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Aston upon Trent Parish Council



*Chairman: Cllr. Haydn Wheeler, Vice Chair: Cllr. Edward Hicklin,
Cllr. Catherine Alberts, Cllr Helen Cope, Cllr. Jean Longley,
Cllr. Steve Graham, Cllr. Tony Hurrell, Cllr. Mike Selby.*

Precept increase.

The Council has decided to increase the precept, the first rise in over three years, in order to meet the ever increasing demands on our budget and the cost of a possible election of councillors this forthcoming May. The precept is the proportion of your community charge which comes directly to the Parish Council. The rise of £2000 represents an average increase per household of £2.97 per year. As always, this Council will strive for best value for money but villagers need to be aware that demands on our limited "pot" cannot always be met.

Proposed Crematorium – Derby Road – Aston-on-Trent.

By the time you read this article the decision might have been taken, by the SDDC planning committee, whether or not to approve this application. Your Council has listened to your views and has decided to oppose the application and intends to be represented to voice your concerns to the planning committee. Many thanks to those parishioners who have also voiced their concerns in writing to the district council.

Concessionary path – Willow Park Way to Aston Hall Drive.

A representative from the Parish Council is working with local residents to upgrade this concessionary cinder path as residents wish to close the access in front of Aston Hall because of privacy and antisocial behaviour issues. The aim is to provide access along the path whatever the weather particularly for the disabled and pushchair users.

Derby Road Cemetery.

With many local burial grounds becoming closed our cemetery has been very much in demand. The Council aims to use this increased revenue to expand the car park on site, trim the perimeter hedges and plant a row of trees in memory of those who gave their lives during the Great War of 1914-18.

The District Council Community Partnership scheme.

The re-launch of this scheme will provide capital grants to community groups, sports organisations, voluntary organisations, church groups and parish councils. Grants are available between £1000 and £25000 for such projects as:-

- Sports, arts, heritage, environmental and other community projects.
- Provision of new community buildings, or refurbishment/improvement of existing buildings.
- The purchase of major items of equipment valued at over £4000.
- The provision of improved access to buildings particularly for people with disabilities.

For further information the Parish Council encourage you to contact Ian Hey at SDDC on 01283 228741.

Playing field gate.

Villagers and visitors are reminded that the playing field gate is closed and locked for reasons of security and to deter temporary encampments. The gate is locked once organised activities have finished either on the playing field or in the recreation centre. The car park is NOT a public facility and dog walkers or others setting off for a walk should be aware of this arrangement.

Village sign planters.

You may have noticed the winter planting in the village sign planters. Let us hope these remain undisturbed so that all can benefit once these come into full bloom.

“Excellence in the Community Award”

Nominations have now been closed and once the judges have met the winner will be announced and receive a presentation at the annual parish meeting in April. Exact date to be confirmed.

Proposed Parish Council projects for 2015-16.

In addition to improvements at the Derby Road cemetery (outlined above), the Council intends to further enhance the village centre with floral tubs and an additional seat, install a floral tub on the corner of Weston Road and Chellaston Lane, improve the path along Greatorex Walk and make necessary playing field improvements.

On behalf of all Councillors – a belated happy and safe new year to you all.

**For up to date news of Council activities and events log on
to www.facebook.com/AstononTrentPC**

Contact us at

**Aston-on-Trent Parish Clerk ~ Natasha Hyde 01332 792046
astonparishcncl@freenetname.co.uk**

Aston & Weston Methodist Church Minister : Rev John Hartley Te; 01332 405286 3

Many years ago, I was introduced to the delights of Gilbert & Sullivan when the school "put on" the Pirates of Penzance. As a 13 yr old, I was probably the scrawniest pirate ever seen. However, with the help of a very enthusiastic make-up team I was made to look as if I had seen plenty of action. In "Pirates" Gilbert observes "for such a beastly month as February, twenty eight days, as a general rule, are plenty".

It is a sentiment that many would go along with - winter's grip is at its tightest and many will be longing for the leaves to break out on the trees and to feel the spring sunshine warm the earth once more. Yet even in February there is wonder, sights to take delight in, whether you believe in a Creator or not. To see the mist lying low over a frost or snow covered landscape is breathtaking; the delicate tracery of a spider's web outlined with hoar frost, a wonder; a drift of snowdrops, a delight.

Yes, February can be cold, wet and dreary, but I must contradict W S Gilbert- it is not beastly. It has, as each month, its own beauty, which I believe reflects the wonderful Creator God I serve. Best wishes John.

Dates for Cafe Church - Lunch Club - and Coffee Mornings are shown on the back page.

ASTON ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

After the hectic WW1 Project the History Group is returning to quieter times and we now have a full monthly programme in place for 2015. Our programme is always posted on the village noticeboards and the village website www.aston-on-trent.co.uk or our own www.astonontrenthistory.org.uk which remains popular around the globe. The most popular requests concern family histories and Bob Read, our expert historian, is frequently challenged to come up with answers.

Our focus for 2015 is our core activity of providing a comprehensive, informative and accessible archive for the village. Our team of volunteers spend a couple of hours each month in the Heritage Centre cataloguing photos, documents, filing, researching, creating new digital archives and generally adding to the sum of knowledge from over a thousand years of village history. Surprisingly perhaps this is not the boring, repetitive task that you might initially think. There's always something surprising that turns up and it's a fun, sociable way of learning about our village past.

The team meets every second Monday in each month from 10am to noon. If you want to pop in and see what they're up to, have a cup of coffee or have a go at a bit of archiving you'll be made very welcome.

107th Derby Scout Group (Aston, Weston & Shardlow) and Trent Explorers



Sections meet in the activity room at the Memorial Hall,
Chellaston Lane, Aston on Trent

Beavers - Age 6 to 8

Tues 5.45pm - 7.00pm

Scouts - Age 10 to 14

Tue 7.15p.m Fri 7:30 p.m.

Cubs - Age 8 to 10

Mondays 6:30pm - 8.00pm

Explorers - Age 14 to 18

Meet Mondays 8p.m - 9:30pm.

A big thank-you to all our supporters us during 2014. Section leaders, assistants and helpers have done a fantastic job and parents have pulled the stops out at our fund-raising activities. The Weston Run, The Ladies Night and Stamp & Deliver help us keep our equipment safe, reliable and up-to-date.

This year's **Weston Run** will be on **Sunday 8th March**. Full details are available on our web site.

This is a big year for us with an international jamboree at Chatsworth Park. We will be hosting our friends from the 3rd Derby, Connecticut (USA) troop and planning to show them to a bit of English culture with a Medieval Night Banquet and a trip to Warwick Castle.

Scouting promises to be an exciting place during 2015

Group Scout Leader: Craig Morris - 07748 607092

Group Chairman: Ken Clamp - 01332 792374

Web site: www.107derbyscouts.org.uk

E-mail: mail@107derbyscouts.org.uk

ASTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL

The War Memorial Hall continues to be a hub of activity within the village, providing a facility enjoyed by all ages from toddlers to pensioners and hosting a wide variety of activities.

We are only just into the New Year, but sessions in the hall are already being booked up.

If you would like to hire the hall, please call our Booking Secretary, **Gail Smith (792541)**.

Would you be interested in helping out with the running of the hall? If so please give **Andy (792640) or Paul (792457) a call**.

Grease The Movie Sing-alongs

The two sing-alongs in October were a sell out with over 85 people attending.

The events were held in the Heritage Centre to raise money for **Breast Cancer Campaign**

as October was **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**.

Everyone wore something "Pink" especially "The Pink Ladies"

Including other activities **£1472** was sent to **Breast Cancer Campaign**.

A big **Thank You** to everyone who took part.



ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

one of the Trent and Derwent Parish Churches
Serving

Aston on Trent, Barrow on Trent, Elvaston, Shardlow,
Swarkestone, Twyford and Weston on Trent



Rector: the Rev'd. Tony Luke, MA.

Tel. 01332 792658. e mail: theramsrev@gmail.com

Assistant Priest: the Rev'd Paul Hygate,

Tel. 01332 772779

Sunday services: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. (1st Sunday in the month)

10.30 a.m. Family Worship every Sunday (Communion on the 2nd & 4th Sundays)

6.30 p.m. Evensong. (1st Sunday in the month)

Wednesday service: 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. (3rd Wednesday in every month)

From the New Year we have started our new **Wednesday Hub** at **10.30 am in the Heritage Centre**. This replaces our long-standing Silent Music, Emmaus and Question of Faith groups and the Heritage Café. It is open to everyone any Wednesday you wish to come. See right for the monthly pattern.

Other activities at All Saints':

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Sunday School are not meeting at the moment, but children are always welcome at all of our services

M.U. (Mothers' Union) meets on the 4th Thursday in every month at 2.30 p.m, in the Heritage Centre.

CAMEO (An informal group for women) meets on the 1st Wednesday in every month at 7.30 p.m, in the Heritage Centre.

BELLRINGERS meet to practise on Mondays at 8.00 p.m.

HERITAGE CENTRE is available for group or private bookings. Contact Alison Wheeler on 793492



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ALL SAINTS'

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday - 10.30 a.m. Donkey Procession and United Service at St.James', Shardlow

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April - 7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist.

Good Friday, 3rd April – 10.00-12.00 a.m. Children's Workshop in Church.
2.00 p.m. The Last Hour

Easter Eve, 4th April - 9.00 p.m. Service of Light and First Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Sunday, 5th April – 10.30 a.m. Family Communion.

Weddings can be booked at the weekly "surgery" on Monday evenings, 7.00 – 7.30 pm in the Vestry. Information about getting married in Church is to be found on the website. **Baptism** enquiries should be directed to the Rector.

Magazine We have a monthly magazine, called "**On Stream**" for the Trent and Derwent Parishes, printed in colour, with photographs and a children's page. Available at 70p per month. Please sign the list at the back of Church or contact Joe Nutman on 792659 if you would like to subscribe or receive a sample copy.

200 Club We welcome parishioners to join our 200 Club to raise money on a regular basis towards the continuing maintenance of our beautiful, ancient Church building. It costs £5 per month and the 1st prize is 20% of the month's takings.. Contact Alison Wheeler (793492) for further information.

Tony's Book A number of people have already purchased Tony's book, "Way of Zen, Way of Christ", which he wrote during last year's sabbatical and which was published before Christmas. Contact Tony if you would like a copy, priced £7.99.

Have you visited our website? www.astonontrentchurch.org



Aston Well Dressers

Happy New Year! Following our AGM we waved fond farewells to Rob Archer and Doreen Yates, and said hello to a new committee led by Chair Steve Hyde. The committee welcomes faces both new and familiar – so as they say in football it's "a mixture of youth and experience". We are always looking for help or ideas so please get in touch if you would like to join us as a committee member or just by donating your time at one of the fundraisers or over the Festival Weekend. You can contact us on info@astonwelldressers.co.uk, via our Facebook page or by calling Ian on 01332 799948.

Work is already well underway for 2015 and we hope to bring you a better Festival than ever this year with a wide variety of stalls and entertainers, as well as welcoming back those annual favourites who have become part of the Festival fabric. Priority stall bookings will be available for the village groups shortly, so do check the website www.astonwelldressers.co.uk

Coming up on **Sunday 22nd March** we will be having **Afternoon Tea** in the **Memorial Hall** from **2.30 to 5.00** so why not come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some delicious home-made cake as you browse the stalls. This valuable fundraiser helps us to put on the Well Dressing Festival, so please support us if you can.

Astonbury 2015, Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd May – planning is underway for this annual celebration of local talent. Please come along to one of the evenings (or enjoy a discounted ticket for both) - you'll have a ball! The **Astonbury Reloaded CD** will be available on both evenings and during the Well Dressing Festival Weekend for just **£3** so remember to grab a copy.

Save the dates!! More details in the next Acorn

Well Dressing Walk, Saturday 27th June – Robin Sedgewick

is already working on a route so make it your resolution to get fit and join in whilst raising money for charity.

Well Dressing Festival, Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July

We need help to build stalls, make the well dressings, run stalls, put up bunting and more.



VILLAGE WALK 2014

The village walk committee would like to thank all walkers who helped to make this event a resounding success. It was cold and crisp and sunny and several hundred folks enjoyed the varied route. First and foremost it is a community event.

The proceeds of the walk are to be distributed to the following village organisations:

- Aston Bell Ringers Tower Fund
- Aston Bowls Club
- Aston Pre-School
- 3 students of Chellaston Academy

Don't forget, there will be the **42nd Village Walk** on **December 27 2015**. We hope to see you there!

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Recreation Centre - The update

Following the grant from Biffa Award, work has started on the extension.

The foundation trenches were dug with the aid of a large digger which had to be brought in as the ground was very hard. Concrete has been poured to create the footings and this has been duly passed off by the building inspector. Blocks have been laid to define the floor and bricks assembled up to window sill level. A hole was punched in the existing outer wall to ensure that the new floor level matched the existing. At present, the rain does not seem to have hindered progress, although the area is somewhat of a quagmire! Plans were drawn up for all the power points and ventilation extraction and the first fit of these utilities is under way.

The next stage is to lay the floor and then continue the brick work to facilitate the steel work for the roof. Let's hope the weather does not slow up the work that so far has been at a good pace.

Our thanks once again to Biffa Award, South Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire Environmental Trust and Aston Parish Council

Recreation Centre - 'Buying a Brick'

A number of years ago Recreation in Aston gave people the opportunity of 'Buying a Brick' as a way of supporting the building project at the Recreation Centre. With the extension and adaptations nearing completion we would like to offer you and your family a final and unique opportunity to be a permanent and lasting part of this initiative.



Each brick will cost £30 and will include a name or names containing no more than 18 characters.

It is planned to have the completed 'brick' display produced and installed before our official opening scheduled for June 2015. If you wish to enable Gift Aid as a donation made to Recreation in Aston, please complete the declaration on the bottom of the order form. If you have previously paid for a brick and wish to claim Gift Aid on your donation please contact Barbara James

The order form is enclosed with this Acorn. Please send the completed form and cheque to
Barbara James, Posey Cottage, Posey Lane, Aston. Tel 792061.

Hiring the Recreation Centre

If you would like to ask about hiring the centre from the end of March please contact Barbara James on 792061 or e-mail barbara.l.james@btinternet.com

"Thanks For The Memory" Saturday Nov 15th

The Memorial Hall was decked out in red, white and blue in readiness for our WW1 commemorative evening. We had excellent entertainment from the very professional group "Thanks for the Memory" and a truly scrumptious meal of cottage pie and peas. This event was a remembrance of the outbreak of WW1.

Our raffle prizes included vouchers from The Malt, The Cooper's Arms and The Salon Aston as well as tickets for a Derby County silver match. Our thanks to everyone who supplied raffle prizes.

We raised a staggering £650 which we have shared equally with SSAFA the soldiers, sailors and air force families association.

This was a great evening enjoyed by everyone.

Santa Round The Village

Our usual Santa visit took place on Sunday 14th December. There was a very mixed bag of weather. The first half was dry and quite warm, the second half produced torrential rain.

Our thanks to the two groups who collected, the Aston Pre School and Aston Players and to Steve Aynsley and Ian Dunn for their vital contribution. Thanks also to John Wilkinson [egg farmer Chellaston Lane] for the loan of his lorry and to the Malt for sponsorship

Future Events

RIA AGM This will take place on Monday 2nd February at 7.30 in the Methodist Church. All are welcome. There will be light refreshments.

Yard Sale This very popular event will take place on Saturday May 9th 10a.m. – 2p.m.

If you would like to open your "yard" please contact Jill Aldridge on 792439

FUN RUN SUNDAY 17TH MAY

We have some younger village people who are taking over key organising roles which means that it is possible to stage this event this year. As usual we will require lots of support on the day, so those who have helped previously will soon be contacted to find out if they are available. We still need other helpers.

If you would like to join us please contact either Fiona Stanbrook on 799312 fiona.stanbrook@sky.com
or Paul Hudson on 792730 mattsi@btinternet.com

ASTON ON TRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Staff, Governors and Pupils would like to wish all readers a Happy and Healthy New Year. We look forward to another exciting year, with lots of learning experiences for our children, including visits to the Heritage Centre for sessions with the History Group – many thanks to them for hosting these sessions.

Over the next few months, our older children will also be taking part in lots of sporting tournaments and activities, so good luck to all who take part in these, and thank you to Mr Bamford for organising.

Unfortunately we are now unable to recycle your Christmas cards, but would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who supported us in previous years.

However, if you had a “clothing clear out”, over the Christmas holidays, please use our ‘Green Light’ clothing recycling bank – (the red one situated on the left-hand side just inside the main school gates). **WHAT TO BRING:** Clean and dry SHOES, CLOTHING, HANDBAGS, HATS, AND BELTS. These items not only raise funds for the school but provide affordable clothing and employment in third world countries such as Africa, Pakistan and India.

Finally, could we ask any visitors to school to show some respect for our neighbours by not parking in front of their driveways. Thank you for your co-operation.

Friends of Aston Brickyard

With over fifteen volunteer members, the FAB Group go into 2015 with continuing activities designed to improve the woodlands and grassland for the protection of the indigenous wildlife and flora. By March we hope to begin the preparation of a 10 year Site Management Plan concerned with the best habitats for encouraging new and current species of butterflies, birds and insects, sowing a new meadow grassland with native plants and flowers, planting new trees and creating space for protecting our oaks, elms and hazels in addition to new species. The Plan needs to consider how all the various elements of conservation work together in a way that encourages diversification. To that end we are consulting with organisations such as Friends of The Earth, RSPB, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and the site’s owner Derbyshire County Council.

Working on site is a very enjoyable and sociable way to stay fit and healthy in our ‘green gym’ whilst learning new outdoor skills. Interested in being a part of FAB? Contact Richard Coates 793196 or John Holloway 792860 for details.

Aston on Trent Women’s Institute

As we greet a new year our group is busy scheduling in lots of fun packed activities for 2015. We’re looking forward to more theatre trips, local walks, lots of dinners, perhaps a spot of skittles and of course our annual holiday. We’ll also be kept busy with the various fairs, well dressing and charity activities we get involved with. Why not consider coming along to a meeting to join the fun and meet new people!

We already have lots of events scheduled including our **Jumble Sale 14th February** at the **Memorial Hall 2.00.p.m.** onwards. Monies raised will go to Parkinson’s, our chosen charity for 2015. Come along and see what treasures you might find!

Speakers, including our January speaker Nancy Hawkesworth, who gave us a cookery demonstration and talk about 5 A Day. Then in February we’ll hear all about Honey Bees & Bumble Bees, followed by Biometrics as the subject for March, with The Life & Times of Punch & Judy to entertain us in April.

The Aston ladies will be hosting the Spring Group meeting on 1 April at the Memorial Hall. This is a members’ only meeting and has a Russian theme: Inspiring Russian Women; vodka may well be involved!

We meet at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM.

New members and guests are always welcome so why not come along!



Aston School Parents Association (ASPA) wishes you a Happy New Year...

We hope that you have enjoyed the festive holidays, our local children at Aston on Trent Primary certainly did! The lead up to Christmas was especially magical this year with a Christmas Production of famous stories by Hans Christian Anderson which were fabulously played out by very animated and talented actors.

The Christmas Fayre followed with many villagers and children joining in the games, raffle and snaffling of turkey cobs! It was great to see so many local people with stalls this year offering many lovely craft gifts, jewellery and food delights. This event takes the total raised so far to £3,000, thanks for your support!

To date, as well as the Christmas production, ASPA have funded the purchase of over 200 plants for children to plant as we prepare for spring and topics turn to plant and wildlife life-cycles.

Our next community event will be an Easter egg Hunt around the village in the Easter break so watch out for posters. Anyone can join in on the day and hot and cold refreshments and treats will be on sale.

If you have any ideas of events you would like to see in the village that would help us to raise money for ASPA, then please email felicity.beal@gmail.com.

ASTON ON TRENT FOOTBALL CLUBS

It's been a frustrating time for the Aston Footballing Family, with the season developing a stop-start feel to it as matches have been cancelled first to waterlogging, then frost and finally, snow! Indeed, the only advantage to this was that the teams all got to have guilt-free Christmas parties...until the hangovers kicked in the next morning, anyway.

On the pitch, the three teams – Aston United on Saturdays, and the Taverner's and Long Eaton Sunday sides - are still in the hunt for respective silverware. On Saturdays, Aston United sit on top of the league by 10 points, although other teams still have games in hand. In the Taverner's League, it's almost the opposite, with Aston sitting in the lower echelons of the league, but with enough games in hand to push themselves right back into the title race! The Long Eaton side enter the new year sitting in third, with games in hand and first place in sight. It will certainly be interesting to see how the backlog of games will affect the teams as they enter the vital spring and summer period.

Both Sunday sides have also had tremendous support from Matt and Karyn at the Malt, and enjoy post-match hospitality and kits that are the envy of the leagues.

If you are interested in working off the Mince Pies, getting involved behind the scenes (please!) or simply supporting your local teams, you can catch us at the park on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Alternatively, please contact Club Secretary Mike Selby on 07778 871535 for further information.

Royal British Legion- Aston and Weston Branch

2014 was a special year in more ways than one. In March it was the 60th anniversary of when the branch was first formed in 1954. In July we hired the county gazebo and put on a great display at the village well dressing event which we believe was a huge success, it showed the public what the Legion is about both locally and nationally and the Legion's merchandise was well received. September saw the world war one centenary exhibition at the heritage centre, superbly put together by the village history group and supported by over 1100 visitors including some VIP's namely the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire Willie Tucker, our County Chairman Bernard Page and the South Derbyshire MP Heather Wheeler.

In October, thanks to our poppy appeal organiser Jane Archer and her army of volunteers, we had our most successful poppy appeal receipts for some time, Jane also organised a 'poppy picnic' with the proceeds going towards the poppy appeal. In November our Annual Remembrance Day parade saw a large following attend the Memorial Hall and All Saints Church for the two services with 319 people in Church.

Finally the 107th Scout Group affiliated to the Royal British Legion and badges were presented by the County Chairman to all the groups with ages ranging from eleven to forty something! (the leaders), it goes to show the Legion caters for all ages and supports the work the Legion undertakes. Our sincere thanks go to all those who supported the Legion in what was a hectic but rewarding year.

If you are interested in joining the Legion or require further information on the work we undertake please contact Jim Ballington on 01332 405268. Branch meetings are held every 2nd Monday of the month at the White Hart Inn at 19.30hrs."

ASTON & WESTON BOWLS CLUB

Here we are in 2015 and club members are looking forward to another enjoyable playing season which commences on Sunday 29th March. The work carried out on the green at the close of the 2014 season to provide a crown is looking very good with the re-seeding having germinated well prior to the weather turning cold.

The club will again be playing in the Belper and District League. This has now been revised to include a fourth division. Due to our creditable third place last year, we will now be playing in division 3. The club has purchased four sets of junior woods suitable for children thanks to donations from the village Brownies Group and All Saint's Bell Ringers. We hope to encourage more younger players to come to the club.

Our closed season activities started this year with a skittle night in January, and will be followed by a quiz with supper in February and a pub games evening in March. Club playing times once the season starts are on Sunday afternoons from 2pm, Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6pm. Anyone wishing to try their hand at playing bowls will be made most welcome. Bowls equipment and coaching can be provided.

Please contact Ann Watkins on 792516 or Clive Brett on 792822 for club information.

Carols round the Village - Monday 22nd December

Carols singing with a Brass Band is a tradition long enjoyed in Aston. An excellent band and "Choir" enjoyed a fine evening closing at the Christmas Tree, there meeting another fine choir and many children - the Stars of the Show.

Total funds raised £482.

Funds raised are always shared by All Saints' Church and
The Church of England Children's Society

Thanks to everyone who helped!





Aston on Trent Neighbourhood Watch



Helping to build a safer community for people to live and work

Membership.

If you have yet to join, and would like to give me a ring we will collect the membership; remember its only £2 for 2 years. We remain a vibrant group and try to ensure we keep co-ordinators updated on relevant events in the village. Any members who would like to receive the 'new' Merecat Watch Sticker, please contact your co-ordinator as we still have some remaining for distribution. Thank you to those who have 'placed' the new sticker as it helps people see we are an active scheme.

Crime Prevention materials:

Through our contacts at the Derby and District Neighbourhood Watch office we can access various discounted rates for crime prevention materials. Property marking kits, including for those expensive cycles, Smart Water products and other preventative materials are available. Give us a call and we will enquire for you. Such items are no longer routinely kept by local 'Watches' as they go out of date and are rarely used but we do know how to get them if you need them. Recently we have made available bright yellow 'Premises Alarmed' stickers which are particularly useful for sheds and out buildings. Let me know if you would like one

Crime Information

As the figures below show we have been quite quiet recently, although the ongoing 'shoplifting' at the Post Office remains a concern. Working with the Police, The Post Office and the Safer South Derbyshire scheme we are pleased to see the cctv scheme will be back and running soon. Good team effort to ensure we have an operational scheme in the heart of the village.

There is no doubt that with the work at the Hospital that anti-social behaviour incidents have reduced on the Willow Park Way estate

Village Planters. It was great to see the Planters attached to the new village sign in full bloom. It was not so great to see one of them stolen within weeks of their installation. The good news is that the Parish Council have replaced the stolen ones and planted them up for the Winter. Up to us now to keep our eyes peeled and report anything suspicious around them

Police statistics:

The police no longer provide data to local communities but encourage us to access statistics through the national web site: www.police.org. You then need to enter your post code and you will see the Melbourne Beat area. If you enlarge the map, then take the 'draw a boundary' marker, you can identify the number and detail of the incidents around the village. The only down side is it remains some weeks behind, usually about 4!

The following comes from that web site.

September: Total 8 incidents. 3 A.S.B. Incidents, 1 Burglary, 1 Violence, 3 Theft

October: Total 7 incidents. 3 A.S.B. Incidents, 1 Theft, 3 Damage.

November: Total 3 incidents. 2 A.S.B. ,1 Violence



Please report all anti-social behaviour incidents on 01283 595 795

Please report crime or suspicious incidents on '101'

If an emergency ring 999

If you wish to speak to the Chairman, Tony Hurrell, please ring 792114.



ASTON'S BARN DANCE - 25th APRIL 2015 7.30 - 11.00 p.m. MEMORIAL HALL

In support of the Uganda 2015 trip at Chellaston Academy

Tickets £10 including a hot, sit down meal and entertainment from

Double Capers Aston's local Barn Dance Duo. Bar and raffle on the night

Come in themed 'Barn Dance' style dress, no heels is recommended.

Pre-sale tickets only, no tickets on the door. 14 years and over only.

For more information/to buy tickets contact **Maisy Hayward 07794 248767** or email maisy@live.co.uk



ASTON PLAYERS

Cinderella Pantomime

At the time of writing we have three performances behind us (Oh yes we have!). We had an amazing weekend. Aston turned out in wonderful show of support for a talented cast and crew. The sound, lighting and costumes have improved year on year and have "raised the bar" yet again. The cast have also astounded me after chaotic rehearsals to perform brilliantly.

Aston has so many talented people and the under 10s are just beautiful. With another weekend like the last one we shall be able to donate substantial amounts to our nominated charities 'Rainbows' and 'Alzheimer's Society'.

Thanks to the Village for all their support.

JENNY HUNTING Producer



Richmond Villages update

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ASTON-ON-TRENT

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To try and keep all Aston-on-Trent residents updated on the building works of the new Richmond Village we will include a report in all future editions of the Acorn Newsletter. These reports will include how the retirement village is developing and what is planned for the future months, for example, planned movements of any large vehicles, working hours etc.

We have also established a contact with the parish council to aid ongoing communication.

As you will be aware, demolition work of the old buildings has been ongoing and this work should be completed by the end of February. We hope to be announcing the contractor in February and plan for them to start work on-site in April/May.

Aston-on-Trent Pre-School

Pre-school runs weekday mornings during term time in the

Memorial Hall, for children from 2-4.

For more information please contact our Business Manager **Dianne Cavanagh** on **01332 792973**

during business hours if possible

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Alvaston Medical Centre

Please give us your feedback and help us to improve services: Our yearly patient questionnaire is out now and will be available until February. Copies at our reception desks.

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Kim and Dave would like to wish all our customers a very happy New Year!!

Don't Forget **Quiz Night Every Weds** - Prizes to be won
Up and coming events

Saturday 7th February – 70's Disco Night – Fancy Dress welcome

Saturday 21st February – Female Vocalist – Carlene Walters

Saturday 7th March – Soul and Motown evening with CJ Jackson

Saturday 21st March – Amazing Guitarist Andy Walker

Saturday 4th April – 80's Disco Night – Fancy Dress welcome

Please **logon** to our **Facebook** page to keep you updated with our forthcoming events

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Diary - Looking Ahead

GROUP	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
CAMEO	Heritage Centre	19.30	1st Wednesday	4th	4th	1st
MOTHERS' UNION	Heritage Centre	14.30	4th Thursday	26th	26th	23rd
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	White Hart	19.30	2nd Monday	9th	9th	13th
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Memorial Hall	19.30	2nd Tuesday	10th	10th	14th
PARISH COUNCIL	Memorial Hall	19.30	3rd Tuesday	17th	17th	21st
LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Memorial Hall	19.30	4th Tuesday	24th	24th	28th
METHODIST CHURCH						
“Lunch Club”	Methodist Church	12.00	3rd Wednesday	18th	18th	15th
“Coffee Morning”	Methodist Church	10.00	4th Wednesday	25th	25th	22nd
“Cafe Church”	Methodist Church	16.30		8th	8th	19th

FEBRUARY Monday 2nd February. Recreation in Aston - AGM - 7.30p.m. Methodist Church
Saturday 14th February W.I. Jumble Sale 2.00.p.m. onwards - War Memorial Hall

MARCH Sunday 8th March Scout Group “Fun Run” Visit web-site: www.107derbyscouts.org.uk
Sunday 22nd March Well Dressers “Afternoon Tea” 2.30 - 5.00 p.m. Memorial Hall

APRIL Saturday 25th April. Uganda Trip Support “Barn Dance” 7.30 - 11.00 p.m. Memorial Hall.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ALL SAINTS'

Sunday 29th March, - Palm Sunday - 10.30 a.m.

Donkey Procession and United Service at St James' Shardlow

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April - 7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist.

Good Friday, 3rd April . 10.00 - 12.00 noon Children's Workshop in Church.
2.00 p.m The Last Hour.

Easter Eve, 4th April 9.00 p.m. Service of Light and First Eucharist of Easter.

MAY Friday 1st May “Astonbury” All Saints' Church. Saturday 2nd May - Memorial Hall
Saturday 9th May Recreation in Aston “Yard Sale” 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. Around the village.
Sunday 17th May. Recreation in Aston “Fun Run” Full details to be announced.

JUNE Saturday 27th June “Well Dressing Walk” Details in Acorn 54. Out end of April.

JULY Saturday 4th July and Sunday 5th July “Well Dressing Festival

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