



VILLAGE NEWS

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CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

After so much heartache and pain brought on by the global pandemic over nearly two years now, it is rather special that we can look forward to Christmas with all our old choices available to us. It is only when our lives become restricted that we start to truly appreciate the word 'freedom'.

Some might have been puzzled by our decision to share our Remembrance Weekend with our Christmas Lights Switch On event when this would normally be planned more flexibly for a week or so later.

Those who fought and died for us ensured that we had the freedom to choose what happens in our lives. We needed a boost for our retailers and hospitality businesses in the Village and we needed a boost in our own family lives. To hear the words 'Christmas is coming' is more important this year than perhaps ever before. Our fallen heroes would respect that as we thank them in return for the freedom they gave us.

Let us all hope and pray that our Village can continue to return to normal as we move into the New Year. Where we have come together during the delayed May Fair in September and the Christmas Lights and Lantern Festival in November we see the good things about Alderley Edge show through. Long may that continue.

On behalf of everyone in the Parish Council Team, I wish you a Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

My best wishes

Mike Dudley-Jones

If you would like to contribute to the Village News with an article or an event please contact Cllr Liz Marshall
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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.

**TAKING BOOKINGS FOR 2022 AND DUE TO
HIGH DEMAND NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR 2023**



We are pleased to welcome Annette Barrow to our Festival Hall team as Bar and Event Supervisor who will help book your event and ensure it runs smoothly.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK YOUR OWN EVENT

CONTACT FESTIVAL HALL: PHONE 01625 582510

EMAIL: enquiries@festivalhall.com **WEBSITE:** www.aefestivalhall.com

Life in Alderley Edge at Christmas

I love being in Alderley Edge at Christmas because it's so pretty when you drive through the lights at that time – it's really romantic and it reminds me of joy. When we took part in the Christmas lights switch on, we all gathered round for the big parade and we held lanterns and sang Christmas songs all the way down London Road to Waitrose. We had a blast. There were loads of stalls there selling food and light-up swords, but the best part is the big Christmas tree with lots of shining lights all over it, probably about a thousand. I like the decorations in the shops and outside, so shimmery and colourful, and it's so funny when people wear Christmas hats.

When it snows, I always go to Alderley Edge Golf Club. I put on my boots and head outside and sledge down the small and big hills. One of them is really scary because there is a stream at the bottom.

I love being in Alderley Edge for Christmas because of the dangling, shining lights in the dark air and the crispy, frosted pavements. Snowballs zoom through the sky like lightning bolts. I love how the villagers sing with such confidence and how their eyes glitter like stars. I love having hot chocolate when it is so warm and cosy, and the Black Friday sales. The decorations in shops are creative and exciting to see and the Edge is beautiful when it is frosted and glazed with snow, the birds cheeping like angels.

Alderley Edge BOOMS with joy when it comes to Christmas!

– Grace and Erin C. Year 5



ALDERLEY HISTORY GROUP **Show & Tell**

TREASURE TROVE OF MEMORIES

**A recently discovered precious archive casts
welcome light on Alderley's past.**

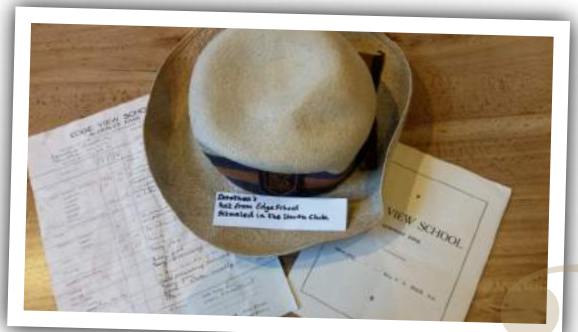
The most precious history is often contained in the most everyday items, and when Alderley History Group members, the late Margaret and her husband Allan Windelinckx, handed over the albums and papers of their elderly late relative, Dorothea Bradbury, extraordinary and detailed light was cast upon the daily life of Alderley Edge from the 1920s onwards.

Dorothea was a fastidious collector of memorabilia, as well as a keen photographer, and her archive is now stored with a vast collection of other village-related documents at Saint Philips and Saint James's Church, Alderley Edge. Daughter of Ernest and Tessia Bradbury, she attended Edge View School (above the Union Club on Stevens Street). She later taught elocution in Manchester schools before becoming the receptionist for Alderley dentist, Mr Cropper.

Dorothea was a keen member of the Chapel Road Methodist church congregation, as well as an active chorister, organist and pianist. Sociable, good company and well known to many Alderley Edge families, she was an integral part of village life until her death, aged 98 in 2018 - and her legacy is an invaluable glimpse into the daily life of the village over many years. Her life has been thoroughly researched by Sandra Woodall, to whom much thanks is given for all her hard work, and we hope to mount a display of Dorothea's memorabilia and photos in 2022.



Many thanks, too, to Denise, Sandra's brilliant genealogist, and to Allan Windelinckx for precious extra information.



The Alderley History Group's AGM will be on the 31st January 2022 at Alderley Edge Union Club, Stevens Street at 7.30pm, at which time our 2022 programme will be announced.

Everyone is invited to come and new members will be most warmly welcomed.

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NiCE to meet you... *Steve Taggart*

You've lived in Alderley all your life, what was it like growing up here (a few decades ago)?

Well, everyone knew each other, my grandparents and parents lived here, it had a village atmosphere and there was a great community spirit. My ingrained childhood memories include playing in the park, going up onto the Edge where we'd spend all our time playing day in, day out. I remember 'Elidor' the Youth Club run by Sandy Marshall, it was located in the cellar of the village institute (now the library), all the local children used to get together on a Friday night to play snooker or listen to records, what great fun! My first job was a paper boy, I worked in the evening delivering the Manchester Evening News. I didn't have an easy route, I had Macclesfield Road and Woodbrook Road, my bike went everywhere with me! When it came to the school sports day I was always the fastest in the long distance. I thank the paper round for developing my stamina for that!

When I was at AEPCS the head teacher was Mrs Hinds and all the dinner ladies were local, we all knew them and they knew us too; Mrs Shackleton, Mrs Capper, what great days! The dinners they cooked were traditional and homemade, similar to the food you would have at home, for me it was always healthy and nutritious.

In your childhood days you spent most of the time on the Edge, without parents?

Yes, on our own, probably from the age of 10 onwards. Every day was a new adventure, we'd go on expeditions, riding on our bikes, making dens and going down the caves. I guess just being kids. Would that be classed as dangerous now?

After leaving Wilmslow High school, what did you do?

I started a YTS scheme at ICI in Alderley Park working with the building services department. I would do plumbing, bricklaying and joinery. I guess it would be Facilities Maintenance in today's terms. I still use the skills learnt there around my own house. The YTS was a 12 month scheme. I completed the course after which I applied to join the Royal Navy and after 8 months I was at HMS Raleigh in Torpoint in Plymouth! I owe this choice to my mum who one day told me not to come back to the house until I'd got a job. The Navy was always my ambition so I owe her a lot!

Exciting times, tell me about your days with the Navy?

I trained to be a Radar Operator at HMS Dryad in Portsmouth, this took 6 months to qualify. Then I joined my first ship HMS Manchester and within 4 weeks I was on a 9 month deployment where I sailed around the globe visiting Venezuela as my first run ashore. We sailed through the Panama Canal, visited Pearl Harbour, Hawaii and Shanghai before it was developed, Australia, the East Coast of Africa then through the Suez before sailing home.

What happened when you got home?

I got drunk! No, seriously! I came home to Alderley a different person. The Navy had a positive impact on me and made me the person I am today. The person who left Alderley was a different man to the one who returned 18 months later!

I was on HMS Manchester for 3 1/2 years. I did a Gulf deployment and various exercises around the UK waters. I was promoted to Leading Seaman which involved more training before I joined HMS Ark Royal. I also passed for Petty Officer during my time on the Ark Royal. This meant I managed a mess deck, supervising 33 guys. This was a tough job because we all lived together and I had to also manage their discipline.

What a career! What was next?

I left the Navy to pursue a career in 'civi street'. I returned to Alderley Edge having met my now wife (Jacqui) a year before I left the Navy. We got married in the Caribbean, perhaps the ocean was calling?

Now you're settled back in Alderley Edge how do you spend your time?

I married Jacqui 25 years ago and we have two grown up daughters. Most of my time is spent keeping fit, going for a run on the Edge and walking our dog (Harper). I was introduced to the May Fair committee by Paul, my cousin and that was through default as he'd first approached Jacqui to ask her to arrange the parade. 7 years later, I'm still involved! Through the May Fair group I met Christine who got me involved with the In-Bloom group. I also was introduced to Pauline Pitt who got me involved with the Royal British Legion (Alderley Branch), we're involved with assisting the Parish Council organise the Remembrance Period and the Poppy appeal. It's always nice to give back. I get a lot of satisfaction through volunteering with the groups, it's good fun, there is a social side and it's nice to be thanked. Through my involvement with these groups and my knowledge of the road closures, we've developed the 'Tufty Club', this is a fun group made of people who volunteer to help with the road closures. After each event, there's also a get together and lots of camaraderie. There's lots of this in Alderley, if you get involved and volunteer, it's a great community. I'm also a member of the Union Club, probably the 4th Generation of my family to have been a member.

What are your hopes for the future?

I was diagnosed with Parkinson's six years ago which was a bolt out of the blue. Maintaining my health and fitness are important, being there for the family and leading as normal life as possible.

How does Parkinson's affect you on a daily basis?

I try not to let it affect me, I live my life as normal as possible and I don't let it define me. I try and make sure that I do everything I can to maintain my health levels with a hope that I can slow down the progression of the disease. From a positive perspective, things have gone well and continue to do so. I'll still be involved with community projects for the foreseeable future.

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you like to visit?

That's difficult as I've been to so many places. One place I've always fancied going to is Alaska, to experience the open wide spaces where there has been no development, where it's an open expanse. To experience that Arctic landscape and environment.

If Hollywood contacted you to make a film about your life who would you like to be cast as you?

If I could pick anyone, dead or alive, it's got to be Steve McQueen. He was my namesake!

What do you consider the best thing about Alderley Edge?

The Edge. Just having it on the doorstep, there's not a week that goes by that I'm not there. I regularly walk up Swiss Hill. Every time I walk up there I think about all the people who have walked up there before me, people going to the mines, people in service, the cooks etc....

If you were to be cast away to a desert island, what would be your luxury item?

A dinghy (laughs)!





As most of you are aware, the Alderley Edge Festival of Music, Speech & Drama was cancelled for both 2020 and 2021 due to the covid pandemic. But the committee has been working hard to deliver a long-awaited return that promises to be better than ever.

The theme for next year's Festival will be Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with a new logo and several new classes including: non-competitive choral and instrumental classes; Slam poetry classes; and an open class where performers of any age are invited to give an after dinner speech which honours our longest serving monarch.

Newly elected Chairman, Amanda Brabban-Brown said: *"Having been started over 100 years ago, making it one of the oldest Festivals in the country, it was a very difficult decision to cancel not just once, but twice. Thousands of participants come to the village every May to take part in one or more of over 140 music and drama classes and we know they have missed performing as much as we have missed hosting them."*

"At our recent Annual General Meeting we welcomed several new committee members onboard and we are all very excited to launch our Syllabus for next year's Festival, which will be held from 4th-7th May in various venues around the village. The Festival has classes for all ages; there are classes for solo singers, choirs, instrumentalists, actors, public-speaking, performance poets and more! Every performer receives a written appraisal from one of our professional adjudicators who are all experts in their fields. It truly is a joyful occasion; giving children and adults the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience can be a transformative experience in terms of their self-confidence."

"Of course, to run a Festival of this size (which regularly attracts over 2000 individual performers) requires a great deal of help from our army of volunteer stewards." If you could spare a morning, afternoon or evening during Festival week to help us run this event please contact our Stewards Co-ordinator, **Alison Lees** at alisonlees@alderleyedgefestival.com

For more information and to view the Syllabus please see alderleyedgefestival.com

Alderley Edge in Bloom

With the arrival of winter, like many gardeners, our Alderley Edge in Bloom garden volunteers have come to the end of a busy year and are now planning for work in 2022.

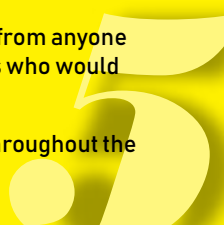
Autumn has been a busy time as we change over displays and prepare and protect our beds and allotment for the winter. Volunteers finally replanted all the displays and removed all the lampposts displays in the village. Many of these plants will be overwintered with the hope that in Spring they will once again come back to life and bloom for us during the summer.

Overwintering is not just good horticultural practice but good environmentally and 2022 will be a year where the Royal Horticultural Society place even more importance on the environmental impact of our gardening habits. We are all aware of the need to replace peat with viable alternatives but the RHS is going further by encouraging voluntary groups such as ours to plant sustainably by focusing on perennials and native species; by reducing the use of artificial fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides; by planting locally sourced summer bedding; by planting that will reduce water consumption and by planting that is attractive to insects and wildlife.

We are pleased to say that Alderley Edge in Bloom have already embraced these changes and have done so for a number of years. Much of our planting is now chosen for its attraction to wildlife. For a number of years, we have been planting perennials around the village and our planting schemes always take into account the challenges of regular watering.

We have been testing for a while now the best substitutes for peat and have had mixed results. We would be happy to hear from anyone who has had positive results from the many peat substitutes now available. We would also like to hear from any residents who would like to join us when we restart work in Spring 2022.

And finally, a very big thank you to those Alderley Edge companies and residents who support us with regular donations throughout the year. Without such support we could not continue to enhance our village environment.



Christmas at Alderley Churches



Everybody knows the Christmas story. And yet every year thousands of people attend the churches of Alderley Edge to hear the story again. Many of them discover something new in the old story about God coming to live among us, sharing our lives with us. This year the churches plan, by and large, to run the same services as before the pandemic so there is a wide range of services to choose from.

You can choose as service which allows you to see Christmas through a child's eyes. Or for a more grown-up experience why not try the special feeling of midnight mass? Or come along with all the family and sing the old familiar songs at a family service. It would be a good idea to check online in case there have been any last-minute changes because of Covid.

St Philip & St James are asking people to book online on Eventbrite for all services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You will be let into the service if you haven't booked and there is room but if you want to come to the 4pm Christmas Eve service (the so-called "donkey service") you are strongly advised to book online as this is always very popular. Face Coverings will not be mandatory on Christmas Eve but you will be expected to wear them on Christmas Day.

December Services

Please check with the church website beforehand for any last minute covid related changes.

St Philip and St James Church *please book in with Eventbrite*

Christmas Eve Friday 24th - 4pm family service for younger children with a donkey in church

- 6pm Christmas service with youth performance - **11.15pm** midnight communion

Christmas Day Saturday 25th - 9am communion - **11am** Family communion

Boxing Day Sunday 26th - 10am communion

Methodist Church

Christmas Day Saturday 25th - 11am Family worship

Boxing Day Sunday 26th - 10am Morning worship

St Pius X Roman Catholic Church

Christmas Eve Friday 24th - 4pm, 6pm & 9pm Mass (no midnight mass)

Christmas Day Saturday 25th - 8.30am & 10am Mass

Boxing Day Sunday 26th - 8.30am & 10am Mass

St Marys Church Nether Alderley

Christmas Eve Friday 24th - 3pm Crib Service

Christmas Day Saturday 25th - 9.45am Holy Communion

St Stephen Sunday 26th - 9.45am Family Service

with Christmas Carols

St Marys Church Nether Alderley

Christmas Eve Friday 24th - 6pm Family Carols

Christmas Day Saturday 25th - 11.15am Carol Service

St Stephen Sunday 26th - 11.15am Holy Communion



CONCERTS *under the spire*

January 2022 heralds the start of a series of Morning Coffee Concerts at Alderley Edge Methodist Church.

Held on the third Wednesday of the month, from January to March, the series will feature musicians from the Royal Northern College of Music, and we look forward to the exceptional standard of performance we have come to expect from these talented students.

Coffee is served from 10.15 am and the recital begins at 11.00 am on 19th January, 16th February and 16th March.

Admission £10 to include refreshments.

www.alderleyedgemethodistchurch.com



As you are well aware we have issues all around our village with blocked grids!

When we've had heavy rainfall many of our roads flood, and yes this is down to the grids not being maintained properly and you may be reading this and thinking to yourself "well that's what we pay our council tax for!"

Unfortunately, due to funding from government, things like this aren't realistically going to get sorted anytime soon! So let's help each other out as a community and, if you have a grid near your property that is running free, could you keep an eye on it? Keep it clear of leaves etc?

Also, leaf blowers! Yes a great invention but so is the green bin! Please, if you have a leaf blower, or your gardener has one, please can you not blow the leaves into the highway! The way things are going on some roads, we'll no longer have any free flowing grids.



**BRAVE THE
SHAVE**
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

By Karen Robinson



During the pandemic, within our community we have lost a number of people to Cancer and also a number of people have been diagnosed with some form of Cancer. We held our annual Macmillan coffee morning in August along with a sponsored Brave the Shave event, all monies raised going to Macmillan. I would like to thank all those who donated towards the £2373.00 total.

Whatever I can do to help the fight against Cancer!



FALL BACK IN LOVE WITH OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

by Vince Fogharty

Having lived in Alderley Edge for over almost 12 years now (yes I'm just a newcomer!) I have seen how our local businesses have changed, adapted and in some cases, sadly, faded away. Alderley Edge is a unique and thriving place to live, that is generally centred around the London Rd retailers and nighttime economy, but which in reality, has so much more to offer than just great places to shop, eat and drink.

Since we came out of the dreaded lockdown it has been refreshing to see so many of these traders reopen with new ideas, adapting to the new way of working and to also see a renewed sense of community from the residents in terms of giving them support. Like many people in the village, I spent my "walking time" actually wandering around and finding new places I had not seen before or even knew existed. I came across offices and units that I had been past numerous times but had not really taken notice of what they offered or who they were and I have been surprised just how much more the village has to offer over and above the obvious.

During lockdown I was also given the opportunity to "renew" my butchering skills (after a 30 yr hiatus!) and work with the team in our village butchers. This meant I met and spoke to so many people who own a local business, use a local business or who are more used to using services from outside Alderley Edge. So it struck me that we need to be not

just telling the rest of the world what we have to offer, but perhaps we need to also introduce or remind us locals that Alderley Edge actually has a great economy that we need to fall back in love with.

So I have been given the opportunity over the next few issues to spotlight and introduce you, to some of the services we have here on the doorstep. Accountants, Solicitors, Designers, Home Based Businesses, Beauty, Salons, Medical, Estate Agents to name just a few, plus of course our retailers, bars and restaurants.

As Christmas approaches it's a great time to make a conscious effort to think about how we can support all these local independents and to continue the renewed interest in shopping local and using local services and help keep our local economy thriving and moving forward.

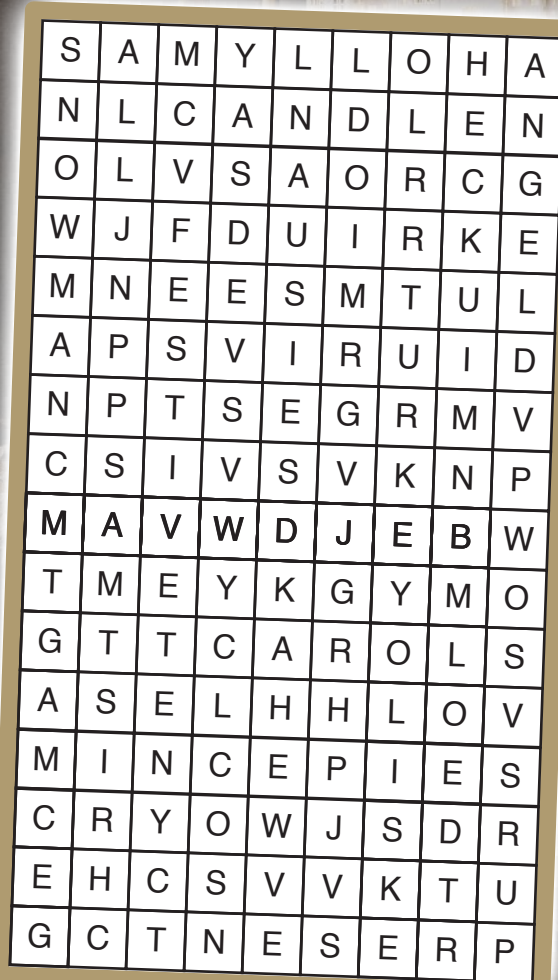


Competition Time...

Take five minutes to sit down with a coffee and a mince pie and solve this festive puzzle. Submit the time you take to complete the word search to lizmarshall@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk

The winners will be published in the Spring issue.

SNOWMAN
MINCEPIES
CHRISTMAS
PRESENT
TURKEY
CAROLS
FESTIVE
CANDLE
ANGEL
HOLLY



Medical Practice

Season's Greetings to you all. We would really like to take this opportunity to explain some of the positive changes coming in from our CHAW (Chelford, Handforth, Alderley & Wilmslow) Primary Care Network (PCN) and Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

First Contact Physiotherapy – if you contact the surgery with a musculoskeletal enquiry, we can direct you immediately to an FCP. Appointments are sometimes the same or next working day and you will speak with an experienced physiotherapist. They can arrange face to face physio, medication recommendations and xrays if appropriate.

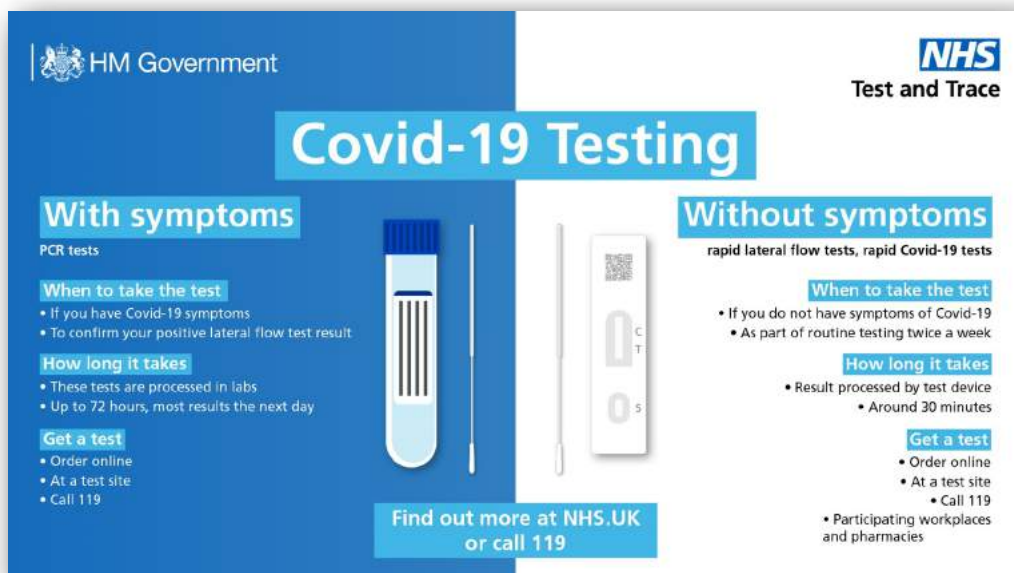
Care Coordinator – Lynn Roberts is the care coordinator and is responsible for a holistic approach to bringing together services for example after a hospital discharge or stay in intermediate care. We recognise how confusing and disjointed things can seem so she will help patients and their carers navigate the system.

Social prescribers – we have two general and mental health social prescribers who can speak with patients about a variety of issues where non-medical interventions will improve someone's wellbeing. They can deal with things such as loneliness, isolation, bereavement support, financial stress and weight management.

Urgent eye care service – this has been commissioned by the CCG to provide same day access for urgent eye problems. Locally our service is provided by Alderley Eyecare and Wheeldons in Wilmslow. They assess and treat within 24 hours red eyes/eyelids, flashes & floaters, recent and sudden loss of vision and foreign bodies in the eye. If your problem is serious, they can book you a hospital appointment in the eye clinic.

Community Pharmacy Consultation Service – you may be directed to this service as a quick and easy triage & treatment service for minor ailments. A trained pharmacist will contact you within 2-3 hours and can escalate your case to a GP appointment if it is believed to be necessary.

All these services have been funded to streamline and speed up patient access to services that don't necessarily need a GP input. This frees the doctors up for seeing serious and more complex cases and we are always the default fall back if the service is unable to meet your needs.



The infographic is titled 'Covid-19 Testing' and is divided into two main sections: 'With symptoms' and 'Without symptoms'. It includes logos for HM Government and NHS Test and Trace. In the center, there are illustrations of a PCR test tube and a rapid lateral flow test device. The 'With symptoms' section details PCR tests, including when to take the test (if you have symptoms or to confirm a positive lateral flow result), how long it takes (up to 72 hours), and how to get a test (online, at a test site, or by calling 119). The 'Without symptoms' section details rapid lateral flow tests, including when to take the test (if you do not have symptoms or as part of routine testing), how long it takes (around 30 minutes), and how to get a test (online, at a test site, or by calling 119). Both sections include a link to 'Find out more at NHS.UK or call 119'.

HM Government

NHS
Test and Trace

Covid-19 Testing

With symptoms

PCR tests

When to take the test

- If you have Covid-19 symptoms
- To confirm your positive lateral flow test result

How long it takes

- These tests are processed in labs
- Up to 72 hours, most results the next day

Get a test

- Order online
- At a test site
- Call 119

Without symptoms

rapid lateral flow tests, rapid Covid-19 tests

When to take the test

- If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19
- As part of routine testing twice a week

How long it takes

- Result processed by test device
- Around 30 minutes

Get a test

- Order online
- At a test site
- Call 119

• Participating workplaces and pharmacies

Find out more at NHS.UK or call 119

In staffing news, Dr Taylor will be leaving the practice at the end of March 2022. It is likely that she will be doing occasional locum shifts at the practice so will still be around occasionally. Dr Jess Searle will be stepping up from salaried GP to partner and Dr Stewart will be starting as a salaried GP once he completes his training with us in August 2022.

We wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Dr Vicki Taylor GP Partner

Which Council?

Sometimes it isn't obvious which council to contact. We are always happy to help and here is a guide



**Alderley Edge
Parish Council**



Community Grants

Local voice on Planning
& Development

Village Lengthsman

Allotments

Floral Planters

Village centre CCTV Funding

Christmas Lights & Events

Citizens Advice Funding

Neighbourhood Plan
Implementation

01625 585503

www.alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk

Council Tax

Planning & Development

Bins & Recycling, Street Cleaning
& Litter Bins

Roads, Transport & Parking

Street Trading / Busking

Social Care & Health

Births, Deaths & Marriages

Schools

Community Safety & Wardens

Electoral Services

Council Housing

Libraries

Business Rates

0300 123 5500

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CLLR CRAIG BROWNE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Residents Give Thumbs Up to 20mph zone

Following a recent consultation event carried out by Cheshire East Council, I am pleased to report back that residents of Alderley Edge have spoken strongly and in favour of proposals to introduce a 20mph zone and associated traffic calming measures in the village centre, as well as around our three schools. With almost 700 residents responding, almost three-quarters were in favour of the proposals whilst a good many more people commented that they should be extended over a wider area. Cheshire East Highways will now proceed to draft a Traffic Regulation Order (Dec/Jan), which will be followed by a final (formal) consultation in February/March. Detailed designs will be drawn up by the spring, with an intended implementation date of July/August. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for completing the consultation and to remind all residents that the project is fully funded through Section 106 agreements raised on previous developments within the village.



Welcome to Remedy in the Park

You will recall that over the course of the last two years I have been pressing Cheshire East Council to enable a refreshment facility to be provided in our main park. After one abortive attempt and several months of delay due to the pandemic, I am delighted that "Remedy on the Park" began trading on 11th November, offering hot drinks, juices, cakes and other light refreshments. The business is being operated by a local resident, who has converted a Citroen HY van for the purpose. I know from the early feedback I have received, that Remedy is already a welcome addition to the park.

Many residents and visitors to our village are already enjoying the opportunity to grab a drink or light bite to eat as they walk through the park, watch their children play or perhaps after the end of a game of tennis or bowls. Initially, the facility will be available between 8am and 4pm on Thursdays and Fridays, as well as from 9am and 3pm on Saturdays and Sundays, but potentially these hours will be extended during the summer months.



Highways Improvements Continue

Cheshire East Council carries out three types of road repair: Level 1 (pothole filling), Level 2 (carriageway patching) & Level 3 (full resurfacing). Level 1 repairs are only intended to be temporary and are carried out reactively by the Council in order to keep the highway open; they are funded from the Council's revenue budget (i.e. your Council Tax). Level 2 repairs involve planing off the top layer of road surface and relaying it; they are funded via a capital grant from the government. Level 3 repairs involve stripping back to the road bed and reconstructing it, before laying a new road surface; they are also funded via a capital grant from central government and are the most expensive form of repair. The process is a competitive one, but as always I have been pressing for funds to be spent in Alderley Edge and I was delighted recently when Knutsford Road, including the mini roundabout at the junction with Brook Lane, was included in this year's programme.



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