



The newsletter for residents of Audlem & District

Summer 2014

## Audlem Parish Council

Business summary, July 2014

### Help plan the future of Audlem

Following the Public Meeting held on 10 July, the Parish Council voted unanimously at their meeting on 14 July 2014 to create a 'Residents First' Neighbourhood Plan as part of a full Neighbourhood Plan.

Further action has now been taken. At a meeting of the PC Planning Sub-Committee held on 22 July it was agreed to define the Neighbourhood Area as the boundary of Audlem Parish. In addition, a Neighbourhood Planning sub-committee was formed that comprises members of the PC Planning Sub-Committee Working Group plus two other Councillors who volunteered. This new sub-committee will now appoint a Steering Group made up of volunteer residents and Parish Councillors who can oversee the whole process.

Information on how you can help is available on Audlem Online and can be found in paper format in the Post Office, Williams' Newsagents and other venues within the village. These should be completed and posted in the ballot boxes in the Post Office and Williams' Newsagents **by 30 August at the latest**. Please don't wait until the closing date. The sooner you respond the better!

The returned forms will enable the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee to identify issues of importance and to set up working groups as necessary. Initially, the focus will be on Site Allocations, i.e. where residents would like to see development take place in Audlem.

This will all take a lot of time and for it to stand any chance of success in the timescales set by Cheshire East, it will require substantial assistance from as many people as possible. This means not just the Parish Council. Indeed, without a significant input from others outside the Parish Council itself, it will not succeed. Please take this unique opportunity to give input into the future of your village.

### A look into the future...

As explained above, Audlem Parish Council is to start working with the community to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Now the long summer holiday is here, we would like to invite our children and young adults to tell us how they would like Audlem to look five, 10, 15 or 20 years in the future.

Entries can be in art form (painting, drawing or collage) or written in verse or prose (no more than 200 words). There are three age groups (with cut-off date being 31 August 2014): Age 5 and below, Age 6-11 and Age 12-18.

The closing date is **30 September 2014** and entries should be left at Williams' Newsagents, who have kindly offered to receive them. There will be six prizes – one for art and one for written entries in each age group. So come on, show us what you can do and share your dreams for Audlem yet to come!



### Public footpaths around Audlem

If you experience difficulties accessing a Right of Way or find a local public path is overgrown you can notify Cheshire East Council directly by calling them on **01270 686029** or emailing [pro@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:pro@cheshireeast.gov.uk). You can also report any issues which are likely to cause injury in the same way, such as bulls in the field, or a damaged bridge or stile. There is also an online reporting form on the Cheshire East website at [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk).

### Parish Councillors' contact details

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

# Where are the men?

That is the question puzzling Audlem Voices choir. You fellas seem to like



hiding your light under a bushel. Now that the football, tennis and golf are over, perhaps the masses of men in Audlem and its surrounding areas might turn their thoughts to expanding their interests – to say nothing of their vocal chords – and give their local choir a try. Why not?

Audlem Voices will welcome you with open arms, as will the plethora of women members who are desperate to hear the



sounds of a few more male voices in their choir. In fact we want lots and lots of men! In a mixed choir it's often the case that the number of women and men are very disproportionate.

Audlem Voices are continually expanding their repertoire, and have already participated in several wedding and christening engagements with more to come.

On Saturday 27 September, the choir will be performing in full James Bond and Bond Girls regalia on behalf of ADAS in St James's Church. Further information will be made available on Audlem Online and our posters.

The final event of our year will be on 14 December at 7.00pm in St James's Church, where once again we will be performing in concert with The Band of the Cheshire Constabulary and Corps of Drums led by their Musical Director David Woollam.

More than 150 people crammed the church for last year's concert. So buy your tickets early – you have been warned!

For more information or to join us, please contact Jon Richardson, Chairman, on 811182.

## Audlem District Amenities Society

ADAS and Audlem Voices are holding a Choral Evening at St James's Church on 27 September. Tickets go on sale shortly.

On 11 October, ADAS will be holding a Table Top Sale in the Public Hall. Twenty tables are available. They will be allocated on a first come first served basis and cost £5 each. Refreshments will be on sale for bargain hunters. Admission is free. **To book a table please contact Bryony on 811705.**

The ADAS AGM will be held on the evening of 6 November at the Public Hall. Each year we present a Citizen of the Year Award and also a Young Citizen of the Year Award. If you know of a youngster (under 21) who has given time to the community, has been involved in fundraising or excelled at sport in the village, please let us have your nomination. The AGM is a brilliant opportunity for you to find out what ADAS is all about; how we use money raised and the different ways we raise funds. All are welcome to join us and enjoy a glass of wine and chat afterwards.

## Audlem in Bloom

The Audlem in Bloom committee has planned the planting scheme for autumn and early spring. Although we have already had our visit by the RHS North West in Bloom judges, we have to wait until the end of October to find out how well we have done this year. In the meantime, we will continue to water the beds and do early evening weeding throughout summer.

The autumn and early spring planting will take place on the weekend of **4 and 5 October**, preparing the tubs, troughs and some beds on Saturday, and planting on Sunday. **If you would like to help us with planting, summer watering or weeding, please email [adascontact@gmail.com](mailto:adascontact@gmail.com) or ring Bryony on 811705.**

# ADAPT-ing for the future

ADAPT, or Audlem and District Acting Positively for Transition, meets regularly and members have formed Energy, Transport, Food and Skills groups.

We are currently working on trying to get some cycle racks for the village and producing a leaflet of fairly safe cycle routes. The Energy group is working to help people have their houses assessed for energy efficiency and to improve it.

Our Saturday morning stall in The Lord Combermere car park continues to be popular, especially the Hatherton honey! A big thank you to Allan and Jo Brown for their support.

Each month we publish a recipe using seasonal produce. Members recently visited vegetable gardens

in Hankelow to compare notes and gain ideas.

**If you would like to join or want more information, please contact Adrian Leighton on 812209 or email [adrianleighton@btinternet.com](mailto:adrianleighton@btinternet.com).**

**ADAPT's market stall on Saturday mornings**



# Historic highlights

A successful informal evening at the home of David and Elizabeth Huntbach saw people bringing along memorabilia relating to World War 1 to help the History Society in its research.

Amongst them were a Gordon Highlanders' kilt; a cigarette case with a bullet hole through it; service records; a handkerchief; photos; postcards and messages home. These items or photographs of them will be on display at our meeting on 18 September when there will be talks about the experiences of a member's grandfather, and happenings in the village and to village people in WW1. One family has kindly provided a

display produced for a family party which details the experiences in France of one of their ancestors. This will be on show at the meeting.

The Society's outing in June was to the Blackden Trust 'Old Medicine House' near Jodrell Bank, the home of Alan and Grizelda Garner. They moved their house from Wrinehill in 1970 and reconstructed it as an extension to the small, but full of history, Toad Hall or T'owd Hall.

Alan Garner is a renowned author of children's fantasy novels and retellings of traditional British folk tales, whose works are rooted in the landscape, folklore and history



WW1 souvenir

of his native Cheshire. His most famous novel is *The Weirdstone of Brisingamen*. There was an opportunity to visit the museum exhibiting finds from the grounds as well as a display of all Alan's novels.

Forthcoming History Society talks will be held in the Scout and Guide Hall at 7.30pm:

- **18 September:** 'Audlem's World War 1 Experiences' by Celia Bloor and Maureen Morgan.
- **16 October:** 'Keele University – What Happened to its Revolutionary Ideas?' by Prof. Watson Fuller.

Non-members are always welcome at our meetings – £3 on the door (students free). **For more information contact Dorothy Jones on 01270 811814.**



## Probus Club

Audlem & District Probus Club started in 1995 and is a society for retired and semi-retired professional and businessmen. We meet twice a month (except August) at Brookfield Golf Club and offer a varied programme of speakers and social activities for our members.

Recent topics presented by our guest speakers have included subjects as diverse as 'Trekking in the Everest Region' by David Mason and 'Charles Darwin' by Simon la Frennais.

Our very popular social programme for members and guests includes an annual holiday (last May to Perth in Scotland, next year to Bournemouth), and day trips to local places of interest such as Ness Gardens and Port Sunlight, and the River Trent and



**Roland Hall handing over presidency to Mike Smith**

Wollaton Hall in Nottinghamshire. We also host social evenings and an annual lunch.

At our recent AGM, Roland Hall, the retiring President, handed over to Mike Smith who will lead our club with enthusiasm for the next year (pictured).

For more information about the Audlem & District Probus Club, visit our newly created website at [www.audlemprobus.org](http://www.audlemprobus.org) where details of how to contact us can be found.

## Ecology Group

Audlem Wildlife and Ecology Group organises a programme of events for wildlife enthusiasts and visits to a range of sites. Below are two photos from recent site visits showing the lovely wild flowers in an unspoiled meadow and another showing pink Himalayan Balsam, a highly invasive species, growing along the stream towards Green Lane. **If you would like to get involved, please contact Bob Cartwright on 812171.**



**Above: Himalayan Balsam  
Right: An unspoiled meadow**

# Coming up...

## Commemorating WW1

A group of people will gather at the War Memorial at St James's Church on **4 August 2014 at 11.00am** to remember the start of World War 1 with a time of silence followed by prayers. Everyone is welcome to join us to mark the centenary.

## Audlem Methodist Church events

Over the past few months we have been busy fundraising at Audlem Methodist Church with a host of events including a successful coffee morning last month. Future highlights of our fundraising schedule include:

- **Saturday 16 August:** Walking Quiz. Meet in the Church car park any time between 4.30 and 5.30pm. This will be followed at 7.00pm by a barbecue at Brickwall Farm, the home of the Massey family. Tickets cost £6 each and are now available.
- **Saturday 4 October:** Concert by The Grove Singers. Further details to follow.
- **Thursday 9 October:** Fashion Show by Edinburgh Woollen Mills at 7.30pm.

On **Sunday 10 August**, at 7.45pm, Audlem Methodist Church will hold a special service for young people who are waiting for their exam results from GCSEs or 'A' levels. This will provide a space for them to meet together to share their concerns, and to support one another through fellowship and prayer.

## Audlem & District Community Action

The Carers' Support Group continues to meet on a drop-in basis every second and fourth Tuesday at The Lord Combermere, Audlem between 10.00am and noon for coffee, chat and mutual support. We also have regular speakers on items of interest.

The Support Group is open to everyone who provides care support to family members, friends or neighbours. You are most welcome to come along and join us. It is coordinated by ADCA with funding received from Cheshire East Council and the generous provision of accommodation by Allan and Jo Brown at the Lord Combermere.

Our programme for the next three months is:

- **12 August:** The Mental Capacity Act and 'Best Interests' Decision-Making.
- **26 August:** Coffee and chat.
- **9 September:** 'Caring for Carers' speaker.

- **23 September:** Coffee and chat.
- **14 October:** Speaker.
- **28 October:** Coffee and chat.

The Group had its first Carers' Break Pamper Day last month at Hill Valley Leisure Club, Whitchurch, where 15 carers enjoyed spa treatments, a swim and afternoon tea. A further Carers' Break will take place in the autumn.

If you'd like to come to these free events for carers or to know more about the Carers' Support Group, please contact Lynn Morear, ADCA's Assistant Co-ordinator, on 07595 919727 or email the ADCA Chairman at [roger.millns@lineone.net](mailto:roger.millns@lineone.net).

ADCA also runs the Monday Morning Coffee Club between 10.00am and noon at Broad Lane Chapel, Audlem Road, Nantwich in partnership with the Chapel, and the Friday morning Coffee Club which meets between 10.00am and noon in The Lord Combermere, Audlem, for friendship, news and updates with occasional speakers on topic of local interest. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a coffee and catch up on local events.

## Remember, remember...

On **Saturday 8 November** the sky above Audlem will be



lit up with an amazing array of colours, accompanied by some great music, at the annual bonfire and spectacular fireworks display. This comes to you courtesy of ASET (Audlem Special Events Team) and Blitz Fireworks.

Tickets will go on sale in October at Audlem Post Office and Blitz Fireworks in Hightown, Crewe. So, remember, remember the eighth of November and join us in Audlem for yet another fantastic family night out!

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The closing date for items for the autumn issue is **15 October 2014** for distribution during the first week of November. Please contact Editor Kira Nicholls on 812485, at [newsletter@audlem.org](mailto:newsletter@audlem.org), or leave your contribution at the Post Office. All contributions will be welcomed.