



## Audlem Parish Council

### Parish Council News – May 2021

It's not all new faces on the Parish Council, but not far off!  
Meet the team:

Councillor	Sub-Committees
Andy Bicknell	Safety, TFWG
Catherine Gresty (Chair)	Tourism & Business, Mgt & Comms, Finance, Burial Board
Dez Winskill (Vice-chair)	Asset Mgt, Finance, Safety
James McGregor	TFWG, Asset Mgt, Planning
John Bower	Asset Mgt, Planning, Finance
Joy Sansom	TFWG, Tourism & Business, Burial Board
Margaret Duys	TFWG, Planning, Mgt & Comms, Finance
Pat Salt	Mgt & Comms, Finance, Burial Board
Paul Cawood	Planning, Tourism & Business, Mgt & Comms, Safety
Ralph Warburton	TFWG, Asset Mgt, Tourism & Business, Safety, Burial Board

We'll be posting more information about the current council onto the website and notice board very soon, so watch these spaces! To contact the Parish Council please email our clerk, Owen Hembry [audlempc@gmail.com](mailto:audlempc@gmail.com)

#### Could you be a Parish Councillor?

If you are interested in playing a more active role in the community and have a few hours to spare, please consider joining the Parish Council. No experience is necessary, as training is available to support councillors, just a willingness to get involved and support plans and projects. Please send an email to our clerk, Owen, details below.

#### Introducing our new Clerk – Owen Hembry

Audlem resident, Owen Hembry, joins us in May 2021 as the parish clerk and responsible officer. Owen moved to the area from New Zealand in 2019, having lived there for 17 years. With a background in business and journalism, we are looking forward to benefitting from Owen's communication and

administrative skills. Supporting Owen in the role, Paul Barton, who has been our interim clerk for the last nine months, will provide training and a handover for the next few months, ensuring that Owen has the best start possible in the new role. Contact: [audlempc@gmail.com](mailto:audlempc@gmail.com)

#### So what's the PC up to in 2021?

The Council has formed a number of sub groups to enable an agenda of work to move forward. These are advisory groups who will make recommendations to the Parish Council including:

- Turnpike Field Working Group: to include possible acquisition of the playing field
- Management & Communications: including website overhaul
- Asset Management: including improvements and repairs to village assets
- Tourism & Business: to support the promotion of Audlem
- Planning: to advise on applications and the neighbourhood plan
- Safety: including liaising with our PCSO, advising on highways maintenance and safety
- Finance: to oversee the budget, reporting monthly to the Council and ensure that all purchases are made in-line with government procurement rules.

#### Community Engagement

We welcome any suggestions that the community may feel would make improvements for the benefit of the community and the services offered and delivered. Whilst we cannot promise to deliver or implement all suggestions, we do undertake to respond to all those who contact us, and should we not be able to assist, will signpost you to the appropriate department within Cheshire East Council.

#### Turnpike Field Development

We shall also be undertaking consultation on the Turnpike Field Development and getting your views on the way forward. At all times the Council undertakes to be open and transparent with the community and ask that you keep up to date with developments via our website or Audlem Online.

## Monthly Meetings

At the time of writing, the next Parish Council meeting will take place 'in person' at the public hall. Meetings are scheduled on the second Monday of the month (except August), the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting will be posted on the Parish Council website the week before, if not sooner. Community members are welcome to attend, however for the foreseeable future, places will need to be booked with our clerk as there is a limit on numbers. If possible, we will also open the meeting online, technology and broadband width allowing!

## Remembering Pam Seddon

Pam Seddon sadly passed away in April and will be remembered by many villagers for her community work. Pam, a Parish Councillor for many years, was involved in many projects. She was responsible for Communications and became the editor of this newsletter, expanding the content and developing it into the format it is today. One of the members of the group behind the inception of Audlem Online, Pam worked hard on the project for many years. Pam was actively involved in community work and made a huge contribution to our village. Her death is a sad loss to the village.

## ADAS

In common with many other local societies, ADAS' activities have been much curtailed during the Covid lockdown. At the beginning of March the AGM was held via Zoom. Neil Goodyear was re-elected as Chair with Ian Warren as Vice Chair. Bryony Nixon was thanked for her hard work over the past few years as Treasurer and Vice Chair. Three new committee members were proposed and elected. In addition, David Latchford was made Life President in recognition of his 50 years of service as an ADAS committee member.

Fortunately, in the autumn it was possible to plant the troughs and tubs with spring bulbs and pansies which now are in full bloom. It is hoped that the planting of summer bedding will take place at the end of May/beginning of June. Dates for these sessions will be advertised on AOL in due course. All volunteers welcome!



Over the coming months, the ADAS committee will be delivering subscription envelopes throughout the village - please return these with your donation enclosed to Williams Newsagents or Boutique and Blooms, including gift aid if you are eligible. It is also possible to donate online - please follow the instructions on the envelope. Your financial support is much appreciated.

Future projects include: constructing an alpine bed at the entrance to Tollgate Drive using reclaimed setts, replanting the St James Church bed and replacing several tubs. In addition, the new benches outside the Co-op will be surrounded by a gravel base.

If you have any suggestions for projects or would like to be involved, please email: [adascontact@gmail.com](mailto:adascontact@gmail.com) or phone Neil Goodyear on 01270 811283. Visit our website at: [adasaudlem.org](http://adasaudlem.org)

Due to Covid restrictions the usual ADAS summer events will not take place but hopefully autumn and winter events will be possible. These will include a Choral Concert in St James Church in October; Christmas lighting and Big Switch On (Friday 26th November); Carol Singing in the Square on Wednesday 22nd December. Details will be published nearer the time.

The committee would like to thank all volunteers and supporters who have given their time over the past year - hopefully next year will be healthier and happier for us all!

## ADAPT

The ADAPT Food Group has resumed meetings this spring! 'Virtually' so far but we are hoping to meet in person soon. Our meetings are a great opportunity to catch up with each other and there is always plenty of growing advice on offer! We are hoping to restart our market stall this summer and our other activities later in the year. These include Apple Pressing in the autumn, our annual 'Homemade Christmas' event and various garden visits. Keep an eye on the village website for further details. If you are interested in joining us please contact [jane@day-star-theatre.co.uk](mailto:jane@day-star-theatre.co.uk)



## **ACER (Audlem Carbon Emissions Reduction) Project**

On Earth Day in April the UK government announced a new target of cutting emissions by 68% by 2030 (compared to 1990 levels) ahead of hosting the Cop26 climate summit in November. Government and big business will contribute the most to reaching the target, but we must also play our part. To find out more about reducing your environmental footprint, check out the 'Resources' tab on the Audlem Carbon Emissions Reduction (ACER) project website <https://acer.audlem.org> There you will find lots of information and ideas about how to measure your footprint and how to reduce emissions related to food, home energy, travel and 'stuff'. Join the conversation in the ACER website chatbox. Or email for more information: [acer@audlem.org](mailto:acer@audlem.org)

## **White Lion, Hankelow – Onwards and Upwards**

Great news – we are moving on! Work on site had been delayed due to the review of costs and quotations associated with the build and fit out taking longer than anticipated. However the project has now resumed in earnest.

Kirk Shenton Homes Ltd (KSH) has been engaged to restore/rebuild the 'shell' of the pub. In April the ground floor was prepared and the concrete poured. Teams of bricklayers were booked to arrive in May and the walls should go up quickly afterwards. Once scaffolding has been erected the roof can be renovated. KSH will also manufacture and install new bespoke windows to the front and side elevations. These will be in a style which is in keeping with the age of the property. Plans for the interior layout have been drawn up and the kitchen design finalised.

Although there is much work to do we are all quite encouraged by the advances made since Easter. We hope that in the next few months we will see the pub opening its doors again and give the village cause for celebration.



### **ASET Diary Dates**

Audlem Party on the Park Saturday 3rd July  
Audlem Festival of Transport Sunday 25th July  
(Subject to relaxation of Covid restrictions)  
Please note the entry list is now closed  
for the Festival of Transport.  
Full information on [www.audlem-aset.org](http://www.audlem-aset.org)

## **Life at the Methodist Church**

Easter is a promise of new life and this year was no exception. We were able to re-open our doors for worship with restricted numbers as well as continuing the Ecumenical Zoom services. Friends of the Chapel organised money-raising activities which led to the Easter Trail enjoyed by around 200 people of all ages and a Spring Quiz which resulted in 25 teams exercising their brains on a great variety of questions. One of the amazing things was the spin off from the quiz ... all our local businesses generously supporting us with prizes and help which were beyond our dreams. So a huge thank you to all concerned.

Our fund-raising continues as we seek to fully refurbish our entire premises this year. You will all have seen much activity around the building and there is a great deal more to do, so unfortunately parking will be very restricted over the next few months but we hope the village will indeed enjoy the finished result and we are so grateful to those of you who have left donations for our project at Williams.

## **Audlem Charity Shop Open Again**

The Audlem Charity Shop reopened on 17 April 2021. Unfortunately we have had to change a few things in order to operate safely and comply with government guidelines. In particular this means limiting the number of people in the shop at any one time, but this has encouraged us to make greater use of our outside space. In addition to the shop we now have gazebos outside to display a wider selection of goods. Shop opening times may be more weather dependent, but details will be on Audlem Online.



We have not rested during lockdown and have completely refurbished the shop. A new front window has been installed. New laminate flooring and carpets have been laid, thanks to the generosity of Mark from Warmund Carpets and the building has been repainted thanks to Danny Fallows. Special thanks also to Eddie, our caretaker and Alan for redecorating internally and to all the other volunteers who have kept things going during such a difficult time.

Despite limited opportunity to open we have still managed to support our chosen local charities with the following donations: St Luke's Hospice £20,000, ADCA £2,000, The Wingate Centre £2,000, £1,000 to The Wheely Bus/Boat and £250 to Wybunbury Anglers Association.

We still have plenty of goods so why not come along and take a look, we look forward to welcoming you back.

## Keep on Collecting your Rubbish!

To date we have recycled 4kg of cheese packaging, 17kg of toothbrushes, and a whopping 178kg of crisp packets, raising over £200 for various charities. You can now collect plastic biscuit and cracker packaging too. Empty your packaging, flatten, and drop off in the correct box outside the Scout and Guide Hall. Please only deposit the packaging mentioned on the boxes.

Thank you from 1st Audlem Guides

## Audlem Theatre Company - What Could you do in 24 Hours?

Audlem Theatre Company are taking on a new and exciting project and we need your help! We are going to cast, rehearse and perform a play in only 24 hours! Think that sounds crazy? That's because it is!

How does it work? Secret preparation happens in the months leading up to the show, including writing the script, preparing costumes, designing the stage and planning the tech and lights with only a select couple of people knowing the title of the script, keeping it a mystery until 24 hours prior to curtain up!

Friday 16th July - 7:30pm - Audlem Public Hall: the director will announce the title of the play and who will play each part. The cast will then start rehearsing overnight and the next day. The backstage and technical crew will construct the set and program the lighting.

Saturday 17th July - 7:30pm - Audlem Public Hall: a mere 24 hours later, the curtains will open and we will perform the show! We are really eager to welcome new members: cast, backstage crew or people to help behind the scenes. No experience is necessary. Cast members will need to audition but this will be very informal.

Sounds like something you would like to get involved in?

Email: sarah\_j\_hough@hotmail.com

(Due to the overnight nature of the project, this is an adult only production.)



## ADCA in the Era of Covid-19

Coming happily out of lockdown, we have restarted Covid-secure sessions in Hankelow Methodist Church Hall and Audlem Public Hall Annexe for our existing club members. Most excitingly, we have launched a brand new lunch club in Broomhall & Sound, supported by Wrenbury Together, under the direction of new Assistant Coordinator Debra Davies, assisted by new Cook Jayne Scott.

Our Coronavirus Home Support Service continues, providing shopping, prescription collection and telephone support. Call 07984 785907 between 9am and 12pm on Wednesday and Friday. Or leave a message. Call our Medical Transport Service if you need to get to medical appointments but have no other means of transport. Call 07984 785907 between 9am and 12pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Our Carers' Support Group meets by rota invitation on Wednesdays in the Annexe, and we have a Zoom meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Our Carers' Support Worker provides telephone support and plans treats and breaks for carers to enjoy at home. If you care for someone, you can get help and support through our Carers' Support Group. Contact Lynn Morear, ADCA Assistant Coordinator, on 07376 070586, or email: [lynnmorear@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lynnmorear@yahoo.co.uk)

(Check our website for any changes to arrangements [adca.audlem.org](http://adca.audlem.org))

## Gathering of Historic Boats

The 12th Gathering of Historic Boats will take place on the canal at Audlem on 24 and 25 July. More than 30 boats have booked in, and they will be moored up along the towpath between the Bridge Inn and the bottom lock no 15. All the boats were involved in commercial carrying on the canals of England, a few locally, and all were built between about 1895 and 1961. The event is open between 9am and 5pm on both days, and entry is free. Boat owners will be very happy to tell you more about their boats.



## History Society

The Society held its first Zoom meeting in March when volunteers from the Daniel Adamson Preservation Society (DAPS) presented a beautifully illustrated talk about the coal-fired tug-tender affectionately known as 'The Danny' that was launched in 1903. It has had a diverse history including naval service in WW1; assisting ocean-going vessels and transporting a number of kings. Its facelift in the 1930s emulated ocean liners' Art Deco designs. After the decline in ship canal traffic by the 1980s 'The Danny' became uneconomic to run and fell into disrepair. The DAPS was subsequently formed and the boat is now used as an educational resource and for mini cruises.

It is now over 12 months since we commenced our weekly series of History Shorts, circulated to members and to a wider audience via AudlemOnline. Thank you to all who've contributed.

The breadth of topics and the insights shown by our writers have been remarkable. You'll find an introduction to the series and archives of all articles at:

<https://www.audlem.org/features/history-shorts.html>

If you've been inspired by a History Short or have an interest in something historical please send your piece to: [jeremy@jeremynicholls.co.uk](mailto:jeremy@jeremynicholls.co.uk)