



Village News

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Chairmans Introduction

This last period has seen changes in our country that few would have imagined, not so long ago.

Thursday 8th September 2022 saw the death of Her Majesty The Queen, our longest serving Monarch, and for many in the Village the only one they ever knew. We witnessed her deeply moving funeral service in London and Windsor and had a chance to marvel at the military ceremonial performance of our British Forces who are without rivals - anywhere in the World. To know that members of the Grenadier Guards had only returned from active service in Iraq days before the ceremony leaves one feeling in awe. Her Majesty will be much missed. Nobody could have served us better.

We have a new King and a new Prime Minister. We wish them both well as they each face the challenges that lie ahead for the people of our country in the months to come. War rages on in the Ukraine and the world remains an uncertain place. Let us continue to hope for better times.

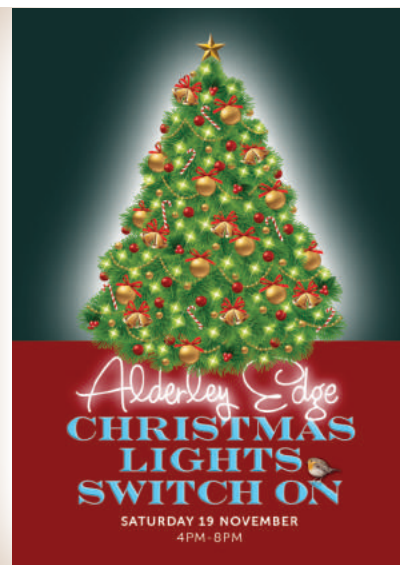
As we leave summer behind and make our way into autumn in Alderley Edge we are reminded of our Remembrance Sunday service in the beautiful gardens of the Church of St Philips and St James on Sunday 13th November at 3pm. Following our new format, we hope to see as many families as possible at this very special and moving service, held behind the Cenotaph and inside the Church grounds.

Almost immediately after Remembrance Sunday we have our Christmas Lights Switch On, Saturday 19th November. We hope you and your family will join us on the London Road from 4pm onwards with a special street market followed by a Lantern Parade and the actual 'switch on' at 7pm. Needless to say, the road will be closed to all traffic!

Our Jubilee/Memorial Gates for Her Majesty the Queen are reaching completion and I hope to announce a date for their positioning at the Ryleys Car Park entrance to the Park. And, in conclusion, doesn't the de Trafford Arms look 'posh'. A brilliant refurbishment that lifts the look of our Village.

My best wishes to everyone.

Mike Dudley-Jones
Chairman
Alderley Edge Parish Council



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29 Trafford Road

One of the oldest properties in the village gets a new lease of life!



As many residents will be aware, 29 Trafford Road (sometimes known locally as The Cottage and the former home of the author Alan Garner) has undergone a restoration by the new owner.

The house is thought to be one of the oldest properties in the village and would originally have been a basic, utilitarian, two bay house with stone flag floors, a simple ladder to the first floor, lead light windows and, given the pitch of the roof and height of the original chimneys, probably a thatched roof. With no gas, electricity, water or sanitation, the only light at night would have been from the open fire and simple straw lights on the walls. Although not built in the typical style, the general belief is that it was constructed as a Toll House c.1750 possibly by the de Trafford family for their estate for the 1752 Wilmslow to Monks Heath turnpike. Whilst today we see it located in the heart of our vibrant village, the original environment would have been completely rural, possibly with a small enclosure for sustenance livestock at the rear and a track or lane running at the front. Nothing of what we see surrounding it today; the roads, houses, street lights would not have existed!

The restoration:



The mistaken use of some inappropriate materials to repair and maintain the house over the years, particularly Portland cement on the outside and gypsum plaster and modern paints on the inside, meant that the house was being damaged because it wasn't able to 'flex' or wick moisture. Essentially the house wasn't able to breathe so it was clear that a full restoration was essential.

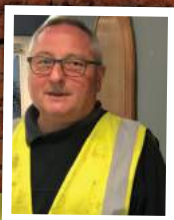
With a focus on sustainability and the use of traditional building methods and materials, the restoration objectives had to ensure the long-term future of the house, enhance its significance, restore original features and celebrate and highlight its significance.

Most of the external work is now complete and thanks to the Cheshire East Built Heritage team and residents of the village (and other areas) for their support and enthusiasm which has helped keep me motivated. New Privet hedging will be planted at the front shortly and December will see the new windows installed and October will see work begin to completely restore the inside. Just as a footnote, one of the real joys of restoration is discovering the past!

Fascinating finds during the restoration so far include finding a brick where the makers hand print can be seen!

Readers who would like to know more about the restoration work should contact the Parish Clerk who will help you make contact with the owner. Please respect the owner's privacy.





PARISH LENGTHSMAN



You will probably have seen our Parish Lengthsman, Paul, out and about completing all manner of tasks in helping to make our village a more welcoming and attractive place.

Earlier this year, Paul helped us to install some new railings alongside the steps in the park. Recently, he has been out again with his paint pot and brush, giving a much needed refurbishment to some of our street nameplates.

Paul is very approachable and responds regularly to requests from the Parish Councillors. If there is a street nameplate near you that is in need of a lick of paint, do let us know by emailing one of the Councillors or our Parish Clerk (clerk@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk).



Parish Council Elections - May 2023



This short article is to help those residents who live within a three mile radius of Alderley Edge to consider whether you might like to volunteer your skills, knowledge and enthusiasm for the benefit of the Village, by becoming a Parish Councillor. Or, you may want to suggest somebody you feel might become an excellent Parish Councillor but maybe too shy to apply!

Alderley Edge Parish Council consists of nine councillors who are elected by the residents to represent the Village for a period of four years. There is nothing remotely political about the current Council who sit as independent councillors under the banner Alderley Edge First.

As the elections in May 2023 approach, some may want to be elected under a Liberal Democrat or Labour Party banner; others a Green Party or Conservative banner - but in essence the Parish Council they would join, if successfully elected, would just be a collection of nine hardworking volunteers all helping to make the Village a better place to live for us all.

The commitment is not onerous. Attendance at one formal meeting per month where Council issues are discussed and resolved, finance issues are considered and planning applications are examined. These formal meetings last around 2-3 hours. A working group meeting is also held, each month to discuss wider issues and again these might last around 2 hours. Throughout the year, all councillors work on the projects they feel most passionate about in our village.

The Parish Council is brilliantly supported by the Parish Clerk and Assistant Clerk and councillors need not have any previous experience. Courses exist to help newly elected councillors understand the procedures that need to be followed but councillors quickly 'find their feet', in our experience.

If you would like to hear and see what we do please join us at our Formal Meetings, held on the second Monday of each month at the Emerson Suite at the Festival Hall starting at 7.30pm. Councillors would be delighted to chat with you after the meetings and help you explore your own desire to join the Council in 2023 - under whatever 'banner' you choose!



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Festival Hall

ALDERLEY EDGE



The Festival Hall sits in the heart of our community and is there for the whole of our Village to enjoy. Having opened our doors approximately 100 years ago it has been a venue for entertainment, parties and special occasions since.

We have the party space to allow you to celebrate in style all those milestone events and this year we are already booked to host many engagement parties, wedding receptions, baby showers, christenings, special birthdays and anniversaries.



- Space for up to 250 guests
- A late licensed bar
- Flexible layouts, with a variety of furniture available
- Professional sound and lighting available
- Large professional kitchen, giving you options for catering
- Fully accessible venue

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 30th October **1.30pm Tea Dance**

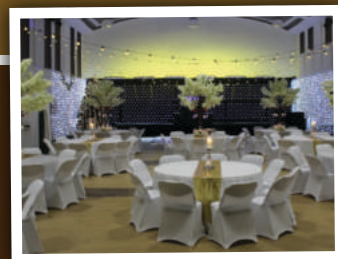
Monday 31st October **NHS Blood Donation**

Saturday 5th November **Alderley Edge Symphony Orchestra Concert**

Sunday 27th November **Christmas Fine Food & Wine Market**

Friday 16th December **Manfords Comedy Club**

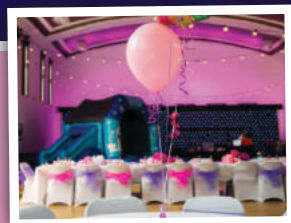
Saturday 17th December **A Christmas Carol**



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Nice to meet you... Anne Ross



Anne has provided Alderley Edge Parish Council with solid support for many years. Situated in the offices of the Festival Hall Anne has been a go-to person for advice and her knowledge for many Alderley Edge residents and Parish Councillors over the years. Sometimes I feel the title Parish Clerk doesn't do justice to the broad nature of her role and the valuable contribution she gives to AEPC plus her wonderful ability to find out how to do things and get things done. Introducing Anne...

- by Cllr. Liz Marshall

How did you get involved with AEPC?

I'm originally from Glasgow where I went to university and graduated with a chemistry degree, my career began as a research and development scientist, which lead me into other science positions including health and safety and clinical trials with Astra Zeneca. It was my career that took me from Scotland to Surrey where I met my husband who is a cartographer, and it was his career that brought us to Cheshire, we now live in Macclesfield. I took a career break when we started our family and when I was ready to return, I was looking for a 'little' part time job, I saw this advert to work with AEPC and it sounded perfect, I applied and here I am. That was 10+ years ago, how times have changed! Back then, it was a typical part time job, I worked and still work three days a week, but the job has significantly grown compared to what I did back then when all the accounts were hand-written and kept in a paper ledger. There's absolutely no way we could operate in that way now, the role is so much more, especially with the medical centre. Thankfully, I also have an accounting qualification.

What does the Parish Clerk do?

Everything that comes in. I help the Parish Council fulfil its roles within the legal operating boundaries, ensuring the financials are done correctly, that we're compliant and prepared for the audit. I'm involved in planning, the medical centre, taking minutes, preparing agendas, allotments liaison, advising Councillors. Attending the monthly meetings and putting notices up on the AEPC noticeboard.

Who do you get involved with?

Councillors, Cheshire East, members of the public, my colleagues at the Festival Hall; Claire and Annette, tenants in the medical centre and anyone else who requires council advice. The public might come in to ask questions or to report any issues. People get in touch about planning and used to come in themselves in person but now that we have a more comprehensive web site, people can help themselves. People do still pop in from time to time if they have any questions, it's always nice to meet residents in person.

What has kept your interest in working with AEPC?

No two days are the same really, the variety is immense, we get involved with legal stuff, allotments, the Festival Hall. We don't always know the answer and so there's a lot of research and figuring out how to do something which keeps the brain active and it's good to keep learning.

Have there been any particularly interesting or difficult issues since you've been Clerk?

The medical centre can be particularly complicated. The finance side has grown too. AEPC has a lot of assets and so there's a lot to do. Four years change around when we reach election time, there's a bit of the unknown. We have elections in May and so I could be working with an entire new group or some new Councillors who may not know what to do and have little knowledge or experience of what's involved and the processes of being a Parish Councillor.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I play tennis a few times a week, I used to be good but the older I get... I also play the tenor horn in a brass band, I'm also no good at that either, but I enjoy it! I play in a Macclesfield based band, we perform and this year we were part of the Whit Marches held in Upper Mill & Saddleworth in July. It's like being in the film brassed off, we play in one village and then jump on a bus to perform again in a different village. It's a competition but we didn't win, the top bands are amazing! There's lots of fun, this year there was an excellent band called 'Chav Brass', they were all dressed up as 'chavs', they're actually very good players though, it's all good fun.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you choose?

My son's planning to work and live in Madagascar, I'd like to go out to see him. It's not the easiest of places to get to but we'll have to do it if we want to see him.

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

Oh gosh, it'd be a very boring film [laughs], someone Scottish, I don't want some American actress to give me a dodgy Scottish accent. I can't think of a Scottish actress!

What do you consider the best thing about Alderley Edge?

Erm; probably the community groups who make it as nice as it is to walk around. They put in a lot of effort.

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

Am I allowed a satellite phone so I can call for help?

Either that or very strong suncream, I am Scottish after all!





Operation Christmas Child

by Jodie Stringfellow



This will be my third year of organising Operation Christmas Child in Alderley Edge. I decided to get involved because I thought it would be good to show my daughter how important it is to give without receiving. This is a magical time of year, but it's so easy to forget the simple things when we can get anything we want by a click of a button; I also think this gives each of our own children another way of thinking, as well as a sense of understanding that there are children around the world who are much, much less fortunate than they are.

I decided to contact "Operation Christmas Child" in 2020 and this also made me want to help more, as I now understand that they need more people involved in organising collections. I explained that I would organise a drop-off point in Alderley Edge. I'm delighted once again to have the support of my good friend, Cllr Craig Browne, who has helped me over the last two years. The first year in 2020 we collected 110 boxes which were sent to children in countries such as Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Moldova, Central Asia, Liberia, Nigeria & the Middle East.

Presents should be placed in a standard size shoe box, wrapped as you like but not taped shut. The presents inside could include: a cuddly toy, crayons, colouring book, or anything fun; then you can add in a toothbrush, socks, underwear etc. (gifts should not include anything associated with violence, e.g. army figure/action man). You can also put in a Christmas card for the child who will receive your gift, but please do not include any personal information, such as your address. You can also track your shoebox by downloading a printable code at the website address below.

I am so thankful for all the lovely support and feedback we have had over the last three the years. Let's make this year one to celebrate, by coming together and collecting even more boxes for these children who wait all year for just one surprise on Christmas Day. We will be at the Festival Hall on Sunday 20th November, between 12noon – 5pm, for you to drop your shoeboxes off.

We will also be visiting a shelter in Manchester in the run up to Christmas, so if anyone has any warm coats, blankets, scarves, hats or gloves etc that they no longer need, please can they also bring these to the Festival Hall on Sunday 20th November, so that we can take them to Manchester for those who are homeless and will be spending the cold winter nights out on the streets. If you would like to get more involved on Sunday 20th November, for example by baking a cake or helping with teas, coffees etc, then please contact me in advance at jodiestringfellow@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you, again

Information about operation Christmas child
<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>



Alderley Edge

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 4PM - 8PM

Christmas is coming to Alderley Edge!

Christmas is coming! And what better way to start the festive season by the annual switching on of the lights!

The Alderley Edge light switch on will be taking place on Saturday November 19th between 4pm and 8pm with stalls and festive entertainment on London Road including the return of our stage area.

Brought to you by The Alderley Edge Parish Council with the support of Independent Street. We are delighted to be welcoming many local musicians and acts to the stage along with local school choirs and brass bands.

Independent Street champions local independent businesses and produce and is delighted to be bringing the Artisan Market offerings. We will be filling London Road with a festive array of 60 carefully selected artisan stalls.

Expect local food, freshly baked produce from micro bakeries, tasty street food, epic cakes, award winning local producers, fresh roasted coffee, indian treats and delicacies, artisan gin, deli, handcrafted jewellery, unique arts, craft, hand poured candles, cheese truckles, mulled wine, local photography, dog treats and much more.....

Lisa Cowley from Independent Street says *"We are so excited to be once again working with The Alderley Edge Parish Council to bring the light switch on to my home village.. An event like this is a great way to showcase local talent whilst also being a fantastic family outing discovering the unique selection of foods and crafts on offer. Experience the festive entertainment and buy that unique Christmas gift whilst supporting our retailers on our own high street. Our event will be packed full of entertainment, live music and fun for the whole family.... See you there!"*

**Road closure in place
on London road 2pm - 9pm**





The Village Enhancement Competition (The Front Garden Competition)

The 'Front Garden Competition' for the Shell Trophy is judged every year in August so that the winners can be announced at the Village Show, held at the Festival Hall. Sadly, this was not possible this year as once again the Village Show was postponed. There are no 'entry rules'. Just having a front garden which can be seen from a public road is all that is required. The judges cover every corner of the Village gathering their photographs before deliberating and narrowing their selection. All of these photographs are then displayed at the Village Show, including the 'winners'.

With the absence of the Alderley Edge Village Show, the Shell Trophy 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. Neighbours and passers-by have been treated to carefully tended, beautiful front gardens.

The Winners of The Shell Trophy this year are **Andrew and Claire Thorley** of 4 Beaufort Close. The judges opted for this stunning garden design as it sets the house off beautifully. A joy to behold. Many congratulations to Andrew and Claire.

The Runners Up this year are **Mr and Mrs Graham McLelland** of 27 Heywood Road. Now this garden is a previous winner and remains one of the most perfect front gardens in the Village. It never disappoints! Beautifully planned and laid out. A very special corner.

The judges award a Highly Commended category each year and this year's award goes to **Mrs Irene Macklin** of 1 Thirlmere Close. A truly beautiful garden which stretches across the wide frontage of the house. Again, this garden is a previous winner. Exceptional!

Lastly, the judges were also keen to award a 'Mention of Merit' for the **Community Garden at Wood Gardens**. So neat and well cared for. A real credit to those who take special care of where we all live.

There are some truly stunning front gardens in the Village which do so much for the way we look; a joy to see. Added to these we have the hard work put in by the **Alderley in Bloom Group** who have done a wonderful job in ensuring the Village looks well. Once again the Waitrose railings planters have been spectacular this year.

A huge thanks too, to **Oak Nurseries** who plant and maintain the 17 large octagonal planters on the London Road and in the Park, so kindly provided by the residents of Alderley Edge in 2016 and funded by the Parish Council. Spectacular always – until some fool sits in one!

The judges look forward to 2023 – with an award ceremony at the Alderley Edge Village Show - fingers crossed!



ALDERLEY EDGE LIBRARY

We have been working to build awareness in the village that the library is open again.

We have also started new, free activities for children every week and a session for adults which runs once a month. We are opening on Saturdays from this week and that marks a return to our full opening hours.

ALDERLEY EDGE LIBRARY

Monday Closed

Tuesday 9.30—5pm

Wednesday 9.30—1pm 2—5pm

Thursday 9.30—1pm 2—5pm

Friday Closed

Saturday 9.30—1pm

Sunday Closed

your Library



Story and Chat

First Wednesday of the month 11-12noon

5th October

2nd November

7th December

Come along and join us for a cup of tea or coffee, and listen to a short story or poem.

With plenty of time to chat, we can discuss the week's story, and would love to hear your book recommendations.

This is an informal, drop in session so no need to prepare in advance.

We look forward to seeing you.

your Library



FREE regular Events at ALDERLEY EDGE LIBRARY

Children's events

Rhymetime

Every Wednesday 10—10.30am

Story and song

Every Thursday 10—10.30am

Lego Club

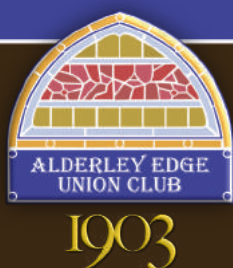
Every Saturday 9.30—12noon

Adult events

Story & Chat Come and chat about books you have enjoyed reading and have a cup of tea with us.

First Wednesday of every month. 11-12noon

your Library



ALDERLEY EDGE UNION CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FOLK NIGHTS

Bring your own instrument and join in. Doors from 7pm.

NEW YEAR'S EVE ROB KEEN

Rob Keen helps say goodbye to '22 and Welcome in the New Year. Tickets on sale at the bar 1st November at £10.

4TH FEBRUARY 2023 COMEDY EVENING WITH MICK MILLER

Tickets on sale at £15 for members, £20 for guests. Hot buffet included. Tickets on sale at the bar 1st November at £10.



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Farewell!

GEOFF and HELEN

Geoff Hall - *Chairman Alderley Edge Parish Council 2015-2017*

Dr Helen Hall - *George Street Doctors Practice*



As many residents will probably know, Geoff and Helen Hall are moving away from their Heyes Lane home in Alderley Edge to Oxfordshire this autumn to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They will both be a huge loss to the Village as they have each made an outstanding contribution to all of our lives; Geoff as Chairman of the Parish Council from 2015-2017 and mentor to Councillors after that and Helen as a hardworking and diligent GP and a leading light in the Alderley Edge Symphony Orchestra.

As members of the Parish Council since our election in 2015, we have all been privileged to work closely with Geoff throughout his close involvement with the Council. At the beginning, Geoff was responsible for project managing the complicated Medical Centre initiative in close discussion with the George Street Doctors Practice, the Parish Council, NHS England and Emerson Holdings. The workload was considerable with complicated finance arrangements still to be finalised, but Geoff, ably assisted by Ruth Norbury, saw us through to the final opening.

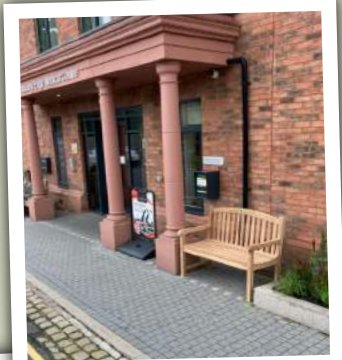
Taking the Chair of the new Parish Council in 2015, Geoff ensured that we bonded well as a team and worked hard to address the election commitments and pledges we had made. Our standards remain very high today and much of our style now was fashioned then as we learned from an excellent leader. "If in doubt, ask Geoff", was often heard. The advice received was - and always is - spot on!

Not satisfied with completing the Medical Centre, Geoff turned to the restructuring of the Festival Hall and that now sits behind the Medical Centre, proudly refurbished, as a wonderful community facility making a substantial contribution to the well being and amenity of the Village. A visit to the Management Office there today should make him feel very proud as he will hear these words - "We are fully booked, Geoff".

Both buildings are run by people who care for us deeply and serve us well. We are indeed hugely fortunate in Alderley Edge to have these wonderful facilities and the people who bring them to life for us all, every day. But without Geoff Hall we would have struggled to realise what must have seemed sometimes like an impossible goal. And without Dr Helen Hall and the wonderful George Street Practice doctors who stimulated the initiative in the first place, what was achieved for us all might never have happened.

To help us all remember their service to us, we have placed a bench at the front of the Medical Centre to remind us of both Geoff and Helen's commitment to the Village. And when they settle in their new home in Oxfordshire and they have had time to tend to their new garden we will send them a duplicate of our bench with an identical plaque to show them how much we miss them.

We bid them both a very fond farewell and a **big 'thank you'**.





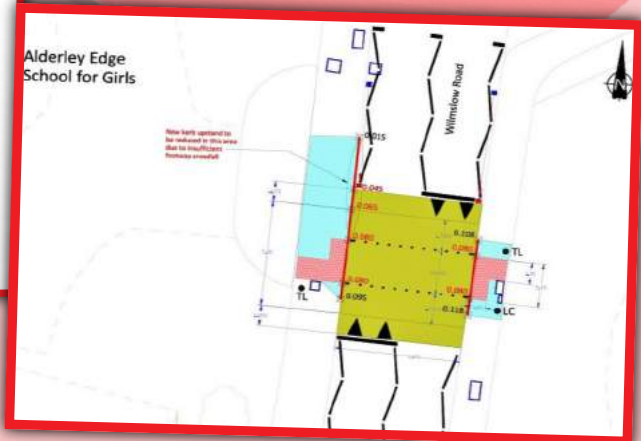
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CLLR CRAIG BROWNE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

UPDATE ON 20MPH ZONE

I am pleased to report that I have received the detailed designs for the implementation of a 20mph zone, with associated traffic calming measures, in the centre of the village. The designs include the installation of speed tables at six locations: at the pelican crossing outside Alderley Edge School for Girls, at the pelican crossing near "Running Bear" on London Road, at the pelican crossing between Stevens Street & Brown Street on London Road, adjacent to the de Trafford Arms on Congleton Road, at the pelican crossing near Alderley Edge Community Primary School on Ryleys Lane and near the entrance to The Ryleys School on Ryleys Lane.



In addition to the above, red textured road surfacing will be added with 20mph roundels painted on the road surface at the railway bridge on Wilmslow Road/London Road, as well as on Congleton Road on the approach to the junction with Beechfield Road. Cheshire East Highways will shortly be applying to Cheshire East Council for a road closure permit, which must be advertised for 12 weeks prior to the implementation of the scheme. The scheme itself is estimated to take four weeks to implement, with the installation estimated for late January/early February 2023. The scheme is being funded through s.106 contributions raised on historic developments in Alderley Edge, rather than through Council Tax; As a reminder, s.106 funds may only be spent on new or upgraded infrastructure.

SATURDAY OPENING AT ALDERLEY EDGE LIBRARY

You may have noticed that Alderley Edge Library is now open again on Saturdays (9.30am to 1.00pm). Over the last 12 months the Library Service has lost three members of staff (one to retirement, one to long-term sickness and one to alternative employment); however, I am pleased that we have been able to recruit replacement staff and that we are now back up to 25 hours a week opening. As a reminder, I am continuing to hold my regular Community Surgery at the Library, between 10am and 11am on the last Saturday of each month.



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HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE



As many of you may have noticed, since my most recent newsletter update, further works have been carried out on some of our local roads, including Macclesfield Road (where Level 3 surface dressing has been completed), South Street (where Level 2 “rejuvo” patching has been completed) and Congleton Road (where Level 2 carriageway patching has been completed).

I am delighted that it was possible to bring forward South Street and Congleton Road, both of which had originally been scheduled to be completed during Quarter 4 of this year’s programme. The plan is for Congleton Road (from the de Trafford Arms to Melrose Way) to have Level 3 Surface Dressing during 2023/24.

PLANNED WORKS AT TANYARD CULVERT, CHELFORD ROAD

I would also like to take this opportunity to advise residents of planned works at Tanyard Culvert on Chelford Road (just before the junction with Foden Lane). Although this location is outside Alderley Edge, the works will necessitate a road closure which in turn is likely to have an impact on Alderley Edge residents seeking to travel towards Chelford. The works are expected to begin around Monday 24th October and take approximately 6 weeks to complete.



An inspection carried out in November 2020 showed that the structure had deteriorated significantly since the last inspection in 2018. The works will involve taking down the northern headwall, rebuilding and repointing the southern headwall and entire arch barrel. Taking advantage of the road closure, the team from Cheshire East Highways will also remove the build-up of debris that has accumulated on the footway, to ensure the full width can be used once the road reopens.

WARM WELCOME FOR UKRANIAN REFUGEES

We have been delighted over recent months to welcome two Ukrainian refugees to our community. Iryna & Kate were forced to flee their home city of Kherson early after the Russian invasion and

have been living with a host family here in Alderley Edge. Iryna has been volunteering with the Alderley Edge in Bloom Group, whilst Kate has settled in well at the Primary School.



Following an approach by their host family, I was delighted to arrange for two bicycles which had been deposited at one of the Council’s Household Waste Management Centres to be refurbished and presented to Iryna & Kate, along with a voucher to enable them to buy cycling helmets and gloves.

