



Village News

AUTUMN
2024

BROUGHT TO YOU BY ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL



Chair's Introduction

Hello everyone, thank you for taking the time to read our Village Newsletter.

Can you believe it's already the autumn edition! It feels like the season has truly set in, leaves of red, orange and gold are covering the ground and the nights are drawing in. Autumn has always been my favourite season, the beautiful colours of the trees and the last glimpses of muted sunshine. It feels like nature takes a breather and starts to slow down. However our village has yet to slow down.

We have had a fabulous summer. The village planters have looked fantastic, what a riot of colour, the Waitrose railing planters were a stunning display, well done Bloomers. The Village Show was an outstanding success with so many entries, it was a credit to the organisers, volunteers and residents who participated. The annual Civic Service was very well attended at the Methodist Church. Thanks to all those who supported our library with the Summer Reading Challenge, it was great to see so many young participants.

The first village Skip day was anything but rubbish, soon to be repeated, and Alderley Edge in Bloom had a very successful visit from RHS North West in Bloom judges. This is just a small snapshot of events during the last few months, there is more to read inside this newsletter. Everyone should be very proud of their accomplishments in the village this summer.

However now we have our Autumn events to look forward to. Join us for our annual Remembrance Service, this year on Sunday 10th November at our village's traditional time of 3pm in the grounds of St Philip and St James near the cenotaph.

Do not forget the Christmas light switch on, a jewel in the village calendar, this year it will be Saturday 23rd November, save the date and join us in kick starting the Christmas season in style, as it's sure to be a spectacular evening and festive celebration.

I look forward to seeing many residents at our village events. These are held for you, often by you, to continue building a strong sense of community and togetherness.

Keep warm and enjoy all autumn has to offer...

Ali Bates

Chair, Alderley Edge Parish Council



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The Library held their Summer Reading Challenge celebration at the end of August.

Summer Reading Challenge...



Certificates and medals were presented by Parish Councillors Craig Browne, Kristina Hulme and Beverley Chapman.

The Parish Council have also funded some of the library events.

In addition to the presentations CuteasFaces were on hand to offer face painting with quite stunning looks.



A big thank you to the library staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to not only offer a comprehensive library service but also arrange interesting events for our community.



Alderley Edge Methodist Church

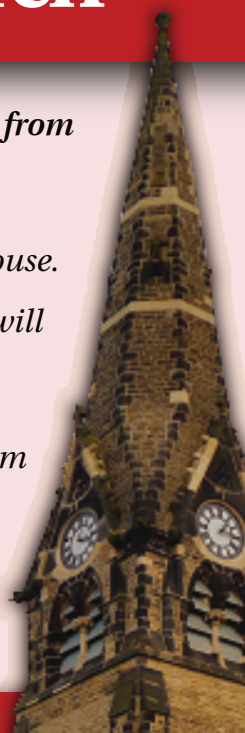
The Lunchtime Concerts on 16 October and 20 November will both feature musicians from Chetham's School of Music.

The October concert will be particularly special, as it will be exactly 20 years since our inaugural concert in October 2004, when two young organists performed to a packed house.

We are delighted that in celebration of this anniversary, the young students from Chets will once again give us an organ recital. Details of the November concert will be available nearer the time.

Coffee Concerts take place on the first Saturday of the month. Coffee is served from 10 am and the music starts at 11 am. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

The Lunchtime Concerts happen on the third Wednesday of the month. Lunches are served from 12 noon and the recitals begin at 1.00 pm. Admission is by programme available at the door for £8.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Free Divorce, Children & Family Law Clinic

Wednesday 23rd October and 27th November 9.30am - 12.30pm
Contact Deborah at Aticus Law Solicitors



Alderley Tea Dance

Sunday 27th October 1.30 - 5pm
Tickets Richard Poole 07777 691283



The World of Ghosts by Deborah Davies

Friday 1st November 8pm
Tickets available at Eventbookings.com



Alderley Edge Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 2nd November 7.30pm
Tickets available via aeso.org.uk



Manfords Comedy Club

Friday 15th November 7.30pm
Tickets available from www.ManfordsComedyClub.com



Saxophone Orchestra Manchester

Sunday 8th December 7pm
Tickets available at Eventbrite



LullaBaby - New Class starting Monday 4th November

Offering a wide variety of activities, from sensory play to baby yoga
and is linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage



A popular venue for children's birthday parties, please book early
to avoid disappointment. Bookings open for 2025.

Celebrating a big birthday or special occasion, the BALLROOM
is the perfect blank canvas to dress the venue to your
own taste and use your preferred caterers.



CHRISTMAS BOOKINGS NOW AVAILABLE. HIRE THE BALLROOM FOR YOUR OFFICE CELEBRATIONS.

HANDY PERSON REQUIRED WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO JOIN OUR TEAM FOR GENERAL
MAINTENANCE WORK. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL FESTIVALHALL@MAIL.COM

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Definitely not a Rubbish idea!

SKIP DAY



We were so thrilled with our first Skip Day initiative. It was a huge success, one we will be repeating at a different village location in the near future.

For our first event the skip was situated at Wood Gardens on Saturday 20th July. It was a great opportunity for residents of the neighbourhood to clear out any unwanted items, bric a brac, even a sofa or two. We realised next time we will clearly need a bigger skip!



A huge thanks to Peaks and Plains for their cooperation using their land and to all the residents who put up with us for the day. It was a real hands on experience for some of your Parish Councillors and a great team of volunteers.

Please check the Parish Council website and/or facebook page regarding the date and location of the next Skip Day.

**ROYAL
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE**

The RVS Luncheon Club is celebrating its diamond anniversary with a traditional Christmas lunch at Alderley Edge Methodist Church on Tuesday 10th December.

Christmas lunch has always been free to members and guests. In the early days local traders donated 10 guineas to pay for the food. It is not clear how much a regular lunch cost in 1964 but at the beginning of 1968 the meal cost 1/6d plus 2d for a cup of tea. That is a little less than 8p. Around 40 people attended each session and so the income would have been about £3.20. We now charge £4 inclusive of tea and coffee.

New members are very welcome.
Please phone Anne on 01625 582514 or email
annebale@goggs.co.uk to book a meal.

**RVS regular Luncheon Club opens 1st October
and closes after Christmas lunch on 10 December:
1145 arrival for lunch at 1215
Members depart at 1.15
Lunch £4**

To book or find out
more please phone:

Anne
01625 582514

Julie
01625 536412

Amanda
01625 635553

Fish and chips delivered on alternative
Thursday lunch times
24 October
7 and 21 November
5 December

**Fish n chips £5
Transport £2**





ALDERLEY EDGE GEARS UP FOR FESTIVE FUN WITH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Once again Alderley Edge is bustling with excitement in anticipation of the annual Christmas Lights Switch On, a village tradition that draws both locals and visitors to celebrate the festive season.

Set to sparkle on **Saturday, 23rd November 2024, from 4pm**, this event promises to be a fantastic evening for families and friends alike. This year, the Christmas market on London Road is organised by Taste Cheshire, and you can expect a lineup of stalls featuring everything from food and drinks to unique gifts, once again adding a local flavour to the festivities.

Community spirit also shines through as local bands, singers, and school groups take the stage, offering live musical performances that are sure to spread holiday cheer. Adding to the excitement, will be the much-anticipated arrival of Santa Claus who will be on hand to help with the switch on itself!

It's also a great opportunity to support our local businesses, some of who will be extending their hours and offering special deals to make the evening even more enjoyable. Wrap up warm and join us for an evening of festive fun at the Alderley Edge Christmas Lights Switch On. It's the perfect way to dive into the Christmas spirit, enjoy some fantastic entertainment, and perhaps even start your Christmas shopping with our wonderful local vendors. We look forward to seeing you there!



London Road closed 2pm to 9pm • Market open 4pm to 8pm • Christmas Light switch on 7pm

CIVIC SERVICE

Alderley Edge Parish Council recently held their annual Civic Service on Sunday 22nd September at the Methodist Church.

It was attended by your Parish Councillors, many local community groups and volunteers, residents and dignitaries from across Cheshire including Rt Hon Esther McVey MP for Tatton, Cllr Tim Higgins, Mayor for Wilmslow Town Council and Cllr Sally Harrison, Chair, Residents of Wilmslow.

This year's theme was all about community and our strength in togetherness, especially the volunteer groups and organisations who are the backbone of our village, from Toddlers, Guides to RVS Luncheon Club and all volunteer groups in between, who work tirelessly for our village, sharing a common goal to make Alderley Edge the best it can be. The service was introduced by Cllr Ali Bates, chair of the Parish council, then led by Rev'd Nick Thompson of the Methodist Church.

Our guest speakers included Alex Lashford, chair of the Village show and Beech Close Community Allotments. We also heard from David Drucker who is instrumental in our village for organising the Wythenshawe food bank collection. Rev'd Robin Pye of St.Philip and St.James church spoke about the importance of supporting our local community and of the St. Elizabeth fund, which churches together in Alderley Edge have set up to aid families in need.

Alderley Edge Parish Council would like to reiterate our thanks to all those who came and especially to all our volunteers. We salute you. Let's continue fostering a strong, harmonious community here in our village.



What a great show, thank you to everyone who came to support this years event. £500 will be donated to the East cheshire hospice.



10TH NOVEMBER 2024

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Alderley Edge Remembrance Sunday service will, again this year, be held in the beautiful garden at the church of St Phillips and St. James at 3pm on Sunday 10th November near to the cenotaph. We hope that our village residents will join us in honouring our fallen servicemen and women at this moving and important ceremony led by the Minister Nick Thompson.



CommuniTEA and COFFEE

A Free, Fresh Social Club to Savour Conversations and Brew Connections



CommuniTea celebrates its ONE year anniversary!



Our weekly gathering at Festival Hall has proved to be a resounding success as we celebrate our 1 year anniversary.

We gather every Monday from 1.30pm till 3pm all year round and enjoy complimentary tea, coffee and the odd cake or biscuit. These provisions are most often supplied by the generosity of Tesco Express Alderley Edge. Antonio, Morris and the team there have been wonderful with their constant supply of donations. On special occasions we have had wonderful cakes donated from Weinholts. As well as donations from many residents who attend.

Also thanks to our Parish Council and Festival Hall team. Annette the festival hall manager, is our most ardent supporter, providing the room and facilities every week to enable our event to take place.

It has been a fabulous year, friendships have been made, Monday blues have been banished, strong community links have been forged as we welcome around 40 guests each week. We have the occasional quiz, music, singing, or regular items from the History Group. We have had guest speakers from all over the village, Alderley Edge Medical Practise, Cedric's Pharmacy and Alderley Edge Foot Clinic. We are about to welcome Jess our PCSO to hold an informal surgery, and we are looking for a tech specialist to give a little chat! We are very appreciative for all their time and advice given.

We are also looking forward to Rev'd Robin Pye popping in to chat about the St. Elizabeth fund we have in the village to help families in need. We recently held a MacMillan coffee afternoon and raised a fantastic sum of money.

Our special thanks go to our wonderful team of volunteers who make it happen, Sue, Stewart, David, Jane, Rachel and Ann, you are what it is all about, strength in togetherness and community. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

So why not come and join us, let's look forward to our 2nd anniversary, put the day and time in your diary 1.30pm every Monday and pop along. We look forward to welcoming you.

Remember strangers are just friends we haven't met yet...

MEDICAL PRACTICE

Flu Vaccinations 2024

The Practice has Flu Vaccination Clinics at Alderley Edge on the following dates:

Saturday 5th October 2024 / Saturday 12th October 2024 / Saturday 19th October 2024

We are also offering flu vaccinations at our Prestbury surgery for our Prestbury patients, please enquire with reception regarding these appointments. The Practice will not be undertaking COVID-19 vaccinations this year, if you would like a COVID-19 vaccination these can be undertaken at Pharmacies or Vaccination Hubs you can call 119 free of charge to book these appointments over the telephone.

New Staff

Dr Emma Kilgour

I completed my medical degree at the Universities of St Andrews and Glasgow before moving to the North West to undertake my foundation training. I then spent a year teaching medical students at the University of Central Lancashire before embarking on GP training. I have been based at Alderley Edge Medical Practice since 2021 but I have taken time away for two periods of maternity leave - I have recently returned for my final year of GP training and look forward to working with both familiar and new patients. Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my husband and two little children, socialising with friends, and have recently discovered a new passion for padel!



Dr Laura Marshall

I graduated from the University of Bristol in 2020 before moving up north to start my career during the COVID-19 pandemic. During my GP training I have spent time working in Macclesfield A&E, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and East Cheshire Hospice. I'm looking forward to completing my final year of training here in Alderley Edge. Outside of work I enjoy staying active, skiing, travelling to explore new destinations and spending time with friends and family. Dr Marshall will be with the practice until November 2024.



Dr Amie Kingston

I graduated from Newcastle University in 2013 and worked in the North East before moving to Australia. I spent 7 years in Sydney, working mostly in hospital medicine. I moved back home 2 years ago to start GP training. Outside of work I enjoy running. Also, I will be sitting my clinical exam in November. I will find out the exact date in the next few weeks.



Dr Larein Mohammed

I am Larein one of the GP registrars here at the practice. I started here in February 2024 so I have already had the pleasure to have met some of you and look forward to meeting more.





YOUR VOICE

at Cheshire East Council

CLLR CRAIG BROWNE, WARD COUNCILLOR FOR ALDERLEY EDGE

WILMSLOW ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING/SPEED AWARENESS

Residents will have noticed over recent weeks a number of surface treatment works have been introduced on Wilmslow Road, including enhanced centre markings, red textured surfaces, 30 roundels and extended cycle lanes. These works have been funded via a voluntary s.106 contribution from Vita Select Property Group and are linked to a planning application to extend the car park at the former Horseshoe Farm site, approved in 2019. The works are also in response to requests made to me by a number of residents and backed by evidence provided both by our Community Speedwatch Team and by Cheshire Police.



NEW REGIME AT RYLEYS LANE CAR PARK

Cheshire East Council is in the process of installing parking meters at Ryleys Lane Car Park, with the new regime due to go live by the end of October. Unfortunately, the continuation of free parking at this location has become unsustainable, as the council grapples to address a £20m budget deficit in Children's Services & Adult Social Care. Thankfully, as part of the new regime, I have been able to secure a change whereby eight of the existing bays (those immediately adjacent to the playing fields) will become short-stay only with a maximum waiting time of two hours. Over the last couple of years, a number of residents have contacted me to express their disappointment that the car park is regularly filled with commuter vehicles from 8am every day, leaving little or no space for short-stay visitors to the playing fields or for those dropping off or picking up children at our local schools. These changes should help to address those concerns.



BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

The Boundary Commission for England has recently made recommendations for changes to a number of electoral wards within Cheshire East, including Alderley Edge. As part of their review, the Boundary Commission has looked at any Ward where the existing number of voters per councillor deviates by more than 10% from the Borough wide average (c.4,000 residents). As many other wards have seen significant housing development within recent years, this meant that Alderley Edge had to gain an additional 400 voters in order to remain within the 10% variation. The result is that a new Ward of Alderley Edge & Chorley will be in place for the next local elections, scheduled for May 2027. This reflects the old ward boundary as it previously existed under the days of Macclesfield Borough Council.



COUNTY HOTEL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

I was recently invited to a guided tour of progress at the County Hotel on Wilmslow Road, which as an important "gateway" site is I know of great interest to local residents. I can report that progress is on track, with final completion expected by the Summer of 2025. Photographs taken during my site visit can be viewed by scanning the QR code below.



Best wishes, Craig.

