

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

As each new edition of our Village News nears publication, I only want to tell you 'good news', but it is still hard to come by. The most exciting is that people are travelling again and with our vaccine programme leading the world I do sense a feeling of optimism at long last. Our NHS staff, not only in our excellent Medical Centre but across the county continue to care for us brilliantly and our thanks must go to them and their families.

What makes me very sad though is that our Community Primary School children will have to wait yet another year as their Multi Use Games Area has been delayed due to the pandemic. My thoughts are with those parents and officers of the School who have worked so very hard to see their dream delayed.

Our hospitality venues continue to struggle and this month brought the news that the Alderley Bar and Grill will close in two weeks time. So sad to see an established business finish, leaving just memories behind.

We continue to be invaded at the weekends by endless noisy and rude drivers who choose to use our Village as a playground for their anti-social behaviour. Moves are afoot to address this issue but it is far from a simple exercise. I shall no doubt be told on social media that we are very lucky to have these shiny pieces of metal paraded on our streets every week!

Later in this edition, we have asked everyone politely, who has a hedge overhanging a public footpath or pavement, to take steps to cut it back, right to your boundary, so that it does not impede pedestrians using the path.

We have had a number of near incidents over this last year - and the rain in May has caused our hedges to grow massively. Please play your part in this urgent exercise.

The May Fair in September is coming. Let's celebrate that and then look forward to Christmas when families can hopefully come together for a Cool Yule!

My best wishes

Mike Dudley-Jones

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Festival Hall

Originally built in the 1920s's, this hidden gem has hosted generations of family celebrations, right in the heart of Alderley Edge. Following its complete refurbishment, Festival Hall now provides a multi-functional venue and includes a fully licensed bar. The building also boasts a selection of rooms to accommodate a wide variety of events with space for up to 250 people.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR 2022

22 OCTOBER



A FUN PACKED EVENING OF
LAUGHING, DANCING, SINGING,
DABBING & LIFE CHANGING PRIZES

24 SEPTEMBER MANFORD'S COMEDY CLUB

WE BRING AWARD-WINNING LIVE
STAND-UP COMEDY TO ALDERLEY EDGE!
EVERY SHOW HAS A DIFFERENT LINE-UP
OF FOUR TOP COMEDIANS, ALL CHOSEN
BY JASON MANFORD...

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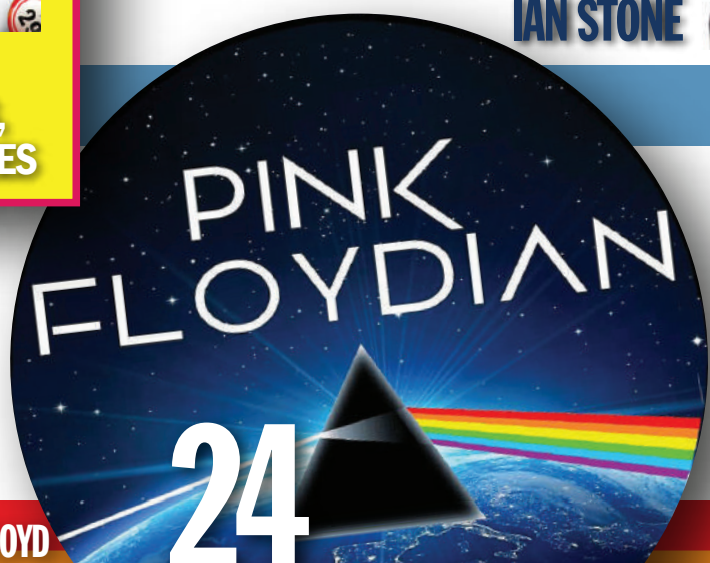
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NORTH WEST'S FINEST MUSICIANS, CLOSE YOUR EYES AND PINK FLOYDIAN WILL TAKE YOU BACK.



Show & Tell

Alderley History Group enjoys its first face-to-face meeting for eighteen months *by John Wallace*



Like everyone else in the world, we in Alderley History Group have had to stay away from each other for far too long over the past eighteen months – but finally, in July 2021, we had our first proper get-together since early 2020, at Saint Philip's Church, where, by happy coincidence, an impressively large Alderley Edge history archive has been collated and stored and is available for inspection.

Alderley History Group folks need little or no excuse to talk about history or reminisce about the past, but on this occasion they enjoyed the prompting of a Show & Tell exhibition of members' memorabilia and archive materials, both of which stimulated memory, curiosity and recollection.

For my own part, I submitted a raggle-taggle bunch of found objects that I have picked up on The Edge over the many years I have been walking there: ancient beer bottles; glass and pot shards from the site of the old Hagg Cottages that once stood near The Sandhills; a curious thick green glass container found poking out of the soil above the quarry on Mottram Road – and most mysterious of all, a number 6 (or is it a number 9?) from a 1950s car number-plate, unearthed from deep in a furrow of thick mud in Windmill Wood.

We were also treated to a wealth of historic photographs, gazetteers, maps – and a genuine Alderley Edge-made brick, proudly stamped 'Potts', recalling the 19th century Heyes Lane brick-works that used to be located adjacent to the small row of cottages still known as Belmont.

If you're interested in Alderley Edge history; if you'd enjoy the regular companionship of well attended meetings, talks, visits – and some unfeasibly jolly social evenings – then please join us! You can find us on Facebook at Alderley History Group where details of our meetings are regularly published. You'll be made very welcome!

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday the 28th September at 7.15pm** when Alderley History Group member John Wallace will be talking about his latest book, 'Air Born', the true story of two American Spitfire pilots flying for the RAF in the Second World War.



CHORLEY HALL LANE ALLOTMENTS OPEN DAY

Saturday 11th Sept 11am to 3pm WITH POP-UP SHOP AND CAFE

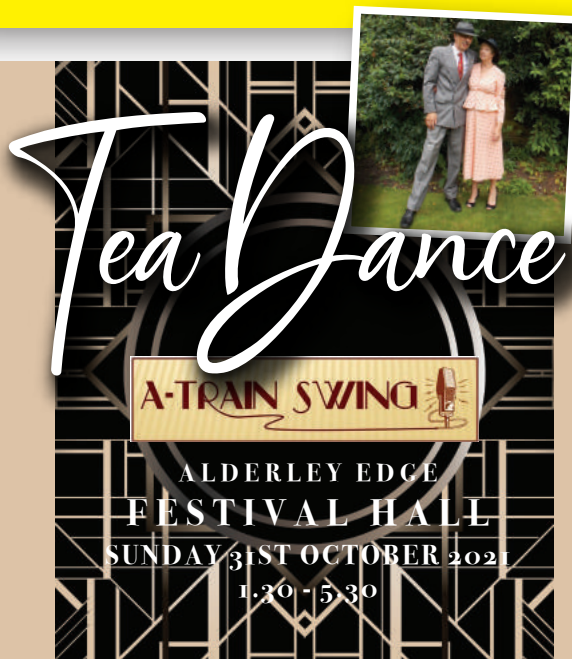
Entrance via the pedestrian gate only

We are delighted to invite you to visit our allotment site and see what allotment gardening is all about. Pop-up shop selling homemade crafts and Christmas gifts, bespoke bird and bat boxes, garden sundries, plus a whole lot more! Cream Teas will be served to raise funds for Guide Dogs.

Waiting list enquires please contact Alderley Edge Parish Council on www.alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk/the-parish/allotments

All other enquires please contact us on CHLAA@AOL.COM

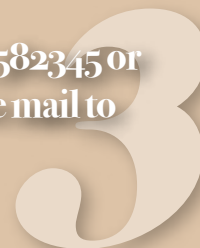
We look forward to seeing you!



“From Waltz to Watusi; from Jive to Jitterbug - after two years' absence, it's great to get back to dance in all its forms!” says swing-dancer and vintage enthusiast Richard Poole, who is organising an Alderley Edge afternoon Tea Dance in aid of Parkinson's UK.

The event will be held on Sunday 31st October 2021 in the Festival Hall, Talbot Road, Alderley Edge, from 1.30pm to 5.30pm. Featuring '30s and '40s swing, jive and ballroom music played by vintage DJ, A-Train Swing, tea, coffee and cakes are also included in the ticket price of just £9, along with a raffle and a licenced bar to complete the afternoon's entertainment.

Tickets are available from Richard Poole on 01625 582345 or Diana Bullock on 01625 585600 or by sending an e mail to jusrich@btinternet.com.





NICE to meet you... *Bev Chapman*

Bev Chapman is a very busy lady. Having retired from a successful career within aviation, she continues to seek out new challenges and meet new people. She kindly gave me some of her time to find out more about her hectic life and how she gives back to the village. - by Liz Marshall

YOU'VE HAD AN INTERESTING CAREER. HOW HAS YOUR BACKGROUND HELPED TOWARDS PARISH COUNCIL WORK?

I started my career as a secretary working in London for big companies like Yardley and British Pharmacopeia. This taught me how to be organized and I guess prepared me for a life as a Parish Councillor. I've always had customer focused roles and worked with BEA Airlines, initially on the ground in a meet and greet role. I then moved into airborne roles with a charter airline in the UK before spending twelve years in the Middle East in various roles. The critical skills that I bring to the Parish Council from my career are the ability to problem solve; the importance of great customer service; how to be a team player and my experience of working with the multi-cultured public.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO ALDERLEY EDGE?

I was head hunted by an airline who were beginning to work out of Manchester airport. I literally needed somewhere to base myself so, along with my mother, we drove all around the locations within commuting distance. Back then, In 1987, believe it or not Alderley Edge looked a little bit different!

HAVING HAD A CAREER IN AVIATION, WHAT ARE THE CHANGES YOU'VE WITNESSED?

Security is much tighter than when I started out. I think there is still the fun element within the crew. I was obviously much younger when I started flying and in 1974, there was a lot of fun! It was exciting too, when I started in the 70's, the charter market was relatively new and flying was an event, not just a means to get from A to B. I don't fly much these days!

WE'VE ALL HEARD ABOUT 'IN-FLIGHT CAPERS', DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES TO TELL?

[laughs] I have but they're not going in print!

NOT ONLY ARE YOU A PARISH COUNCILLOR, BUT YOU WERE ALSO TREASURER OF THE ALDERLEY EDGE IN-BLOOM GROUP. HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED AND WHERE DO ALL THE PLANTS COME FROM?

The Alderley Edge in-Bloom group are great, they're all a dedicated great bunch of volunteers and do lots around the village including litter picking and looking after their allotment. They fund raise to buy plants and they have lots of knowledge about how to propagate and over-winter the plants.

AND YOU'RE THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MEDICAL CENTRE?

I'm the Chairperson for the Patients Participation Group (PPG). Unfortunately, we're not presently meeting due to the pandemic. We provide a voice to the public and work with the surgery to problem solve and provide answers. Again, we're all volunteers.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE TIME?

I have a partner and a cat. I do the usual things, cooking, cleaning, gardening, and I look after a flower bed in the park. I work with a team of volunteers who care for the land at Wood Gardens. Other than that, I love Pilates, gardening, having facials, getting my hair done... Gosh, there's always something to do!

IF YOU COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT?

There are lots of places I'd love to explore, particularly China, all of the Far East and Russia. I'm fascinated by USA and the difference between the states. I'd love to see the Rockies and the Presidents on Mount Rushmore.

IF HOLLYWOOD CONTACTED YOU TO MAKE A FILM ABOUT YOUR LIFE, WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CAST AS YOU?

Meryl Streep – definitely! I see myself in her!

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER THE BEST THING ABOUT ALDERLEY EDGE?

The best thing is my neighbourhood because of the people who live there. I find it friendly, people stop to chat, even strangers stop on occasion. I love that the village is animal friendly, lots of dogs – except for the poo bags everywhere! I find Alderley easy; it has everything that I want in a village and it works for me.

IF YOU WERE CAST AWAY TO A DESERT ISLAND, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LUXURY ITEM?

Can I take my cat? Maybe not, that's a bit weird! But seriously, a luxury item, gosh! I'd take a course to study, something to keep my brain active. I studied counselling a while ago and would like to further that with studying psychology, yes that would really interest me and keep me occupied.





Alderley Edge In Bloom



AS OUR LIVES ARE SLOWLY RETUNING TO NORMAL, RESIDENTS MIGHT LIKE TO CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH THEY CAN ENGAGE IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY. ONE WAY IS VOLUNTEER WITH ALDERLEY EDGE IN BLOOM.

There are many benefits to volunteering and one is meeting new like-minded people keen to make a difference to their community. Lockdowns have shown how important social interaction is to all of us and our group aims to promote health and wellbeing through our activities. We also meet socially for coffee and have recently started an enjoyable 'weed and feed' working party at our allotment, combining working and socialising over drinks.

We do need new volunteers to help at our allotment where we grow vegetables for the Luncheon Club and cut flowers for the village churches. Working with the Luncheon Club we plan to supply them with more fruit and vegetables. We plan to grow new potatoes, and fruit such as blackcurrants, rhubarb and gooseberries for crumbles, which are particularly popular with the club members.

If you are thinking of joining the volunteers please remember there is no requirement for major gardening skills or equipment; we can support volunteers with guidance and tools. There is no need to be tied to specific times or days; you can work when it suits you. Volunteers do meet regularly at the allotment on Wednesdays and Fridays at 2pm if you prefer to work with people. No long term commitment is required.

We can always use new volunteers to help with our year-round busy village planting; in spring there is planting for the summer, in summer there is watering and in autumn there is planting for the winter displays. If your interests are non-gardening why not join our litter-picking volunteers who are an active and visible presence on the streets of Alderley Edge every week. We will supply all the equipment necessary. Regular litter picks take place in groups every Monday morning starting at 10.00 but many volunteers work throughout the week on their own.

If your skills are more in sales and marketing why not volunteer on our Drum and Monkey market stall each month. We are a completely self-funding group and fundraising is very important to the continuance of our activities in the village. Residents can support us in another way by joining us at various fundraising events such as wine-tasting at Laithwaites which is planned for later this year.

There are many ways in which residents can contribute to our activities be they at our allotment, with village displays, with litter-picking or with fundraising. If anyone is interested in helping please call or text **Leslie Cox the Chair of the group on 07774 488450.**



THE VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT COMPETITION (The Front Garden Competition)

For the second year running the competition has been limited to residential displays only as the pandemic has affected local businesses and hospitality venues. With the absence of the Village Show, normally held at the end of August in the Festival Hall, the competition has been denied an opportunity to applaud the winners at a prizegiving ceremony. That said, our Winner, Runner up and Highly commended displays are a great credit to their owners. Truly, beautiful gardens. Thank you.

The **Winners** of The Shell Trophy this year are the **Jamieson family on Marlborough Avenue.** The judges opted for this stunning contemporary garden design which sets off the house perfectly. A garden that looks truly wonderful not only in the sun but on a rainy day too!

The **Runners Up** this year is **Peter and Jean Smallwood on Windermere Drive.** Now this garden cannot be called 'minimalist' in any way! A riot of colour and hard work. Wonderful! It should be said that Peter and Jean were Highly Commended in 2019 so an ongoing success story!

The judges award a **Highly Commended** category each year and this year's award goes to the **Abell family on Moss Lane.** Neat, understated and highly effective. Very pleasing.

There are some truly stunning front gardens in the Village; a joy to see. Added to these we have the hard work put in by the Alderley In Bloom Group of volunteers who have done a wonderful job in ensuring the Village looks well. The sunflowers in the Railings planters are a particular triumph!

Thank you everyone for your hard work.



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Alderley Edge May Fair



September 10/11

WHO'S READY FOR A PARTY?
HERE'S A CHANCE FOR EVERYONE
TO ENJOY FUN AND GAMES ON THE PARK,
SAFELY, SECURELY, WITH THOSE THAT WE LOVE,
LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

2021

An open invitation to the Alderley Edge May Fair.

We'll start the celebration of our wonderful village at 4 o'clock on Friday with an evening of music, sport and laughter, lovingly cooked street food and a little bit of drink.

Feel welcome to watch faded glory and mercenary ambition in our Five-a-side Football, or join our junior fun run around the park and playing fields. Then relax in front of our Live Music Stage, headlined by Abba tribute UK Bjorn. The sun will disappear, so wear fancy dress and bring a blanket or Gran's thermals.

On Saturday we begin with a colourful parade through the village, starting at 11 o'clock. Let's gather on London Road to cheer it past. Throughout the park we focus on live family entertainment. Wander in our market, watch local musicians on our stage and enjoy our arena events, workshops and funfair. Why not enter your best friend into the village dog show?

And don't forget, as always The Alderley Edge May Fair is **FREE** for everyone!

enjoy YOURSELVES!





Angel of Light

Many of you will have noticed a new visitor to our village over the last few weeks. Our "Angel of Light" appeared at the junction of Macclesfield Road and London Road towards the end of July and is part of a national campaign to recognise and acknowledge the efforts of all NHS staff, key workers and volunteers who have worked so hard to protect and care for their fellow human beings over the course of the pandemic.

The Angel also provides a focal point for us to reflect upon and perhaps remember those who have sadly lost their lives or lost loved ones to Covid-19. Initially, our Angel was intended to be in place only for a couple of weeks; however, such has been the positive feedback we have received that we have made arrangements for him to remain in place until the end of the summer. The Parish Council is also working to see whether it might be possible for the Angel to make a reappearance over the Christmas period, later this year.

Concerts under the Spire *Alderley Edge Methodist Church Matinee Series*

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF LIVE MUSIC TO ALDERLEY EDGE METHODIST CHURCH.



CONCERTS TAKE PLACE ON
THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2 PM.
ADMISSION IS £10 AND INCLUDES
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE RECITAL.

15 SEPTEMBER

BETH WILLETT *Viola*
CARL LEIGHTON *Piano*
Beth and Carl appear by kind permission of the RNCM

20 OCTOBER

KELL WIND TRIO
ALASTAIR ROBERTS *Flute*
GEOFFREY SMITH *Clarinet*
IAN HARVEY *Basoon V*

17 NOVEMBER

MERAKI DUO
MEERA MAHARAJ *Flute*
JAMES GIRLING *Guitar*

Library Volunteers

With the recent relaxation of government restrictions, we are looking to restart our Tuesday afternoon sessions at the library once more. As a reminder, a group of about 20 volunteers, working under the auspices of the Parish Council, was set up in 2018 to help ensure Alderley Edge Library remained open. Clearly, we have not been able to work in the library over the last 18 months, but we are now looking to start again and hopefully include arts & crafts as well as reading and poetry sessions in our activities once more.

From Tuesday 5th October, we hope to re-open Alderley Edge Library between 1.30pm and 5.30pm when residents can lend or return books, browse the library, do some photocopying, or take part in one of our other organised activities; however, a handful of our original volunteers have let us know that they will not be able to help out anymore and therefore we are putting out an appeal for other residents to step forward and help us out.

So, if you can spare a couple of hours once a month on a Tuesday afternoon (there are two slots, 1.30pm to 3.30pm and 3.30pm to 5.30pm) please do get in touch via aelibvolunteers@gmail.com. The role is not particularly onerous, but full training will be given and we always work in groups of at least three volunteers, so we support each other. This is a great opportunity to support a much-needed service in Alderley Edge.





LIGHTING UP CHRISTMAS 2021

Christmas 2021 will see an exciting new display of lights in our trees on London Road. The existing 16 trees will be decorated with new Christmas lights, and the scheme will light an additional 4 trees in time for the festive season. We will also continue to have the 14 lamppost displays which were added in 2019.

Many of you will have noticed the lights in the trees along London Road were in a poor state, they had effectively reached the end of their lifetime with many bulbs expired and cables falling from the branches. Although we explored the idea of replacing 'like for like' with our lights draped across the boughs in the foliage, this has proved difficult as the draped lights are often snagged by passing tall vehicles and damaged by the wind. Therefore, our new lights will be wrapped around the branches of each tree.

The Christmas lights display is funded and provided by Alderley Edge Parish Council who budgeted to replace the tree lights for 2021. After a tender process, a supplier was agreed, and residents should notice work begin in the coming months. The Parish Council and Christmas Fair Committee are organising a switch on event on 13th November 2021. The festivities will begin at 10am when there will be a market on South Street car park until 4pm. Alternative parking will be made available. Look out for the street entertainers and activities taking place along London Road. At dusk, around 5pm, we will congregate at the library and parade with our handmade lanterns along London Road towards Waitrose where we'll be met with music and drinks.



MAKE YOUR OWN LANTERN

There are plenty of online tutorials showing how to make a lantern, be as creative as you like or you could keep it as simple as holding a LED tea light in cupped hands! Re-cycle a plastic water bottle into a stunning handle held lantern or really go to town with tissue, willow and long poles. There will be spot prizes on the day. Join in, bring the family and let's have some fun!



Community Spirit

On Wednesday 25th August, St Philip & St James Church threw a party for all the volunteers who helped run the foodbank and do shopping for people who were isolating during the lockdown.

"Covid showed us how strong this community is and how many people who live in Alderley Edge want to be a good neighbour especially during a time of crisis," said the vicar, Robin Pye. "We wanted to say a big thank you to the volunteers and so we thought we'd invite them to a party. The party also helped us to feel that we are over the worst of covid and we wanted to celebrate the permanent changes for the better which we have discovered by working collectively in the face of adversity. A number of our volunteers have continued to support vulnerable people in the community even though we are no longer in lockdown so there has been a lasting improvement in the way we live together."

The party took place in the church's marquee which has been erected next to the church for a number of months. It has been the venue for a regular toddler session on Tuesday mornings, a regular yoga class on Monday nights and all sorts of one-off events including afternoon teas, birthday parties and receptions after baptisms and funerals.

"We got the funding for the marquee in November last year thinking it would be good to have a sheltered outdoor space for the lockdowns we were expecting in 2021," said Robin. "The marquee was supplied by local company, Cheshire Marquees, and it has stood up really well. People love it. We will be putting it up every spring whether or not we are in lockdown. It provides a lovely space and it's a good community asset."

Things are slowly getting back to normal in church. The church is busy working through a backlog of baptisms and weddings. The normal pattern of children's services has now resumed: Toddler Service at 11.45 on the first Sunday of the month, Sunday School at 10am on the second Sunday of the month and Family Communion at 10am on the third Sunday of the month. The church will discuss whether to resume congregational singing at a meeting on 9th September and the much-loved animal service will take place at 4pm on Sunday 3rd October.



What's On 2021

September

- 4th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 5th Toddler Service – 11.45am – St Philip's Church
- 8th-9th Sweaty Betty Warehouse Sale – Festival Hall
- 9th Cycle Tour of Britain travels through Alderley Edge
- 10th May Fair – Music and Sport - 5pm to 9.30pm - Ryleys Lane Park
- 11th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 11th May Fair – Parade and Family Fun Day – 11am - London Road and Ryley's Lane Park
- 11th Chorley Hall Lane Allotments Open Day – 11am to 3pm
- 12th Wilmslow Running Festival www.wilmslowrunningfestival.org.uk
- 12th Sunday School – 10am – St Philip's Church
- 15th Concert – 2pm – Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 18th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 19th Family Communion – 10am – St Philip's Church
- 24th Manfords Comedy Club – Festival Hall
- 25th Ward Councillor's Surgery – 10am – Library, London Road
- 25th Market – 10am to 4pm - Drum & Monkey
- 25th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 28th History Group Meeting – 7.15pm at. St Philip's Church

October

- 2nd Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 3rd Toddler Service – 11.45am – St Philip's Church
- 3rd Animal Service – St Philip's Church – 4pm
- 4th NHS Blood Donation Day – Festival Hall
- 9th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 10th Sunday School – 10am – St Philip's Church
- 17th Family Communion – 10am – St Philip's Church
- 16th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 20th Kell Wind Trio – Concert – 2pm - Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 22nd Bingo Revolution – Festival Hall
- 23rd Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 23rd Market – 10am to 4pm – Drum & Monkey
- 30th Ward Councillor's Surgery – 10am – Library, London Road
- 31st Tea Dance – 1.30pm to 5.30pm – Festival Hall

November

- 6th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 7th Toddler Service – 11.45am – St Philip's Church
- 13th Christmas Market – 10am to 4pm - South Street Car Park
- 13th Christmas Lights Switch on and Lantern Parade - 5pm
- 13th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 14th Remembrance Parade
- 14th Sunday School – 10am – St Philip's Church
- 14th Alderley Edge Symphony Orchestra Concert – Festival
- 17th Meraki Duo – Concert – 2pm – Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 20th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 21st Family Communion – 10am – St Philip's Church
- 24th Pink Floydian Concert – Festival Hall
- 27th Ward Councillor's Surgery – 10am – Library, London Road
- 27th Market – 10am to 4pm – Drum & Monkey
- 27th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church

December

- 4th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 5th Toddler Service – 11.45am – St Philip's Church
- 10th Antiques Valuations – Festival Hall
- 11th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 12th Sunday School – 10am – St Philip's Church
- 18th Ward Councillor's Surgery – 10am – Library, London Road
- 18th Market – 10am to 4pm – Drum & Monkey
- 18th Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall – 10am to 12pm Alderley Edge Methodist Church
- 19th Family Communion – 10am – St Philip's Church

Medical Practice

It's twenty years this week since I stepped nervously through the doors at George Street to start my GP training with Drs Merchant, Macdonald, Thompson and Hall. I could not have wished for better mentors and a more welcoming village to call my work home.

In that time General Practice has changed and adapted in ways we could never have envisaged. There was no training for global pandemic management at medical school! And yet here we are in summer 2021 – new building, new staff, new way of working but still with the core values passed on by our predecessors.

Doctors, nurses and our associated staff choose general practice as a specialty for many reasons but at the heart of our motivation is the desire to connect on a personal level with people, express genuine empathy and care and see generations of families born, live and eventually pass. There is no greater honour in a medical career.

As such, we are expanding as much as we can within COVID-safe limits the number of face-to-face interactions. The duty doctor sees about 30 patients in person each day and other clinicians have a similar number, with an approximately 50/50 split of telephone and face to face. We continue to monitor how we are able to maintain safe social distancing within the waiting rooms to keep vulnerable patients protected and will rejoice in the day that we can go back to full in-person consulting as this is what we love and are trained to do. We will continue to offer online access and telephone consultations for those who find them more convenient e.g. those at work or maybe at home with small children.

You may notice some new faces around the building as we said goodbye to three retirees: Carol Janion who has been with us since 1996, Sister Sharon Mackenzie and receptionist Jean. Kate has gone on to other opportunities and trainee Dr Naz Ahmed has qualified as a fully fledged GP. We have welcomed reception manager Ian Hindley, new trainees Drs Kilgour, Stewart, Haq and McCann and receptionists Rachel and Gaynor.

In terms of contacting us the phone lines are open every day from 08.00-18.30 for urgent same-day appointments. All other enquiries and appointment requests can be made via our online platform <https://access.klinik.co.uk/contact/alderley-edge-medical-practice> or via our email address ecccg.alderleyedgemp@nhs.net

We understand some people have different needs which make navigating the online world difficult so if in doubt please pick up the phone and we will try to assist you. All this information is contained in our phonenumber message and website <https://www.alderleyedgemp.co.uk/> Bulletins and updates are also posted on our twitter page @alderleyedgemp

Thank you again to all our staff, colleagues and patients for their ongoing support in the face of extreme NHS pressures. We know it's not easy. We are all patients too and share many of your frustrations. To those who offer us a kind word, some sweet pea cuttings from the allotment or a box of chocolates at Christmas we truly value your sentiments.

Stay safe, stay well, keep on with hands, face, space and we'll see you soon! Dr Vicki Taylor, GP Partner.

HEDGES & TREES

Many of us will have noticed how much hedges and trees have grown this year! The huge amount of rainfall we experienced in May was the culprit – but it has left us with a number of dangerously overgrown hedges and tree branches across the Village which now need urgent attention.

In the interests of safety, would you please have a look at your own hedges and trees to ensure that they do not dangerously encroach or overhang a pavement or walkway outside your house or premises. There have always been several narrow pavements in the Village where pedestrians are now being forced to step into the road because of overgrown hedges or trees.

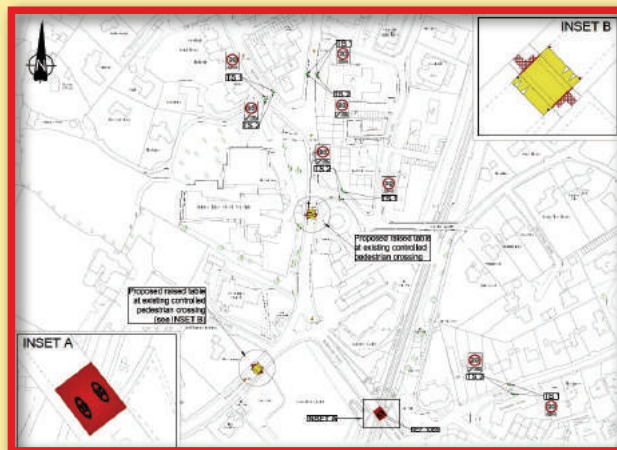
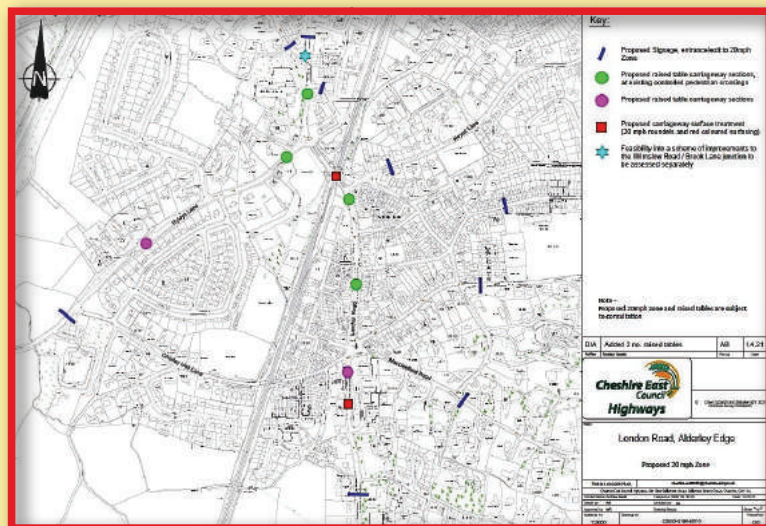
Please play your part in helping everyone to keep safe. If you need help or advice, please contact the Parish Clerk who will contact Paul our Lengthsman.

Consultation on proposed 20MPH zone & traffic calming

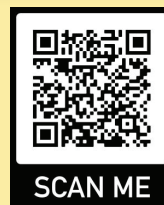


Cheshire East Council is giving residents the chance to comment on a proposed 20mph zone and associated traffic calming measures in the centre of Alderley Edge. The proposals would be funded via Section 106 monies, which have been levied on previous planning applications and developments within the village. Cllr Craig Browne added "the aim of the scheme is to encourage motorists to reduce their speed and to make the village a safer place for pedestrians. I am particularly pleased that the proposals include the installation of raised crossing points near the entrances to our village schools; these will help to slow traffic and make the walk to and from school much safer for our children. In summary, the proposals include:

- a 20mph zone supported by new signage
- new surface treatments and road markings
- raised pedestrian crossings at key locations (Wilmslow Road, London Road, Congleton Road, Ryleys Lane)



I would strongly encourage all residents to support the proposals and respond to the online survey which can be found at:
<https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/AlderleyEdgeProposed20mphZone/>
The consultation deadline is 20th September.



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at Cheshire East Council

CLLR CRAIG BROWNE, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

As reported in the previous edition, the funding that Cheshire East Council receives from central government to maintain our local road network was cut by 23% this year; necessarily, this has meant that this year's repair programme has had to be restricted to main roads and principal routes only. Never the less, with the help of an extra £3m investment by Cheshire East Council, repair works have recently been carried out on Knutsford Road and Macclesfield Road in Alderley Edge. The gully cover over the railway bridge on London Road has also been reset, to the relief of many eardrums!



COMMUNITY SURGERY RE-LAUNCH

With the onset of the pandemic and restrictions on meeting indoors, it has been almost 18 months since my last community surgery. Following the removal of restrictions by the government and with the permission of Cheshire East Council, I am delighted to announce the relaunch of my monthly surgeries on the final Saturday of each month, starting at 10am. From Saturday 28th August, my surgeries will once again be held at Alderley Edge Library.



PLANTERS SPRING INTO BLOOM

Residents will have noticed that three new planters arrived in the park last winter. Located on the triangle in front of the bandstand, the planters have been funded by ANSA (parks maintenance); however, I have taken on the responsibility for refreshing the bedding plants two or three times a year to reflect the different seasons and have recently planted them out with fuchsia, geranium and french marigolds. The Parish Council has also installed new planters at the park entrance.

BID FOR ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING

Cheshire East Council has recently submitted a bid to government for a third tranche of Active Travel Funding. The Council is seeking funding for five schemes in total and I am delighted to confirm that, subject to funding, one of these will see the development of a cycle route along Wilmslow Road (Alderley Edge). This would not only link up with the cycle route recently installed on Alderley Road, but also act as a traffic calming measure by visually narrowing the width of Wilmslow Road.

