

AROUND AUDLEM



The newsletter for residents of Audlem & District

Summer/Autumn 2016

Audlem Parish Council

Parish Council News, July 2016

Playing Field, Car Park and Children's Play Area

Parish Councillors were dismayed to learn Cheshire East Council is reviewing its policy on transferring assets to Town and Parish Councils. Instead of the Playing Field complex being permanently transferred to the Parish Council (as with the public toilets) playing fields may now only be transferred on a 30 year lease. This is apparently in order to protect recreational areas from development in perpetuity.

Councillors are concerned that residents would be liable for expensive maintenance which would require a higher local precept on an asset on which there would be no continuity of ownership. It would also be difficult to get grants towards costs on a relatively short lease. Additionally, there would be no reduction in council tax.

Councillors recently met with representatives of Cheshire East Council to discuss their concerns. At the time of writing there is no definite news on whether the proposed change of policy has been adopted.

Hedges

It would be really appreciated if residents who have hedges or trees alongside pavements and paths could keep them trimmed. This will allow easier pedestrian access, especially for those in wheelchairs or buggies.



Update on Recent Planning Applications

Little Heath (120 dwellings) The Parish Council has sent a report indicating where the 'reserved matters' proposal conflicts with the Audlem Neighbourhood Plan, and the Village Design Statement, and what modifications it would like to see. We are still awaiting a response from Cheshire East Council.

Mill Lane (2 dwellings) This application was originally refused by CEC, but has now gone to appeal. The Parish Council has submitted its case against the appellant's case. (See Mill Lane bridleway below.)



Heathfield Road (26 dwellings) Outline planning permission has been granted by CEC. We are still awaiting details of the design.

Bird's Nest – opposite the Little Heath development above (20 dwellings) The PC has submitted an objection to this application.

Moorsfield Avenue (87 dwellings) Audlem PC has objected strongly. No decision has been taken by CEC on this application.

Parish Councillors' contact details

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Your Parish Clerk is **Kirstin Dixon - 01630 658456**
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Parish Council meetings will be held in the Meeting Rooms adjoining Audlem Methodist Church on Mondays, 5 September, 3 October. (There is no meeting in August.) 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.

Parish Paths

Residents who attended the Village Meeting in March 2016 will be aware that on 1 January 2026 any footpaths and bridleways that existed on 1 January 1949 but are not yet on the definitive map held by Cheshire East Council will be 'extinguished' and no longer be considered rights of way.

Whilst the cut-off date may seem a long way off, it is important that we can be sure that all our footpaths are identified and logged with the local authority to ensure that the paths remain open for future use. This is especially so for those shown on the OS maps as 'other routes with public access' (ORPS), routes straddling local authority boundaries and any other anomalies. Whilst we are confident that the main paths up to the Shropshire border are recorded, when they reach the county boundary there are no footpath signs and the path is often overgrown and inaccessible to walkers. One keen walker has already raised the issue of a path from Adderley to Cox Bank which has been removed from the rights of way map by Shropshire Council, and representations have been made by the Ramblers Association and Audlem Parish Council to get the path reinstated before 2026.

Additionally, there are many little walkways used around the Parish which may not be on the definitive paths map, or a regularly used 'ginnel' may have a small gap between the path and the road which could potentially be closed off if not identified over the next 10 years. Unfortunately, the definitive paths map cannot be viewed on line: it involves a trip to the Council offices to inspect it.

The Parish Council and Audlem Ramblers Association are proposing to set up a small working group to look into this matter and would welcome hearing from any resident who would like to get involved in this project.

Please contact Kirstin Dixon, Parish Clerk on audlemparishclerk@gmail.com or on 01630 658456 if you are interested.

Audlem Medical and Nursing Trust

AMNT was formed in 1988 to raise funds for the relief of sickness and to purchase and provide medical equipment for the residents of Audlem.

Generous donations from the village recently have enabled the Trust to provide a complete set of new chairs for the doctors' waiting room, an ECG event monitor for the surgery and a 50% contribution towards the purchase of a Physiotherapy/Medical chair for the proposed Public Hall Annexe.

For enquiries on how to make a donation, please contact Diana Ryan (Practice Manager) at the surgery on 01270 811440.

Post Office Update

There is still no good news on the replacement of the Post Office that closed in April. The PC is in correspondence with the Royal Mail and the Post Office Limited and copied in our Ward Councillor, Rachel Bailey. Our local MP, Antoinette Sandbach, has been helpful and has a meeting scheduled with the Post Office management in the next few weeks.



Whilst we are reassured by Royal Mail that the employment of local employees is secure, we have been informed that the Sorting Office will not re-open for the foreseeable future. The Parish Council will continue to press for re-instatement of both essential services.

Audlem WI

After a hugely successful July WI Open Meeting, starring the versatile and humorous Back Row singers and instrumentalists, Audlem WI are now making preparations for their Annual Garden Party which will be held on 4th August at 2.00pm in the beautiful gardens of Elizabeth Huntbach.

Our September meeting brings us yet another informative talk by Mrs Watson about 'Life as a Sister in a Children's Home', and our October talk will be by Eric 'Busker' Newton who has lived such a colourful life, having started busking in Leek before rising to the dizzy heights of the pavement outside Woolworths! Not to be missed.

Stephanie Richardson

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Services

SERVICE	CONTACT	POSITION	TELEPHONE/EMAIL	WEBSITE
COUNCILS				
Cheshire East Council			0300 123 55 00	www.cheshireeast.gov.uk
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Hankelow Parish Council	Carol Jones	Clerk	01270 812065 clerk@hankelowparishcouncil.org	www.hankelow.eu/parish_council.html
EDUCATION				
Audlem Educational Foundation	Ruth Kemble	Clerk	01270 811887 czarptc@hotmail.com	
Audlem Primary School		Bursar	bursar@stjamesaudlem.cheshire.sch.uk	www.audlemstjames.org.uk/
ABC Childcare Services			01270 669050 abcchildcareservices@btinternet.com	www.abcchildcareservicescheshire.co.uk
EMERGENCY SERVICES				
Audlem Fire Station			01270 811625	www.cheshirefire.co.uk
Police			0845 458 6378 Nantwich.npu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk	www.cheshirepolice.co.uk
HEALTH				
Audlem Community First Responders	Michael Thompson		michael@buerton.org.uk	www.audlemcommunityfirstresponders.btck.co.uk
Audlem Medical Practice			01270 811440	www.audlemmedicalpractice.nhs.uk
Audlem Physiotherapy Clinic	Philippa Butler		07854 270796	
Audlem Patient Participation Group (PPG)			ppg@audlem.org	
Boots Pharmacy			01270 811245	
ADCA Voluntary Driving Service			01270 747163	
ADCA Carers' Group	Lynn Morear		07595 919727	www.carers.org
Leighton Hospital			01270 255141	
OTHERS				
Cemetery - Audlem Burial Board	Ralph Warburton	Clerk	01270 812125 rjw@notrubraw.com	
Citizens' Advice Bureau		Adviceline	08444 111444	www.cecab.org.uk
TRANSPORT				
D & G Little Bus			0845 077 9110	

Organisations & Societies

ORGANISATION	CONTACT	POSITION	TELEPHONE/EMAIL	WEBSITE
CHARITIES				
Audlem & District Community Action (ADCA)	Roger Millns		01270 747163 millnsr@talk.talk.net	
Audlem Charity Shop	Ann Bowles		01270 811253	
Audlem Friends of Donna Louise Children's Hospice	Ralph Warburton		01270 812125 rjw@notrubraw.com	
Audlem Lass	Joe Hoyles		01270 811926	
Friends of Hope House	Miriam Winnard		01270 811777	www.hopehouse.org.uk
Bloodwise South Cheshire (leukaemia research)	Liz Boffey		liz.boffey@virgin.net	
NSPCC Support Group	Vi Pritchard		01270 811833	www.nspcc.org.uk
Royal National Lifeboat Institute (Local Branch)	Rodney Cottrell		01270 811454	www.rnli.org.uk
RSPCA	Ken Parks		01270 811013	
CHURCHES				
Audlem Baptist Church	Bill Cowan		01270 811463	www.audlembaptistchurch.org.uk
Audlem Methodist Church		Minister	minister@audlemmethodistchurch.org.uk	www.audlemmethodistchurch.org.uk
St James' (C of E)	Rev'd Helen Chantry	Vicar	01270 811543	www.stjamesaudlem.org.uk
CLUBS/SOCIETIES				
ADAPT (Audlem & District Acting Positively for Transition)	Adrian Leighton		01270 812209 adrianleighton@btinternet.com	Adapt.audlem.org

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Audlem 5As Drama Group	Cheryl Guerin	Secretary	01270 811098	www.audlem-5As.org
Audlem District History Society	Dorothy Jones	Secretary	01270 811814	
Audlem Voices	Jenny Collis-Smith	Musical Director	01270 811469	www.voices.audlem.org
Audlem Wildlife and Ecology Group	Bob Cartwright		01270 812171 bobjcartwright@yahoo.co.uk	
Brownies	Hannah Bradshaw	Brown Owl	1staudlembrownies@gmail.com	
Beavers	Catherine Coglan	Group Scout Leader	01270 812152	
Conservative Branch				eddisburyconservatives.co.uk
Cubs	Catherine Coglan	Group Scout Leader	01270 812152	
Embroiderers' Guild			01270 560255 audlememb@gmail.com	www.audlemembroiderersguild.blogspot.com
Guides	Karen Bradshaw		01270 812295 Audlem.guides@btinternet.com	
Mothers' Union			mumford7eb@btinternet.com	www.themothersunion.org
National Women's Register	Kate Lawler		01630 647146	www.nwr.org
Probus	David Mounteney		mounteneys@btinternet.com	
St James Music Group	Geraldine Leighton		gsleighton@gmail.com	
St James the Great Bell Ringers	Ruth Kemble		01270 811887	
Scouts	Lynn Brookes	Scout Leader	07725 129310	
TAVA (Touring Arts Visiting Audlem)	Anne Burrows		01270 812442	
Women's Institute	Lyn Nicholas	President	01270 812400	www.womens-institute.org.uk
Youth Club	Kate Parkes		01270 812880 coalyardkate@me.com	
COMMUNITY				
ADAS	Briony Nixon	Chair	01270 811705 adascontact@gmail.com	
ASET (Audlem Special Events Team)	Andrew Smith		01270 811211	www.audlem-aset.org
Audlem Carnival	Gwen Moss & Ralph Warburton		01270 811467 01270 812125	
Audlem Music & Arts Festival	Ralph Warburton		01270 812125	www.audlemfestival.com
Audlem Online	Bob Cartwright	Editor	editor@audlem.org	http://www.audlem.org/
Audlem Burial Board - Cemetery	Ralph Warburton	Clerk	01270 812125	
Carer Support Group	Lynn Morear		07595 919727	
DHALIA – Allotments	Ruth Kemble	Secretary	01270 811887	
Green Party – Audlem Group	Celia Bloor		cvb@kinseycottages.org.uk	
Homewatch in Audlem	Hayley Goodwin	Watch Co-ordinator	01244 614332 hayley.goodwin@cheshire.pnn.police.uk	
Public Hall Bookings	Olive Stretch	Bookings Secretary	01270 811011	
Scout & Guide Hall Bookings	Melanie Grange		01270 811425	
SPORTS				
ARS (Audlem Rambling Society)			audlemramblers@hotmail.co.uk	
Aerobics & Pilates	Alexandra Davis		07866 801156	
Audlem Bowls Club			01270 811296	
Audlem Cricket Club	Richard Wilson		richwils@hotmail.co.uk	
Audlem Cycling Club	Tim Ball		01270 811803 timball@hollycot22.freemove.co.uk	www.audlemcyclingclub.co.uk
Audlem Ju Jitsu Club	Debbie Banks		07711 122278	
Audlem Ladies Table Tennis Club	Elma Moss		01270 811019	
Audlem Saints FC	Charles Bloomer	Chairman	01270 811444 han.co@btinternet.com	
Audlem Tennis Club	Helen Walker		01270 811441 helenwalker@earthandair.co.uk	
Brookfield Golf Club			01270 812991	www.brookfieldgolfclub.co.uk
Indoor Bowling Club	Geoff Cope		01270 811453	
Laughter Yoga	Vinathe Sharma-Brymer		01270 812452	
Yoga	Mandy Whetley		07780 500 746	
Senior Citizens' Snooker Club	Bob Godwin		01270 812077	

Businesses

AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTORS

B S Parker	01270 811420
Richard Furber	01270 811598
Norman A Huntbach	07711 165763
Tom Lowe	07764 271270

BUSINESS SERVICES

3 Shires HR Limited	01270 812747
AED Safety Services	07866 801156
Audlem Printers	07962 099884
David Parry Racing Partnerships	01270 812229
hedworth moore Chartered Accountants	01270 811653
Hilton Thompson Ltd	01270 812666
JMS Business Coaching	01270 811043
Mortgage Aid	0845 603 1992
P S Secretarial/Computer Services	01270 812061
Pippin Designs	01270 812061
Recording Studio - Hollow Floor	01270 811330
Recoup Financial Solutions - Ryan Jones	01270 812788
RG Marketing	07711 897 232
Root Media	01270 812353
SLS Courier Service	07912 205538
Starspun Media Ltd – Communications and PR	01270 812485
Talent Equation - Annette Fleet	07540 586405
Tech Media Computer Support – Julian Harrison	07759 520738
ThenMedia - Website design	0845 862 0994
Travel Agents – Blue Sky Travel	0845 260 1356

CANAL SERVICES

Adderley Wharf Farm Shop	07710 312747
BC Boat Management Ltd	01270 811500
Cheshire Cat Narrowboat Holidays	07867 790195
Coffee Lounge in the Marina	01270 811212
Dickinson Catering Equipment & Technical Services	01270 812810
Lock 9 Honesty Box	01270 812697
Overwater Marina	01270 812677
R J Marine call out service, engines, fits & refits	07849 039661

FOOD & DRINK

Bonnell's County Catering	01270 811399
Cafe - The Old Priest House	01270 811749
Cakes2Design	01270 811561
Cheese Boat	07835 584867
JA's Cafe	07716 259203
Milkman - Shone's Doorstep Delivery	01270 841480
Pub - Bridge Inn	01270 812928
Pub - Lord Combermere	01270 812277
Pub - Shroppie Fly	01270 812379
Rose Petals & Rice	letsgetcooking@rosepetalsandrice.com
Takeaway – Kebab Land	01270 812226
The Deli Cafe	01270 811554
The Village Chippy	01270 811777
Wonderfully Welsh Hampers	01270 812088

HEALTH & WELLBEING

AP Massage Therapy	07443 516394
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Adderley Treatment Rooms, James Parsons	01630 655575
Aerobics, Pilates & Personal Training	07866 801156
Audlem Physiotherapy Clinic - Philippa Butler	07854 270796
Beauty, Nails and Tanning - Stephanie McPhillips	07845 848000
Braids Hairdressers	01270 811540
Eden Beauty	01270 811197
FJ Foot Care – Fiona James	fionajames@gmail.com
Holistic Therapist - Carol Biro	074157 74759
Homeopathy –Sue Baker	07792 591437
Michelle's Mobile Hairdressing	07939 629681
Personal Trainer – Bernadette Wilson	07792 423147
Personal Trainer - Kirsty Armitage	07792 461964
Pritchards Dance & Fitness Academy	01948 871304
Professional Beauty Treatments - Maxine Pritchard	maxinevirginia@yahoo.co.uk
Reflexology Services & Counselling - Ann Jones	01270 811919
Reflexology - Katy Goodwin	01270 812863
Sam's Mobile Nails	07917 272077
Woodbine Therapy - Alison Wardman	07702 341091
Yoga Class	mandy@pranayoga.co.uk

HOLIDAY LETS

Bryn Fynnon - Mark Joule	01270 811553
Tanrallt Cottage -Wendy Latham	andrew.latham@tiscali.co.uk

HOME SERVICES

3 Counties Cleaning	01270 812300
A Helping Hand – Carolyn Whittingham	07703 053184
A. R. Richards Ltd Skip Hire	01630 639888
Allan Mitchell Designs	01270 811635
Artist - Annabel Thornton	07903 224348
Artist - Jo Halden	07944 089222
Audlem Based Care - Sue Wright	01270 812296
Byrne's Gardening Services	07984 286609
Cash In Connoisseurs	01270 811143
Childminder & Babysitter Lorraine Joynson	01270 811045
Childminder – Emma Lancaster	01270 811279
Clean & Sparkle Cleaning Service	07816 286867
Jean Clarke - cleaner	07885 548456
Chimney Sweep – Peter Buckley	07975 845172
Computer Repairs - Mobile Service	07766 201027
Curtains & Blinds – Sam Foyle	07917 272077
English tutor, proof reader, copy editor	07792 423147
First Strike Pest Control	01270 628365
G & T Designs	01270 812808
Garden planning and maintenance - Nige Fleet	07955 034204
GardenWright Gardening Services	01270 811925
Green Lane Pest Control – David Jones	01270 811270
Happy Heritage	07708 902333
Hatherton Honey – Chris Knibbs	01270 811533
Once Upon A Time Genealogy Ltd	07590 619505
Photographer – Doug Krier	01270 812584
Photography, Film & Video by Gaius	01270 812499
Red Door Design – Floral & Event Styling	01270 811050
Sewinstead Creative Embroidery	01270 811296
Smart Home Solutions	01630 478115

The Garden Rover – General Garden Services	07517 111195
Vinyl Record Cleaning	07876 803570
Window Cleaning - David Bebbington	07864 163826
Window Cleaning (Dazzle Windows – Darren Brown)	07743 478959
Wright's Property Maintenance	01270 811913

HOME TUITION

English and French Tuition – Jilly Cotterell	Jilly688@outlook.com
English Teacher - Louise Worthington	01270 812740
English Tuition – Joan Pierce	01270 812104
English Tutor – Dave Madden	07821 901580
Guitar Tutor - Dave Nettleton	davenettleton@me.com
Guitar Tutor - Jack Marshall	07510 741090
Key Stage 1	07807 041741
Maths Tuition - Kate Down	downfamily@btinternet.com
Maths Tuition – Iain Findlay	01270 811911
Maths Tutor – Susan Wilkinson	01270 811057
Maths & English Tuition - Pauline Hobbs	01270 811886
Piano, flute & keyboard Tutor – Nikki Pascall	01270 811838
Riding Instructor -Louise Challenger	01270 811488
Science & Physics Tuition - Ivor Howarth	01270 811196

LOCAL PLACES TO STAY

Badger's Cottage	adamdutton@hotmail.co.uk
Cherry Tree Barns	01270 811600
Combermere Abbey	01948 662876
Little Heath Farm	01270 811324
Oakpond Cottages	01948 890245
Overwater Marina	01270 812677

PET SERVICES

A Pet's Progress -James Irvine	01270 811885
Audlem Pet Care	panny143@yahoo.com
Dog Walking – Elizabeth Humphreys	01270 619784
Dogs R Groovy	01270 812739
Flat Out Canine Massage	01270 812739
Forest Pet Services	01270 812912
Glorious Paws – dog grooming – Lydia Goodwin	07951 690903
Grange Boarding Kennels and Cattery	01270 811264
Livery Services – Jayne Eaton	07760 235865
Marycare - Shaughna Mary Warburton	01270 812578
Pet Portraits – Deb Caine	01270 811849
Santosh Boarding Kennels & Cattery	01270 811314
Scruffles Pet Groomers	01630 478081
Short Bark & Tails Pet Parlour	01270 520392
The Pet Sitter - Claire McLintock	01270 811032

RETIREMENT HOMES

Audlem Country Nursing Home	01270 811514
Cedar Court	01270 812606
Corbrook Park Care Home	01270 812049

SHOPS

Audlem CycleSport	01270 811333
Audlem Dry Cleaners	01270 811593
Audlem Mill	01270 811059
Audlem Pine Furniture	07855 438506
Audlem Upholstery	01270 811155
Co-operative Food	0800 023 4708
Dressing Rooms	01270 811991
EPS Barber's Shop	07946 705665

Flower Divas	01270 812434
Funeral Directors - Graham Tresidder	01270 812512
Funeral Directors - Oxleys	01270 812331
Llovely – confectioners	07948 189942
Oxtail & Trotter Butchers	01270 811793
Quilter's Trading Post	01270 812541
The Deli & Cafe	01270 811554
Williams Newsagents	01270 811210

TRADES

AES Engineering	07768 744319
Audlem Construction and Maintenance	07512 185273
Audlem Decorators -Wayne Williams	01270 811913
Audlem Electrical Services	01270 811845
Audlem's Top Coat (decorator) – Greg Fallows	07572 076034
DJH Plastering & Building Services – Daniel Hurst	07833 336381
DS Building Contractors (Cheshire) Ltd	01630 655907
Decorator - Colin Roycroft	07710 871608
Decorator and Joiner -Howard Martin	hdmartinonline@yahoo.com
Diggers & Driveways - Dylan Jones	01270 812368
Elmbreck Technical Services - Julian Slack	01270 812600
Garden & Property Maintenance - Pete Popovic	01270 812557
Interior Decorators - Gareth Hardy	01270 811719
J A Roberts Building Contractors - Jim Roberts	01270 812986
Monroes Plastering Service	01270 812420
N M Plastering Service	01270 811723
Plumber - S R Booth & Son	01270 811449
Property & Garden Maintenance – Brendon Parks	07920 260629
R L Services (plumbing & bathrooms) - Robert Lever	01270 811646
T Rex Tool and Plant Hire	01270 619784
W B Plasterers -Warner Baxter	01270 811370

TRANSPORT

Adderley Garage Ltd	01630 654894
Campervan Hire	01270 812068
Country Taxis	07772 284000
Garage - Coole Pilate Autos	01270 624875
J & J Motors	01270 811411
Ringway Minibus Hire	01270 811670



Events at Audlem Mill

There's a lot happening at Audlem Mill this Autumn.

This includes an exhibition of Canal Art which started on 23 July and continues until 20 August, with linocut prints, and paintings by Eric Gaskell. From 2 September to 1 October, there is a Wool Felting exhibition by Alison Rose. From 8 to 19 October, Handwoven Textiles will be on display by Fiona Nisbet.



And finally, at a date to be arranged, we have Audlem Mill Centenary - an Exhibition of Audlem Mill history

Peter Sylvester

ADAS News

The recent Open Gardens event was a great success. The sun was shining and over 200 people enjoyed looking around the 18 gardens which were on display.

Many thanks are due to the gardeners who worked so hard to prepare their gardens for the event and patiently answered questions from visitors. The feedback was very positive and the most frequently asked question was 'when will the next Open Gardens event take place??'

The hanging baskets and flower tubs are now coming into full bloom and are looking stunning. Britain in Bloom judges have recently visited Audlem.

We'll know if we have received any awards later in the summer.



(One of the open gardens on display)

Schoolchildren at St James Primary School have all taken home a sunflower plant to nurture over the holidays. They will hopefully all bring photos of their fully grown plants into school in September.

Finally, please remember to return your subscription envelopes to Williams Newsagents - all your donations are used to improve the amenities in our village.

If you would like become involved in ADAS events please contact us at adascontact@gmail.com. Your help would be much appreciated!

Irene Price

History Society

Members of the Society had a most enjoyable and informative afternoon in June at Whitmore Hall, Staffordshire when we were given a guided tour of a number of the 52 rooms - including the servants' quarters. The Hall is a Grade I listed building and we were fortunate to meet both Guy and Christine Cavenagh - Mainwaring - descendants of the original Norman owners for who lived over 900 years ago. Unfortunately, inclement weather meant that we were unable to explore the extensive grounds or stable block. Perhaps next time!!

We start off our Autumn programme in September with what promises to be a highly entertaining talk by local residents Jane and Pete Marshall on their acting adventures and travels over the years on the canals.

In October our speaker will be Margaret Veal, Education and Museum Officer at Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum on 'The Primitive Methodist Story'.

Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings - it's just £3 on the door. For more information please contact Dorothy Jones on 01270 811814

News from the Methodist Churches of Audlem and Hankelow

Change of Minister

July 31st saw a goodbye to Rev Jennifer Matthews as our minister, with our good wishes and prayers for her future ministry. Jennifer has now completed her training studies and was ordained July 3rd. In September she will move within the Circuit to a fulltime appointment in Crewe.

Here in the Audlem area we welcome Rev Gary Windon from the Wrexham area as our parttime minister. Gary will be retaining his existing halftime post in hospice chaplaincy, of which he has much experience and training. His ministerial experiences encompass 16 years within Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian settings in the Midlands, Manchester and North Wales.

Christina Lawson

APHAx (Audlem Public Hall Annexe) Update

These are exciting times for the APHAx team as we approach the construction stage of the annexe to Audlem Public Hall. Since confirmation of the Big Lottery Funding a vast amount of necessary detail has been dealt with and we will be keeping the village informed of what is happening. The key points are:

- Tenders have been invited from a number of suitably experienced builders.
- It is expected that the successful one will be confirmed late July/early August with work starting on site end of August 2016 with completion June 2017.
- The first action will be the builder establishing his site compound, which will of necessity be larger than the new building.
- The plan showing the extent of this cannot be published here for technical reasons, but displays of the map will appear on Audlem Online, the village information screens and other prominent places soon.
- It will require temporary changes in the car parking which will be re-lined with the aim of minimising any loss of spaces. Cheshire East, the landowner, has granted APHAx a licence for the compound to be erected.
- The builders have been advised to use the compound for work force vehicles and make every effort to park off site.
- The degree of disruption will be kept to a minimum. Access to the playing field, playground, tennis courts and Public Hall will not be affected.
- Obviously at times there will be large plant working and construction materials being delivered and APHAx will give advance information when this is planned.
- Inevitably a construction project of this size will cause some disruption and we ask for your patience and remember the superb sport and recreational facilities for residents of all ages this will provide.
- The Architect, Martin Bower of Bower Edleston will be Project Manager.

The APHAx team will be working closely with him and the builder. Please raise any concerns with any of the following members of the APHAx team:

Roland Hall 01270 812530
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Geoff Stretch 01270 811011
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Frank Gillies 01270 811852
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John Tilling 01270 811990 j.tilling@audlem.org

Thank you for all your support to date and please keep a look out for future fund raising events in the coming weeks.

Audlem Saints Football Club (ASFC)

After many years of service, Mike Hancock recently retired from his position as coach and chair of ASFC which provides the facility for Audlem children and teenagers under 16 years of age to access free FA trained coaches and participate in local football.

The club ethos is based on 'fair play' and attracts male and female players, focussing on developing skills at all levels. Mike has coached junior players Saturday mornings on the village playing field between September and May since the clubs inception in 2002 including both his own sons Jack and Tom who themselves have gone on to help the team of under 16 players in recent years.

Mike was involved in co-ordinating the team's contribution to the Audlem charity video for the 'Mend our Mum' campaign. ASFC relies solely upon volunteers, parental support and sponsorship. Long-standing coach Dave Mansell succeeds Mike as chair from September.

Ceri Parsons

Dates for Your Diary ...

August

- 26 to 29 inclusive: 7th Annual Beer Festival based in the Lord Combermere.
- 27 ADAPT produce stall at the Buttermarket at 10 am.

September

- 3 The Overwater Marina RNLI Festival and Boat Show on September 3rd and 4th.
- 15 History Society meeting at 7.30 pm in Scout & Guide Hall. Speakers: Jane and Pete Marshall on 'Life on the Canals'.

October

- 1 Organ recital at 7.30 pm by Peter Crompton at Audlem Methodist Church.
- 8 Brass and Choral Night at St James's Church.
- 9 and 16th Audlem in Bloom seasonal planting.
- 15 ADAS Table Top Sale at Audlem Public Hall.
- 20 History Society at 7.30 pm in Scout & Guide Hall. Speaker: Margaret Vealon on 'The Primitive Methodist Story'.