



Village News

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BROUGHT TO YOU BY ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL



Chair's Introduction

I feel honoured to have the responsibility of writing the introduction to each edition of the village news. The feedback we receive about this publication is often positive, and we genuinely appreciate it. Putting together the content is the easy part, but the effort involved in providing the content is much more challenging.

Living in a village with such a wide range of community groups and organisations is something I never take for granted. The work these volunteers do on a weekly basis never fails to amaze me, and using the village news as a platform to share these details with the rest of the community is, in our opinion, vitally important.

Additionally, it provides us with an opportunity to keep Alderley Edge residents updated on the work of your parish councillors. We have nine very committed members of the council who work tirelessly to ensure that projects and improvements are made. Although it's often frustrating how long these tasks take, Alderley Edge continues to flourish as a beautiful place for us all to live in. The parish council have allocated some Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds towards street cleaning on London Road. The CIL represents a sum of money the Parish Council can use for infrastructure improvements. We have a fantastic range of businesses in the village, however running a business at the moment is challenging. There are limited things the Parish Council can do but maintaining our high street's appearance is one of them. Our goal is always to encourage as many people as possible to support our local retailers whilst maintaining a pleasant environment for our residents.

The Festival Hall is a significant asset to our village. Over the last ten years, the facility has transformed from a venue that ran at a cost to the taxpayer to a vibrant venue that not only benefits residents but is also no longer a financial burden on them. This, coupled with careful management of council funds, allows us to reduce the precept in April of this year. The contribution each taxpayer makes to the parish council will be reduced for the first time in over a decade. We are delighted to have achieved this in such a challenging economic climate.

We wouldn't have been able to accomplish this without the hard work of our employed staff based at the Festival Hall: Anne Ross, our Parish Clerk; Claire Tout, Assistant Clerk; and Annette Barrow, Hall Manager. They form a fabulous team, are a pleasure to work with, and have greatly assisted the Parish Council in achieving this fantastic news.

Before I leave you to enjoy the rest of the village news, I would like to remind you that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 25th March at 7 pm in the Emerson Suite at the Festival Hall. This is an opportunity for community groups to provide updates on their achievements over the last 12 months and their goals for the next 12 months. It's also an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts. Last year, the room was packed, and we hope for the same this year. In fact, over half of the attendees ended up visiting a local establishment and sharing Alderley Edge stories going way back!

Come and join us; it's definitely one of the more lighthearted and enjoyable meetings.

Here's to a happy and healthy spring for you all, and to the sun shining.... any day now!

Rachael Grantham

Chair, Alderley Edge Parish Council



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Food for Thought...

ANNE BALE



Anne Bale has been running the Royal Voluntary Service Luncheon Club held at the Methodist Church in Alderley Edge since 2014 and is helped by fellow volunteers.

In Anne's words, "Food is very important at the Luncheon Club but sharing and socialising is even more important. That is true for volunteering as well. It's a great place to meet wonderful people."

Anne, Martyn and children Claire and Tom moved to Alderley Edge in 1992. The children attended Nether Alderley Village School where Anne became a School Governor for more than 20 years.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE REGULARS AT THE LUNCHEON CLUB AND WHAT ARE THE MOST POPULAR DISHES MAIN AND SWEET?

We have about 15 Members who come regularly. Four of those members rely on our drivers to bring them to Luncheon Club and the rest make their own way. Casseroles and Meat Pies are favourite dishes with Fruit Crumble for Pudding especially when served with Cream

IS THE LUNCHEON CLUB ATTENDED BY DISABLED VISITORS AND WHEELCHAIR USERS?

We have had members in the past who used wheelchairs or mobility scooters but at present walking sticks and wheeled walkers keep our members mobile.

WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME ?

I enjoy gardening, walking, reading and doing puzzles. Like many people in my age group I find regular Pilates classes very beneficial and I enjoy watching sport.



IF YOU COULD TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHO WOULD YOU TAKE WITH YOU AND WHERE ?

I would like to travel like Michael Portillo by train around Europe although I anticipate that Martyn and I would have to carry our own luggage to those beautiful hotels.

WHO WOULD YOU IDENTIFY WITH MOSTLY JAMIE OLIVER, MARY BERRY OR RICK STEIN ?

I identify most with Mary Berry and use a lot of her recipes although I love to watch Jamie Olivers TV programmes as well.



The Luncheon Club,
at the Methodist Church
in Alderley Edge, is every
Tuesday from 11.45 to 1.15
16th April to 25th June.

WE ARE
HERE FOR

CHRISTENINGS

BIG BIRTHDAYS

SPECIAL LIFE
EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL
21



SAXOPHONE ORCHESTRA MANCHESTER

5PM - 6.30PM FREE TICKETS ON EVENBRITE

MAY
11



ALDERLEY EDGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

7.30PM TICKETS www.aeso.org.uk

JUNE
7



GRANT HARRIS MEDIUM

DOORS 6.30PM SHOW 7.30PM

TICKETS www.grantharrismedium.com

JUNE
28



MANFORDS COMEDY CLUB 7.30PM

TICKETS www.manfordscomedyclub.com



FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK YOUR OWN EVENT

CONTACT FESTIVAL HALL: PHONE 01625 582150

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

THE ALDERLEY EDGE INSTITUTE TRUST

Are you a member of an organisation or group that needs funding for a project which could benefit the residents of Alderley Edge, Nether Alderley, Over Alderley, Chorley or Great Warford ?

The Institute Trust, a registered charity, was set up in 2003 with the proceeds of the sale of the old Village Institute. The Trust's responsibility is to administer the funds on behalf of the village residents and consider well thought out applications, with associated evidence to support the application, for funding that would benefit our local residents and community.

Several organisations that have already benefited from the funds are local football teams, David Lewis Centre, local schools, The Scout Hall and the Alderley History Group as well as individuals, clubs and charities.

For further information please contact the Secretary:

**A. Comiskey Dawson, The Alderley Edge Institute Trust,
Festival Hall, Talbot Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire SK9 7HR**

Email: alderleyedgeminstitutetrust@mail.com

Registered Charity No. 241335

PAVEMENT CLEANING LONDON ROAD

The Parish Council is happy to announce that they had agreed to fund a much needed pavement cleaning project on London Road. At the Parish Council Finance meeting on October 9 last year, £6,700 (plus VAT) was allocated for this project which is due to commence in March 2024.

This will be undertaken by Blast Away Services Group Ltd, a trusted company with a successful track record in Altrincham and Wilmslow. They will be performing hot pressure washing and surface cleaning, including gum removal, on the following sections:-

Heyes Lane to Gascoigne Halman
Gascoigne Halman to West Street
West Street to Brown Street
Brown Street to Chapel Street
Chapel Street to Stevens Street
Stevens Street to Clifton Street
Clifton Street to Heyes Lane

This will improve the look of the village and we know this one time clean will set the bar high for the future, helping to keep our village looking its best which our Alderley Edge in Bloom Litter Picking group continue to work hard on and is very much appreciated.





**CommuniTea & Coffee is a simple but effective concept.
Every Monday between 1.30pm & 3pm a warm welcome awaits at
the Festival Hall for a cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit or 2!**

We chat, laugh and generally have a wonderful time getting to know new friends and connecting with some old ones.

What began with a conversation at a Parish Council meeting has gone from strength to strength. We welcome between 30 to 40 villagers every week.
All are welcome as we continue to grow and evolve.

Alderley History Group are so supportive and there is often access to some amazing photographs and documents from Alderley's rich past.

There has been an afternoon tea with cakes provided by Wienholts. Christmas there were mince pies from Granthams. Tesco Express manager Lauren, Morris and the team have been superstar providers of biscuits, tea & coffee.
It is wonderful to see such community spirit in our village.

A fabulous team of parish councillors and volunteers are responsible for making it happen and it wouldn't be possible without them or our colleagues at the Festival Hall. We would love to see you there.

If you need more details please do not hesitate to contact:
**Cllr Ali Bates alibates@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk or
Cllr Kristina Hulme kristinahulme@alderleyedge-pc.gov.uk
or the office at the Festival Hall.**

**Closed on Monday 1st and Monday 8th April*

ALDERLEY EDGE COMMEMORATES AND CELEBRATES THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY WITH COMMUNITY EVENTS...

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, a pivotal moment in World War II that led to the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control. Alderley Edge Parish Council is honoured to announce a series of community events designed to commemorate this historic occasion and celebrate the enduring spirit of those who participated in the landings and supported the effort from home.

The highlight of our commemoration will be a 1940s-style tea dance at the Festival Hall, an event that promises to bring our community together in remembrance and celebration. This special occasion will not only pay tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of the Allied forces but also serve as a reminder of the unity and resilience that defined our village during those challenging times.

As we put the final touches on our D-Day commemoration events, we're eager to connect with Alderley Edge residents whose lives or family histories intertwine with the D-Day landings or wartime efforts at home, such as the "Dig for Victory" campaign. The 2nd Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment's significant contributions during D-Day are a proud part of our local heritage. Your personal stories and memories are invaluable, offering deep insight and honouring the sacrifices made for freedom. If you or your family have connections to this pivotal time, we invite you to share those experiences with us, helping to create a poignant tribute to our community's historical legacy. Please contact the parish clerk to share your stories.



As we join with the rest of the nation in commemorating this milestone, let us also come together to celebrate the enduring spirit and unity that carried us through those times.

SAVE THE DATE- D-Day Tea Dance at the Festival Hall on the afternoon of 8th June 2024

Dr. Peter Speake
Dr. Tom Hunsley
Dr. Hannah Hayes



Dr. Alex Garvey
Dr. Leonor Vital
Dr. Jessica Searle

ALDERLEY EDGE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Talbot Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire SK9 7EP

The practice has recently been mandated by NHS England to implement a new phone system which went live on 6th February 2024. Thank you so much to our wonderful patients for bearing with us through a tricky few days. We hope that the new system works better for all of our patients and those contacting us as it now includes a ring back feature to save you holding in a call queue.

The Practice welcomes a new trainee Dr Larein Mohemmed who joins us from Readesmoor Medical Centre in Congleton. We also bid a fond farewell to Dr Madj Al-Dakhola who completed her six month placement with us in early February 2024. We will be saying a goodbye to Lili, one of our excellent Receptionists and are looking to recruit a new Medical Receptionist, CV applications can be sent to the Practice Manager, Allie Cusick by post or email - allie.cusick1@nhs.net



Alderley Edge
Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 25th March, 7pm at the Festival Hall

SAVE
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DATE

Dear Residents,

It is that time of year again!

We are excited to invite you to our Annual Parish Meeting 25th March 2024 at the Festival Hall.

At the meeting we will be covering:

- **Chairman's report**
- **Update on our Village Enhancement initiatives, suggestions**
- **Reports from Community groups and opportunities for volunteering**
- **Open forum for questions, suggestions and feedback**

Your participation and input are invaluable as we strive to make our Parish an even better place to live. Whether you are a long time resident or new to the area, we welcome your presence and insights.

Alderley Edge Parish Council Meetings

The following are the dates for the Parish Council meetings, to which residents are welcome to attend. The Following dates also include the Parish Council Plans Committee meeting Venue – **Festival Hall, Emerson Suite, 7.30pm**

MARCH 11	APRIL 15	MAY 13	JUNE 10	JULY 8	AUG 12	SEPT 9	OCT 14	NOV 11	DEC 9
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May 13 – Annual Council meeting which will commence at 7pm

The Parish Council Finance Committee Meetings also take place on the following dates after the Parish Council monthly meetings:

APRIL 15	JULY 8	OCT 14
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YOUR VOICE

at Cheshire East Council

CLLR CRAIG BROWNE, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

As many of you will no doubt be aware, this will be my final edition of the Village News as Deputy Leader of the Council. After five years in post, it has not been an easy decision to step down from this role, along with the position of Chair of Highways & Transport at Cheshire East Council. I will be moving on and taking up a new role as Chief Executive at Citizens Advice (North Staffordshire), which is an exciting new challenge for me; however, I would like to reassure everyone that I am not stepping down from my post as Ward Councillor for Alderley Edge and will continue to give that role my full commitment.



I am delighted that in recent weeks United Utilities have finally carried out repair works to the sewer at the top of Chorley Hall Lane. Many residents had contacted me about this and the resultant undulating road surface, which had been caused by a sewer collapse outside the De Trafford Arms Public House. Following a number of reports and well directed emails, I managed to persuade Cheshire East Highways to exert some pressure on the utilities company and the works have now been completed. I recognise that the temporary road closure did result in some refuse collection issues for local residents and would like to apologise for these. Hopefully everything is now back to normal again.

You may also have noticed that ANSA (Parks Maintenance) have also been busy over recent weeks carrying out some essential repairs and improvements in our main village Playing Fields. Firstly, the bowling hut has been given a bit of a revamp (including the installation of a new roof as the old one had become unsound and a health & safety risk) and secondly, some more substantial fencing has been erected around the bowling green itself. The fencing is designed to help protect the playing surface from damage by local wildlife, as well as to highlight to humans that it is a bowling green rather than a football pitch! The costs have been covered by some residual s.106 funds left over from the gym equipment project.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteer Library Assistants who work so hard to keep Alderley Edge Library open on a Tuesday afternoon. I also extend my thanks to those members of our Community Speedwatch Team who work to raise awareness and monitor speeds on our local roads, helping to keep all road users a bit safer as a result.

A number of residents have contacted me over recent months about the deteriorating condition of Congleton Road heading out of the village towards Whitebarn Road. As you would expect, I have raised these concerns with Cheshire East Highways and I am delighted to confirm that this section of road has been brought forward for priority repairs during the first quarter of the 2024/25 financial year.

