



The newsletter for residents of Audlem & District

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## Audlem Parish Council

Parish Council News, July 2018

### Chairperson's Report 2017/2018

During 2017/2018 sadly Bill Consterdine stepped down as a Councillor for the second time after so many years' service to the community that we have lost count. We wish him well in his second retirement. However, we have been delighted to welcome several newcomers to the Parish Council as Tim Lawton, Suzie Warren and Lynette Hopkins were co-opted as Councillors.

Our Clerk, Kirstin Dixon, resigned after five years in the post to do a post-graduate course and was succeeded by Sandie McBennett, who had to leave for family reasons. We thank them for their contribution to the work of the Council. Bee Lopez Bloor became Clerk in April and is proving to be a great support to Councillors.

Long-serving past Councillors were recognised through the street names on the Anwyl development when Councillors' recommendations for (Charles) Marshall Drive, (Derek) McKelvey Way, and also Rope Walk, were accepted by Cheshire East Council.

Despite ongoing disappointment at the outcome of objections to planning permission, the Parish Council has been party to the refusal of the Moorsfield/Tollgate and Woore Road/Mount Pleasant application and (after quite a fight) been successful in getting a right turn lane into the new Anwyl development when coming from Nantwich. Councillors will be working with Cheshire East on the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan once their requirements for Audlem are fully known.

The Parish Council gave a second £10,000 donation to the new Annexe, which is doing well after its grand opening in November. The Council has also supported the Music and Arts Festival, Carnival and ADAS. The well-attended village meeting in April 2017 had a rural theme, focusing on the countryside and wildlife surrounding Audlem and ways of accessing it.

This coming financial year promises to be particularly exciting as, with the full support of residents, the Parish Council will purchase the Green Lane field. This will protect this special area from development and ensure it is kept for community use. If planning permission can be obtained and the necessary funding found it is hoped that additional parking spaces can be made available to

provide some relief to the parking problems in the village.

The ongoing saga of the take-over of the playing field complex remains unresolved due to staff issues in Fields in Trust and a number of legal issues but we are hopeful that the transfer will soon be completed.

After four years in the role, this is my last report as Chair of Audlem Parish Council and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and, in particular my Vice Chair, Geoff Seddon, for his hard work throughout this time. At the May AGM Geoff was elected Chair with David Higham as Vice Chair and I wish them every success in their roles.



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Parish Council meetings will be held in the Meeting Rooms adjoining Audlem Methodist Church on Mondays, 3rd September and 1st October 2018. 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.

## Nantwich & Rural Children's Centre

Free activities for children aged 0-4 and their families (0-11 in school holidays).

As well as the Children's Centre there is a Mobile Children's Centre vehicle to bring the free services to children and families living in rural areas.

For further details:

Visit Us At: Dog Lane, Nantwich, CW5 5GX

Call Us On: 01270 375 390

Email Us At: [NWCCadmin@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:NWCCadmin@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Facebook: Nantwich and Rural Children's Centre (@NantwichAndRuralCC)

## ADAS Open Gardens Success

The ADAS committee and volunteers have been very busy during the past few months planting the summer displays around the village and many favourable comments have been received about the choice of plants this year. Several water butts have been installed to minimise the use of water and some of the older tubs have been replaced.

The most recent ADAS fundraising event was the Open Gardens weekend in June. The event was a great success, due in part to the wonderful weather. Approximately 400 visitors enjoyed looking around the variety of gardens on display. Many had come from far afield - Sandbach, Newcastle, Stoke, Yeovil, Oxford and "somewhere in Suffolk"! A grand total of approximately £1,800 was raised, which will be used to fund future projects in Audlem. Many thanks are due to the garden owners for all their hard work, especially those who provided the much appreciated refreshments for visitors.



The children at St James School will soon be receiving plants to grow during the summer holidays. This year the School Council has voted to have pumpkins - they will be judged in September according to size and the most creative carving/dressing - again the choice of the School Council. It will be interesting to see the results of their hard work!

The next ADAS event will be a choral concert in St James Church on Saturday 20th October at 7pm. Audlem Voices and Weaver Primary School Choir will be performing - it should be an entertaining evening.

During the autumn the ADAS committee and volunteers will be removing the summer bedding and replanting the tubs with bulbs and winter pansies. As usual extra volunteers are always welcome - please email [adascontact@gmail.com](mailto:adascontact@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

Finally, the ADAS committee have been busy delivering subscription envelopes around the village. Your contributions are vital to fund local events such as the Big Switch On, Christmas trees and lighting, carol singing, as well as floral displays. Please return your envelopes to Williams Newsagents or Flower Divas and complete the Gift Aid section if you are eligible. You can also donate with Gift Aid online using the following link: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/8379>

All contributions are most welcome!

## History Society



'The Civil War comes to Cheshire' was the subject of our May meeting. Speaker Keith Lawrence, Director of the English Civil War Centre at Nantwich Museum, gave us a refreshingly different take on this familiar story.

Over the summer, we take a break from the programme of talks but are certainly not inactive. In early June, members visited Highfields, the fine half-timbered sixteenth century house just south of Audlem. Our thanks to John and Sue Baker for making us so welcome.

In July, we head off to the north end of the county to The Catalyst Science Discovery Centre in Widnes which, in its own words, is 'the only museum in the UK which explores the science and technology behind the chemical industry and its impact on our lives past and present'.

The autumn programme starts on Thursday 20 September and further details are given in the Diary Dates section. Even if you are not a member, you are very welcome to attend any of our meetings which are held in the Scout and Guide Hall in Cheshire Street.

## Activities at Audlem Scout and Guide Hall

Audlem Scout and Guide Hall hosts several activities for everyone throughout the week, including Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Beavers. Volunteers and new members are always welcome for all branches of the uniformed organisations.



Other regular groups include:

- Women's Institute
- History Society
- Supple Strength
- Watercolour Art Class
- Still Life Art Class
- Pilates
- Tai Chi
- Ju Jitsu
- Hoola Hoop Class.

The hall may also be booked for children's parties and small functions for up to 100 people.

For further information on the hall call: 01270 811047

## Overwater Wheelyboat

Maughan Lass, the Overwater Wheelyboat, can report an almost 50% increase in sailings and passengers this



season. This has been helped by more joint bookings with the Audlem Lass. This enables people of limited mobility to enjoy our very attractive canal with others who are more mobile. People can enjoy the bird life and serenity and, of course, the excellent Bridge 80 cafe. The weather has helped enormously this year.

The service is very flexible and availability can be established with a call to 01270 812677 or 01270 811454. The cost of the wheelyboat is simply a donation depending on numbers and ability to pay.

Normal sailings are Monday to Friday at 11am and 2pm, but we are flexible and can adjust timings (for example to suit cafe reservations).

Please use the above numbers for any queries.

## ADAPT Food Group

The ADAPT Food Group are still running the popular Saturday market in the Lord Combermere car park where there is plenty of fresh home grown produce and lots of free advice on gardening matters!

We have taken our market stall to Hankelow Fete and will be going to the Nantwich Societies Fair in the Square on Saturday, 21st July and the RNLI Festival at Overwater Marina on Sunday, 9th September.



We have visited Wollerton Old Hall Gardens and are planning visits to Weston and Nantwich allotments.

Also watch out for the annual Apple Pressing morning in October which will take place under the Buttermarket.

## Klezmer-ish ... Music of Travellers

TAVA's next show, Klezmer-ish ... Music of Travellers, is on Saturday 27 October 2018 at 7.30pm. An evening with top class musicians - performing a wide range of music from across the world.

Tickets: Janet 01270 811250

Details to follow on Audlem Online.

## Live Well Cheshire East

Have you visited your Council's new online resource yet? Launched in 2017, Live Well Cheshire East provides information and advice on a range of services across Cheshire East, giving you greater choice and control to support you and your family.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/livewell.aspx>

This easy to use directory of over 3,000 services has already won many accolades from the public sector, communities and individuals. You can use Live Well Cheshire East to find information and advice on subjects such as:

- health matters
- community activities
- care and support for adults
- care and support for children
- living independently
- education, employment and money matters
- looking after someone
- local offer for SEN and disability
- staying safe.

You can also send us feedback about the directory, and suggest services to be included. We are looking forward to hearing from you!



## RNLI Festival at Overwater Marina

The annual RNLI Festival takes place at Overwater Marina on the weekend of 8th and 9th September.

On Saturday 8th September a Boatshare event takes place from 10am to 5pm. Entertainment is provided by: Funky choir and Geoff Rey, BBQ and bar from 6pm in the big marquee.



On Sunday 9 September the festival commences at 10am, with the Steve Leonard dog show at 11am. There will be

ferret racing, archery tuition, fishing coaching and much more throughout the day, including the raft race at 2pm. There is also a Speakers' Corner including gardeners' question time, a canal forum and Nantwich Riding Club dressage and show jumping.

Entry is free, car park weekend pass £5. Free programmes. Audlem Lass will be running all day with back up from the wheelyboat from Lock 15 to Overwater.

## Charity Fair at the Chapel

The Methodist Chapel will be holding a charity fair on Saturday 3rd November at 10.30am until 1.30pm. Local charities will be having stalls, and we shall be selling refreshments. Please come and support our local fundraising groups. More details nearer the time. If your charity has not already booked and would like to be involved, please contact us.

## Events at Audlem Mill

Now in its tenth year, the July Gathering of Historic Boats is one of the major events on the canal system each year. Organised by Audlem Mill, it attracts about 30 to 35 old ex-working boats to the canal locks. The boats were built between the 1890s and about 1960, many having travelled up to a week or more to get here, and present a wonderful colourful spectacle. Visitors come from all across the Midlands and North.



Audlem Mill is hosting an exhibition of work by acclaimed canal artist Eric Gaskell until 18 August. Most of the works on show will be linocut prints, in colour and black and white. A really inspiring collection!

## Diary Dates ...

### September

20 History Society Meeting at 7.30pm in the Scout and Guide Hall. Speaker: Tony Bostock on 'Cheshire Pubs and Pub Signs'.

### October

18 History Society Meeting at 7.30pm in the Scout and Guide Hall. Speaker: Grahame Dodd on 'A Crewe Factory Girl' – the story of Ada Nield Chew.