



VillageNews

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CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

The focus of this edition of our Village News will be to introduce you to your new Parish Council. Only 9 names were put forward for election this year and therefore we automatically became councillors. As we have some new faces, this update is an opportunity for you to read a bit more about them. I am delighted to be part of a team who will work to do our very best for Alderley Edge over the next 4 years.

I would like to congratulate Craig on his re election as our Ward Councillor. I never realised the importance of good working relationships between the Parish Council and the Ward Councillor but I believe it is a huge benefit to any town or parish. There are a number of projects that overlap and close links to Cheshire East are vital in ensuring we continue to improve our village. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing councillors.

It has been a pleasure to work with you all but I would like to make a special mention to Mike DJ. Mike was instrumental in a change in Parish Council in 2015. He supported a new team of inexperienced councillors in a way that only he knew how. His approach with people is like nobody I have ever met before. His is an incredibly kind, supportive and knowledgeable person, who loves to share a story.

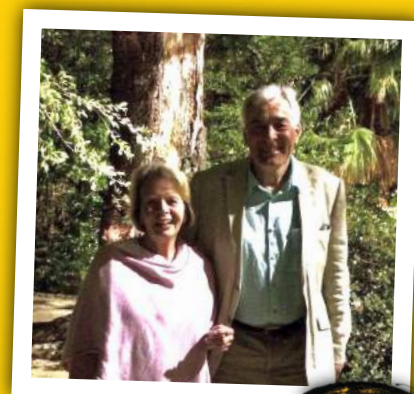
Mike stood down from being a Parish Councillor in May this year as he, and his equally lovely and incredibly patient (he won't mind me saying that!) wife Jackie are moving to pastures new. He will be missed by many.

During his time as a councillor Mike has been involved in many different projects but some of those that really stand out are, the boundary signs, the London Road planters, supporting the MUGA at the Primary School, the Jubilee Gates and initiating our Village News.

Mike you have worked incredibly hard to make Alderley Edge a better place, we are lucky to have had your input and you will both be hugely missed by many.

Rachael Grantham

Chairman, Alderley Edge Parish Council



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Introducing your Parish Councillors...

Rachael Grantham

It seems a little strange to write a paragraph introducing myself given I have been a Parish Councillor for 8 years now, so instead I would like to say a huge thank you for allowing me the opportunity to continue to help Alderley Edge be a pleasant place for us all to live. I was elected to continue as Chair of the Parish Council at the annual Parish Council meeting in May. Whilst my main responsibility over the next 12 months will be to oversee the various different projects and roles involved within the Council. I will also continue to work closely with the team at the Festival Hall to make sure we find the balance between running a commercial venue and our community facility. I am also delighted to be working alongside Shabina to relaunch our Youth Parish Council.



Shabina Raja

Shabina moved to Alderley Edge from Styal with her family and brings a wealth of experience from her previous role within Styal Parish Council. She loves the community where she lives but will need gardening tips as having an allotment in the village is on her agenda! "I am looking forward to my responsibilities within the Parish Council team to develop and support, alongside my other Councillors, environmental issues, relaunch of our Youth Council, looking at ways to improve our village park and the safety of our village working with the police and monitoring our CCTV. Oh yes putting together our Village News"



Vince Fogharty

Vince has lived in the village for 13 years and not only runs his own business consultancy but can often be seen working in our village butchers. He joined the Parish Council in early 2022. He was an active participant in the development of the Alderley Edge Neighbourhood Plan focusing on the local economy and the village centre. "I look forward to continuing to work with a great team of Councillors. I am determined to promote our local traders and encourage their voice within our community. Another important issue is to develop stronger relationships with public transport providers to ensure Alderley Edge maintains a workable framework for our residents and visitors."



Ali Bates

Ali can usually be seen walking her dog around the village, litter picking with the Alderley Edge in Bloom team to keep our village tidy, volunteering in the Cancer Research shop, assisting in running a toddlers group at the Methodist Church or, time permitting going for a run with the Running Bear club – she is usually found at the back of the pack! She has lived in the village for 10 years. "I am honoured to be part of our Parish Council and help to support, promote and enhance our wonderful village to work alongside our local volunteer groups and our three allotment sites to uphold standards whilst embracing new ideas and continuing to nurture a strong proud community feel"



Myles Garbett

Myles and his wife have lived in Alderley Edge for 15 years. He works in Manchester for an online wealth management company. His interests range from keeping active by swimming, cycling, running, a spot of gardening and walking the dog. He has been a Parish Councillor since 2015 and begins a third term with primary responsibility for Finance and Planning. "I am greatly looking forward to continue working with the old and new members of our Parish Council. Again, we are a disparate independently minded bunch but all united in working for the best for our village. It is especially good to welcome new councillors bringing fresh ideas and energy mixed with a little continuity"



Louise Booth

Louise has been a village resident since 1984 and worked as a lawyer in a nationwide practice. She is now retired but has been kept busy over the past 6 years working with the Parish Council in her role on the steering committee for the Alderley Edge Neighbourhood Plan (AENDP) which was approved and adopted by Cheshire East in 2021. "I am pleased to join the Parish Council as I firmly believe they listen to our villagers and have made great improvements to our village over the last 8 years. My involvement will primarily be on the Plans Committee and Allotment Liaison amongst, I am sure, other areas. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Sarah Greenwood for her hard work and commitment to the AENDP steering committee and her excellent contribution as a Parish Councillor".



Kristina Hulme

Kristina, a long time resident of our village, owned and ran, for 30 years, the very popular Travel by Design on London Road in our village. Having now retired she is still involved with the North West branch of ABTA as well as the Airport's Consultative Committee. She is looking forward to meeting everyone again on the other side of a desk! "Being part of, and working with our Independent Parish Councillors, will be a new era for me but one I am looking forward to. My main areas that I will be involved in are the Working Groups for Business, our Festival Hall events space and the village RVS luncheon club. "



Bev Chapman

Bev joined the Parish Council in 2019 and was involved in the ongoing development of the Festival Hall event space alongside her involvement with the Patients Group, our Christmas Light Switch on event and many more projects. A volunteer at our Library to keep our library open on a Tuesday afternoon is also something she feels strongly about. "Having been on the Parish Council through the difficult covid years, it is great to be back as a face to face team and working towards continuing and developing new ideas and initiatives, for the benefit of our village and residents, alongside my current responsibilities"



Craig Browne

Craig moved to Alderley Edge in 1996, after graduating from the University of Manchester. He ran his own business for 15 years, working as a Business Development Consultant to charities, social enterprises and other third sector organisations. He has been the Cheshire East Ward Councillor for Alderley Edge since 2015 and became Leader of the Independent Group at Cheshire East Council following the elections in 2019. Craig is passionate about our village and is a vital link between Alderley Edge Parish Council and Cheshire East Council.

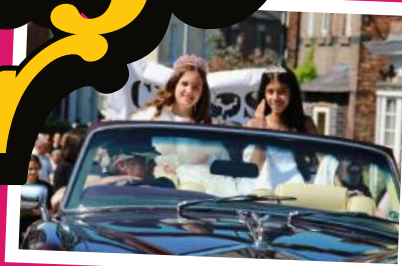
He works hard to keep residents informed, through his regular feature in this newsletter, at his monthly community surgeries at Alderley Edge Library and via his various social media channels. Whilst he accepts that residents will not always agree with the decisions the council makes, he regards an important part of his role as being to explain the rationale for these decisions.

Craig is actively involved in many aspects of village life, regularly volunteering with our Community Speedwatch Team, Library Volunteers and litter picking as part of the Spring Clean Up. He has also recently joined the rota as a volunteer clock-winder at the Methodist Church and can often be found climbing the church spire on a Saturday morning.

His favourite part of the role of councillor, however, is meeting with and listening to residents to better understand their concerns.



Alderley Edge May Fair



Alderley Edge May Fair 2023: A Resounding Success.



Once again, the recently held Alderley Edge May Fair was a great success with the atmosphere throughout the weekend fantastic. The festivities kicked off on Friday, with an incredible warm-up showcasing local musical talent, thrilling fairground rides, and an array of delicious street food.



Saturday, the main event, began with the much-anticipated London Road parade, featuring the May Queens Molly and Allana as the stars of the show. The afternoon on the 1842 stage was a captivating display of entertainment, with performances by the Worker Bees Band, the delightful Malteaser the Clown, Echo Dance, the talented students from Wilmslow High School, and the Alderley Edge School of Dance. Meanwhile, the Vita Group stage at the top of the park showcased exceptional local talent, including The Company, Siren Sounds, Danny McCabe, The Recliners, Jessie Amy Leask, and a finale from the remarkable Ben Jordan, who took on the role of Ed Sheeran.



Throughout the park, the festive atmosphere continued to flourish, with a delightful array of Artisan Market Stalls, Blackpool Donkeys, the Village Dog Show, Chorley Hall Lane Allotments Open Day, Vintage Bikes, Childrens rides, and Jema Leopolds Dancing Ponies, complementing the annual Fairground rides.



The sun shone brightly, and the sky was a captivating blue, providing the perfect backdrop as the community came together to create that unforgettable atmosphere. Thanks goes out to all the organisers, volunteers, performers, and contributors who made this years Alderley Edge Mayfair such a resounding success and the celebration of the unique spirit that defines Alderley Edge.





Alderley Edge Village Show

Saturday 26th August 2023
Festival Hall Alderley Edge



Saturday 26th August will see the return of the Alderley Edge Village Show. The venue is the Festival Hall. It is a fabulous opportunity to showcase your arts, crafts, bakes and homegrown produce. Please visit www.alderleyedgevillageshow.co.uk for more information.

This year it is vitally important that we raise as many funds as possible, not only to support the shows chosen charity but also to secure the longevity of our village show going forward. To do this we are encouraging as many residents as possible to enter the “**Front Garden Competition**”.

All you have to do is email an image of your front garden to alderleyedgevillageshow@gmail.com and drop in your completed Entry Form (found on the village show website) to Grantham's Fine Food and Wine no later than 8pm on Tuesday 22nd August. Only verified entries will be displayed on show day. The winners will be chosen by the visitors to the show.

Each entry photograph will be given a number and will be on display in the Festival Hall for the visitors to the show to vote for their winner. The winner of the Shell Trophy will be the front garden with the most votes on the day. We are counting on your support, please help us ensure this community event continues for many more years ! (Entry Fee of £5, which entitles the garden owner to free entry to the show)

We
would like to
invite **EVERYONE**
IN THE VILLAGE
to take part.
Taking part can be
nearly as much fun
as winning
a prize!



Organised by The Alderley Edge Village Show Association
in aid of Macmillan Support



Admission
to the Show
ADULTS
£2.00
CHILDREN
£1.00



Festival Hall

ALDERLEY EDGE

EMERSON SUITE

5m x 10m, the newly refurbished Emerson suite is available for meetings, parties, family meals and classes.

Please contact Festival Hall on 01625 582150 or Email festivalhall@mail.com



FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK YOUR OWN EVENT

CONTACT FESTIVAL HALL: PHONE 01625 582510

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

Alderley Edge in Bloom welcome new volunteers to help with improving our village environment. Call Leslie Cox on 07774 488458 for more information.

**Alderley
Edge in
Bloom**





Embrace Summer and Support Local



As we eagerly step into the vibrant and warm months of summer, it is an opportune time to rally together and show unwavering support for our beloved local businesses. Our village is home to a diverse array of establishments, including bars, restaurants, independent retailers, health and beauty businesses, and service providers.

As we know, Alderley Edge boasts an array of bars, restaurants and cafes, that offer delectable cuisines and refreshing beverages, but let's not forget we are also fortunate to have an eclectic mix of independent retailers offering an unparalleled shopping experience, health and beauty businesses, which enhance our well-being and of course service businesses that play a pivotal role in our daily lives.

Local plumbers, electricians, carpenters, gardeners, estate agents, and other service providers are all part of our local business community.



Not only is it important to use these businesses, remember to spread the word about your favourite establishments, write positive reviews, and share your experiences on social media, as these small actions can have a significant impact on their success and vitality and bring visitors into our village.

So as you make plans for the coming months, please choose local first and help to ensure our vibrant economy continues to thrive.



The Alderley Edge Luncheon Club is run by the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) and has a long tradition of providing hot meals for the elderly. Originally founded in 1938, as the women's voluntary serves for air raid precautions, it is the largest volunteering organisation in British history.

The Alderley Edge RVS members meet at the Methodist Church every Tuesday at 11.45 to 1.15pm for lunch and also deliver Fish and Chips to our members on alternative Thursdays. Numbers have dwindled for both volunteers and members and the RVS would like to mount a campaign to attract more people to become involved.



Questions answered:

1. How much does it cost ?

£4 for the 2 course light lunch.

You must be a member and book in advance

2. Transport ?

Available for a small number of people living in Alderley Edge for £2 return

3. Parking ?

Available for members who drive

4. Contacts ? for information and booking

Anne 01625 582514 or Julie 01625 536412 or Amanda 07870 635553



Summer events:

During the summer holidays the RVS plan to hold fortnightly coffee mornings at the Methodist Church from 10.00 to 11.30am, on Tuesdays...

11 and 25 July // 8 and 22 August // 5 and 19 September

YOUTH COUNCIL



Alderley Edge Parish Council are looking to relaunch the Youth Council in the village; if you are between 10 - 14 years old, love Alderley Edge and want to make a difference to our village please contact shabinaraja@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk



This is a great opportunity to make new friends, develop leadership skills and make the changes you want to see in Alderley Edge. Some of the things you might be interested in leading on are park equipment, recycling, climate change, making our village safer and more accessible for young people.

Keep your eyes on our social media channels for the details of our summer launch day.

Nice to meet you...



Annette Barrow

Those of you who have visited the Festival Hall recently will probably have met our bar supervisor Annette. She joined the Festival Hall management team in November 2021 and has provided valuable support to all those using the hall, whether it's for pilates classes or a very special celebration. We took some time out to interview Annette and find out what makes her tick.

How did you end up coming to work at the Festival Hall?

Wilmslow born and bred, I left school at 16 and went to work in a bank. I ended up staying there for 36 years. Whilst still working at the bank I was asked by a friend if I was interested in doing casual bar work at the hall, I did and I loved it. As fate would have it, I was made redundant at the same time as the previous hall manager resigned. The rest as they say, is history.

What does your job involve?

The role is very varied and revolves around seeing a customer through their initial enquiry about booking the hall to ensuring their event runs smoothly. There's a bit of everything, administration, managing event staff/the bar and making sure all the health & safety/regulatory requirements are met.

What do you like about your job?

I love the variety and the appreciation from customers who've had a lovely experience.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to go to the gym, swimming, pilates and socialising. Looking after my health is important, I'm currently reading a book about gut health. It's the epicentre of the body don't you know!

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

I would love to visit Iceland to see the Northern Lights and sit in the geyser hot springs. I've also heard Goa has amazing beaches, so would love to visit there as well.

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

Definitely Kate Winslet, I think that would be a good likeness (laughs).

What do you consider the best thing about Alderley Edge?

The view of The Edge and the surrounding walks and countryside.

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

A man Friday, preferably Jason Mamoia (lots of laughter and nods of approval from the other females present).





YOUR VOICE

at Cheshire East Council

CLLR CRAIG BROWNE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Firstly, can I say a huge thank you to everyone who voted for me on 4th May.

It has always been an honour to represent you, the residents of Alderley Edge, but it was particularly humbling to be elected for a third consecutive term with 79% of the vote (this was the highest proportion of the vote received by any candidate across the whole of Cheshire East). Overall, the independents picked up seats in Wilmslow, Tytherington, Sandbach & Middlewich and this left us once again holding the balance of power at Cheshire East.

I am delighted to have been re-elected as Deputy Leader of the Council by my fellow members at Cheshire East and it was pleasing to have members of every political group voting for me. I will remain as Chair of the Highways & Transport Committee, whilst independents will also hold the Chairs of Environment & Communities, Economy & Growth, Licensing & Northern Planning Committee, giving us an increased level of influence over decision making.

SOUTH STREET SHARED SPACE SCHEME LAUNCHES

This is a scheme that I have been working on for over twelve months, following a plea from a number of residents of South Street who have no access to off-road parking.



Unlike the Residents Parking Schemes that were previously introduced in other parts of the village before I became a councillor (e.g. Clifton Street, Lydiat Lane & Carlisle Street), the new scheme continues to allow visitors and shoppers to park in the on-street bays on South Street for up to two hours (unchanged from before the scheme was introduced); however, residents of South Street may now apply for a parking permit which allows them to park in these on-street bays without restriction.

I am delighted that as part of the scheme, we have been able to introduce three new on-street parking bays (two on South Street and one on George Street) which should go some way towards helping businesses in the village centre.



HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2023/24

We are now moving into the second year of our three-year programme of enhanced investment in highways capital repairs. Last year, we invested an extra £7m (in addition to the £15m that we receive from the Department for Transport), which helped to pay for significant resurfacing works on Macclesfield Road, London Road, South Street & Stevens Street.

In 2023/24 we are investing an further £6m and I can now confirm that this is going to help pay for similar works to be carried out on Lydiat Lane (from the junction with Chorley Hall Lane to Netherfields), as well as the top section of Trafford Road (from the junction with Mottram Road, to the junction with Macclesfield Road).

MONTHLY SURGERIES RECOMMENCE FROM SATURDAY 24TH JUNE



Following the elections, I will be recommencing my regular community surgeries on the last Saturday of each month, at Alderley Edge Library, between 11am and 12noon.

Do come along and join me for a cup of tea and a chat about any local issues that may be causing you concern. Again, I hope to be joined by our PSCO, Jess Thornley four times a year – please look out for further details of when Jess will be joining me, on my social media channels.



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

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Social Care & Health

Births, Deaths & Marriages

Schools

Community Safety & Wardens

Electoral Services

Council Housing

Libraries

Business Rates

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