District Amenities Society is entering a comparatively quiet period; our only event in the near future is the Fashion Show on 2 July 2015. However, the committee members will shortly be very busy delivering our annual envelope appeal to all the households in our area. We hope that everyone appreciates the Christmas trees and lights, year-round flower displays and so on, and will donate accordingly.

### Audlem in Bloom

As an ADAS sub-committee, A.I.B. will soon be in its busiest period. Hanging baskets will be put in place in the week before the Music Festival with summer bedding to be planted in early June. The pink and white winter/spring colour scheme will continue and we anticipate that this will provide an eye-catching display throughout the summer.

## History Society events

A large audience gathered in February when we were extremely privileged to hear Peter Styles, Geophysics Professor at Keele University and an advisor to government committees, give a talk on 'The Geology of Cheshire'. Such was his enthusiasm that even those of us with little or no knowledge of geology were kept enthralled and left the meeting determined to take more interest in our surroundings. Touching on the subject of fracking, Professor Styles said that shale deposits under Audlem were too deep and too hot to develop.

On 21 May Reverend Canon Darrel Speedy will give a talk on 'Historic Events at Barthomley' in The Scout & Guide Hall at 7.30pm. This will be followed on 12 June with a drive-

yourself outing to Barthomley Church and Englesea Brook Museum.

On 4 July we are holding a Coffee Morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm in The Scout & Guide Hall when everyone, young and old, is invited to share their memories of 'Growing Up In and Around Audlem'. A large number

of photos and memorabilia will be on display, a small selection of which will be exhibited beforehand on Carnival Day to

whet the appetite. If you have anything that you think may be of interest, please bring it along on the day or contact the Society beforehand. Do come along and indulge in a morning of nostalgia!

**For more information on any of these events, please contact Dorothy Jones on 01270 811814.**



## Overwater Wheelyboat coming soon

From 27 June the Overwater Wheelyboat, a specially designed aluminium boat with wheelchair, walking frame and walking stick access, will be moored at Overwater Marina. It will offer free boat trips to people with mobility issues and special needs children. It is hoped that the new Wheelyboat will be just as

great a success as the Audlem Lass.

The Overwater Wheelyboat Project Fundraising Appeal, in conjunction with registered charity The Wheelyboat Trust, is seeking donations and support. **For more information visit [www.overwaterwheelyboat.co.uk](http://www.overwaterwheelyboat.co.uk) or contact Rodney Cottrell on 01270 811454.**



# School report

## Fire!

Sapphire and Pearl classes at Audlem St James School had a wonderful time during a visit from the Local Fire Service. The children learned



about the role of the fire fighter, the uniforms worn and the equipment needed. They loved looking inside the cab of the fire engine, trying on the uniform and using the fire hoses to squirt water. A BIG THANK YOU from the children and staff to the fire fighters who made this such a special experience.

## History detectives

Sapphire and Pearl classes went on a tour of Nantwich and became Tudor history detectives for



a day. They followed the course of the Fire of Nantwich and considered why it had broken out. They handled and investigated a selection of replica Tudor artefacts at Nantwich Museum, tried on costumes and found out about an old fire engine. They also visited St Mary's Church, studied Tudor buildings and made a Tudor House with a partner.

## Best of the best

Finally, congratulations to our school chef, Mrs Hayward, who has been presented with the Ambassador for Catering Award by Cheshire East Catering Services, honouring her many years of service, dedication and a service that is The Best of the Best!



## Audlem Carnival, 25 May 2015

Audlem Carnival began in 1812 and has gone from strength to strength, maintaining its traditional approach of free family fun for all. This year we are eager to have more local stalls. **If you would like to get involved or simply share an idea, please contact Gwen Moss on 01270 811467 so we can work together towards an enjoyable and successful Audlem Carnival 2015. Alternatively contact Ralph Warburton on 01270 812125.**



*Coronation of Daisy Poole, Carnival Queen 2014. (L to R) Princess Molly Lancaster, Queen Daisy Poole, Princess Harlie Jewell.*

Photo by Phil Baker

## Audlem Lass

The Audlem Lass, smartly repainted and equipped with new cushions, launched its new season at the beginning of April. Now in its fifth year, the service has gone from strength to strength, raising considerable funds for The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) and other local charities.



The canal taxi service runs between Overwater Marina and Lock 15, Audlem, from 10am to 5pm on weekdays, and between 10.30am and 4.30pm on weekends and bank holidays. Suggested donations are £1 per adult and 50p per child. Dogs and buggies travel free.

In addition, Audlem Lass offers mid-week special charters for family parties, picnics, walking groups and charity events. **To find out more, please visit [www.audlemlass.co.uk](http://www.audlemlass.co.uk) or get in touch by email via [hello@audlemlass.co.uk](mailto:hello@audlemlass.co.uk) or telephone 01270 812677.**

## Future bright for Public Hall Annexe

The Audlem Public Hall Annexe (APHAx) project to provide better recreational, drama, sport and fitness facilities for villagers of all ages has obtained Planning Consent and transfer of ownership of the land has been agreed with Cheshire East. It has now reached a critical stage in its funding from the lottery. APHAX members will be present at the Annual Village Meeting at 7pm on 29 April to provide a full update and hear comments from the community on the proposals.

## Audlem W.I.

Audlem W.I. has been having a busy National W.I. Centenary Year.



We started by creating a bag with an original design for our members who were then asked to fill them with food. This led to some committee members staggering to the Nantwich Food Bank under the weight of what felt like a ton of tins, which we hope will relieve the pressures on families who are presently going through some hard times.

Our July meeting will be open to the public. The Flower Divas of Audlem will give a talk on '100 Years of Flower Arranging' and a demonstration on Thursday 2 July at 7.30pm in The Scout & Guide Hall. Tickets costing £3.50 each are available this month – see posters for details. We will be forsaking our usual tea and cakes for Pimms, so do come along.

# Summer 2015 diary dates



## Music & Arts Festival, 21-25 May

An amazing array of talent will be on display during this FREE Music & Arts Festival, the biggest such event in Cheshire and North Shropshire and now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year.



There will be music to suit all tastes and genres, as well as art exhibitions, poetry events and the famous **Audlem Carnival on 25 May**. Entry to all of the events is completely free so why not come along?

Our thanks go to all our volunteers who have given their time and talents totally free and to our sponsors for their financial support.

## Audlem Voices, 23 May

Audlem Voices is joining forces with The Gallery Singers for a performance at Audlem Music & Arts Festival on Saturday 23 May at 7pm. The Gallery Singers were formed in May 2009 and are a chamber choir based in Telford. We are expecting a packed audience as the aim is to give a performance that is both intimate and entertaining. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Conservative Carvery, 29 May

Audlem Branch Conservatives are holding a two-course Carvery at Overwater Marina on Friday 29 May at 6.30 for 7pm. Antoinette Sandbach will be the guest speaker. **Tickets and further details from Roland Hall on 01270 812530 or email [rolandhall@bryantsbottom.plus.com](mailto:rolandhall@bryantsbottom.plus.com), or Alan Cross on 01270 811974.**

## Summer events at Audlem Mill

Audlem Mill will hold an exhibition of textiles by Alison Rose of Cheshire-based Rose Tinted Creations from 17 May to 6 June, and two separate poetry workshops by Emma Purshouse on 23 and 24 May, as part of the Audlem Festival.

From 12 July to 2 August, Eric Gaskell will be exhibiting his superb linocut prints of canal scenes. The annual Gathering of Historic Boats is on 25 and 26 July, with more than 40 ex-working boats moored on the canal. This colourful event attracts large numbers of visitors to Audlem from all over the country.

Admission to all is free, but places must be booked



in advance for the poetry workshops, by emailing [emmaasif@hotmail.com](mailto:emmaasif@hotmail.com).

## Hankelow Summer Fête, 21 June

Enjoy a Traditional Village Fête on Hankelow's beautiful Village Green on Sunday, 21 June from 1pm – a great FREE family afternoon to raise funds for improvements to Hankelow Methodist Church and Community Hall, as well as local charities.



Events will include performances by the Crewe Concert Band and Biddulph Ukelele Band, a gymnastic display by Cheshire Academy, a fun dog show, BBQ, sideshows, stalls, tea and cakes, children's sports and games for everyone, and a Tug of War sponsored by The White Lion pub.

**Please contact Ian Jones on 01270 812555 for Tug of War Team entry forms.**

## Party on the Park, 4 July

It's back! For one night only Audlem's playing field will be transformed into a concert venue. Bring your picnic, your friends and family – a fantastic line-up awaits you.



Local favourites **Jim Kirkpatrick & Friends** will perform their varied repertoire of Blues, American Rock covers and more. After a nostalgic trip back to the 80s, **The Tribute Show's** 10-piece band will pay tribute to the best in American music. The event will close with a fantastic fireworks finale from our pyro partners **Blitz Fireworks**.

Early Bird tickets are on sale now at [www.audlem-aset.org](http://www.audlem-aset.org), from Audlem Post Office or Nantwich Tourist Information Centre. Adult £13.50 (£20 standard), Child £6.50 (£10 standard), Family £35 (2 adults/2 children, £50 standard) and under-fives go free.

Whether you want to 'Relax' or just be 'Dancing in the Dark' – there is something for everyone at this fantastic annual picnic concert on Audlem Playing Field. **For further information call 01270 811211.**

## Methodist Church garden party, 1 August

Continuing to remember World War 1, Audlem Methodist Church will be holding a garden party at Raven House in Adderley, which was used from July 1915 as a convalescent hospital for injured officers. Tickets and more information will be available nearer the time.