

# Acorn

Aston Community Organisations Reviews & News

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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.*



## Chairman's report April 2015

The Council has focused on achieving its objectives as set out in the 2014-15 action plan but also has endeavoured to investigate and pursue concerns raised by villagers. Once again I wish to pay tribute to all fellow Councillors who have given their time enthusiastically and generously for the benefit of our community. The Council is represented on the management committee of the Recreation Centre, Safer Neighbourhood, SDDC Area Liaison, SAVE, Aston Welfare Trust, Neighbourhood Watch, Memorial Hall, Community Group, Alvaston Medical Practice, Gravel Extraction, Donington Park Race Track and at various briefings and training courses.

I wish to thank our three employees for their hard work and loyalty; our lengthsman for keeping our village tidy and maintaining our VAS (vehicle activating sign); our gardener who looks after the village green and floral planters and to our clerk/finance officer for keeping us on track and for setting up our facebook page so enabling us to communicate regularly and more effectively. Thanks also go to our County and District Councillors who have kept us informed and supported us on issues raised by councillors and by members of the community.

The District Council invites us to comment on planned extensions to dwellings and housing developments. We welcomed the commencement of the Richmond Villages retirement village; at last we have witnessed the clearing of the troublesome redundant, vandalised hospital site. Despite a concerted effort with Weston parish council, SAVE, our County Councillor and many villagers, we lost the battle to prevent the disproportionately sized housing development on the same site. We have similarly objected to the proposed crematorium but await our opportunity to further our views once the delayed planning meeting is arranged.

We achieved our objective of enhancing the village centre by installing floral tubs and further seating. Further installations are planned for this summer. Our financial contributions and support for the Aston Playground Project, together with grant funding, enabled the official opening in late summer. Yet again, we salute the tenacity and hard work of the APP committee in seeing the playground in use. We are now working together to purchase one final piece of apparatus. Again, a full programme of weekly summer holiday activities were provided for our youngsters with attendance figures being high once more. Salsbury Plain (the playing field extension) is being well used; The Pod continues to be a meeting place and, pleasingly, there have been few anti-social behaviour incidents within the village. Thank you young people!

The warm, wet summer placed additional demands on our grass cutting budget so requests for additional cuts could not always be met and justified. We are still maintaining three burial grounds but due to the foresight of previous councillors our Derby Road Cemetery is providing an unexpected income as burial plots in other areas are declining rapidly. Improvements to this cemetery are a priority for 2015-16 with, hopefully a "Remembrance Row" of trees honouring the fallen of the two world wars and improved parking spaces.

This Council endeavours to seek best value for money. The loan for Salsbury Plain has been paid off but the first increase in the precept for a number of years will enable us to maintain our purchasing power and cover the unexpected repairs and maintenance of our legal obligations and responsibilities. Small donations were made to facilitate the well dressing festival from which so many village groups and organisations benefit, to the Aston & Weston branch of the Royal British Legion who skilfully organise our civic parade and to the organisers of the excellent World War One exhibition held in the autumn.

This is the first year of our "Excellence in the Community" award and nominees were of a high standard. This Council believes it important to recognise the outstanding work and extraordinary achievement of individuals and groups within our community. The panel met in February to select the winner from five worthy nominations. It was decided to award the first Excellence in the Community to Mr Bob Read and Mr John Holloway. Both have greatly contributed to the community life of our village, but the award was given mainly for their joint leadership, research and organisation of the excellent World War 1 exhibition last September.

The Parish Council looks forward to many more nominations for "Excellence in the Community 2016 with the closing date being December 31st 2015.

In conclusion, this Council completes its term of office at the end of April. Our team of councillors wish to serve your community, bringing experience, expertise, skill and with integrity, for a further four years. I sincerely hope they have the opportunity to do so.

Haydn C.A. Wheeler – Chair - Aston-on-Trent Parish Council – March 2015.

**For up to date news of council activities and events log on to [www.facebook.com/AstononTrentPC](http://www.facebook.com/AstononTrentPC)**

Contact us at Aston-on-Trent Parish Clerk ~ Natasha Hyde 01332 792046 [astonparishcncl@freenetname.co.uk](mailto:astonparishcncl@freenetname.co.uk)

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

Work is due to start to renovate Aston Church's boundary wall and to renew the fencing. With the addition of some gravel and planters we hope to create an outside patio that can be used in good weather. Hopefully it will be completed before the Well Dressings. We shall be catering for lunches and light refreshments over the Well Dressing weekend. As usual, on Sunday there will not be a charge, but if you wish to make a donation to Action for Children/Methodist Homes that will be appreciated. On Saturday Beryl will be running her Bric-a -Brac stall, packed with treasures waiting to be discovered, and June her very reasonably priced plants. We hope you will come and see us.

Our regular services and social groups continue. Cafe Church, at Sunday tea-time, is well supported- but there's room for more! It's relaxed and refreshing with very informal worship and time to chat over food. Lunch Club is popular, but again, new faces are always welcome. If you fancy helping with the catering, we could use another, or, two pairs of hands. Please contact Margaret on 799718 if interested.

Revd John is now on sabbatical until mid July. In the meantime, if you need to speak to a Minister, Revd Dennis Smith is your man on Derby 863894. For other matters contact Margaret or Beryl 792056.

## ASTON ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We are focusing on using local speakers as much as possible for our monthly meetings this year and with Rev'd Tony Luke and Tony Hurrell already making star turns this year, our local guest speaker in June will be Vanessa Frith from the Centura Bowmen Society talking about Archery through the Ages – that should get to the point quite quickly!

Our monthly archive sessions are proving to be very industrious with cataloguing, researching and the digitalisation of an expanding archive very much in evidence. You're very welcome to pop in and see what's happening, have a go, have a natter every second and fourth Monday from 10am to Noon in the Heritage Centre.

We've also resumed our popular school workshops with pupils at Aston Primary School who wander back in time to discover past lives. Playing with Victorian toys recently proved a winner as did a visit to a Victorian Seaside. It's a real joy to see local schoolchildren and their teachers engage with the legacy of our village.

### 107<sup>th</sup> 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.

It was another great year for the Weston Run on 8<sup>th</sup> March, with 266 runners entering the 5 mile race and 105 entries in the Fun Run. Congratulations to all the finishers and thanks to everyone who turned up to support us.

It's all go now as we prepare for Peak 2015 at Chatsworth Park in July. This is one of the biggest events in the scouting calendar and this year we will be joined by our scouting friends from the USA (3rd Derby Connecticut troop).

Our popularity means that all our sections are currently full to capacity, so parents interested in getting their child into scouts are urged to get their name on the waiting list as soon as possible. The best way is via our web site (see below) where you can submit an online application up to 12 months before they reach joining age.

**Group Scout Leader: Craig Morris - 07748 607092**

**Group Chairman: Ken Clamp - 01332 792374**

**Web site: [www.107derbyscouts.org.uk](http://www.107derbyscouts.org.uk)**

**E-mail: [mail@107derbyscouts.org.uk](mailto:mail@107derbyscouts.org.uk)**

## ASTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Contrary to (what seems) popular belief, the hall does not have a caretaker, nor could we afford to employ one.

**We rely entirely on each hirer cleaning and tidying up after their session.**

**Please sweep the floor and then vacuum up the pile of dust/debris; don't just leave it in a corner or sweep it onto the foyer carpet!**

**Empty all of the bins and fit new bin-liners (supplied by the hall).**

**Empty the vacuum cleaner if it's full !**

**Check the toilets & kitchen, even if you haven't used them!**

The hall has always strived to be an affordable facility for the benefit of our village, it is very frustrating that some of our users cannot be bothered & are happy to leave their mess to the next hirer.

It is our **AGM on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**, please come along if you would like to serve your fellow villagers on the Hall's management committee.

### Domestic Waste Freighter

The Memorial Hall on Saturday 16th May  
7.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

An ideal opportunity to get rid of all your garden waste and more.- plus no need to queue for the tip!



# 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](mailto:theramsrev@gmail.com)

**Assistant Priest:** the Rev'd Paul Hygate,

Tel. 01332 772779

**Sunday services:** 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month)

**10.30 a.m. Family Worship every Sunday (Communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)**

6.30 p.m. Evensong. (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month)

**Wednesday service:** 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in every month)

Our **Wednesday Hub** is proving to be very popular. We meet every Wednesday at **10.30 am in the Heritage Centre**. It is open to everyone any Wednesday you wish to come. See right for the monthly pattern.

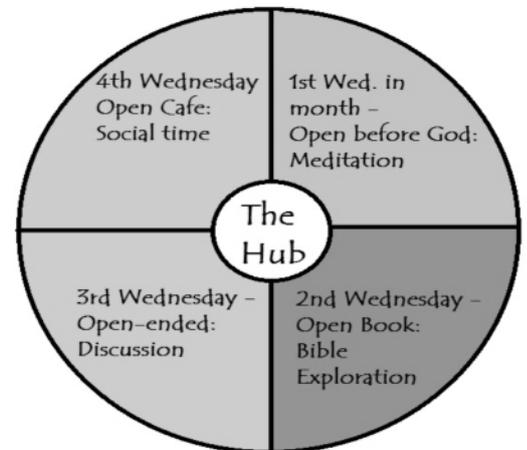
### Other activities at All Saints':

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

**CAMEO** (An informal group for women) meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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



### Coming up.....

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May - "Astonbury" Concert in Church.**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May - May Fayre 11.30 a.m. Onwards. - Ploughmans Lunch at the Memorial Hall.**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Well Dressing Festival**

**Tower Room** The room beneath the tower at All Saints' has been newly refurbished for small saints as a comfortable space for children during services or at any time when the church is open. Come and see.

**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 65p 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.

Visit our websites:

[www.astonontrentchurch.org](http://www.astonontrentchurch.org)

[www.trentderwentparishes.org](http://www.trentderwentparishes.org)

You will find lots more information about All Saints' Church, the Heritage Centre and the other churches in our group.



## Aston Well Dressers

Firstly, we'd like to thank everyone who came along to our Afternoon Tea event – it was a huge success and the addition of a Prosecco Bar seemed to be enjoyed by many! Events like the Afternoon Tea help us put on the Festival Weekend which, as well as raising money for our two nominated charities - Rainbows and Aston Pre-School – also provides a vital fundraising opportunity for the many other village groups that have stalls over the weekend. We thank you for your continued and much needed support.

### Astonbury - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May

As always – there is a great line-up of artists in store; BUGS (a 16 piece ukulele band), Joe Nutman, Katie Wilkinson, Rob & Evie, Sounds Harmonious, Rebel Rousers, The Flames, The Mocking Jays, Annie Mooney and many more – not to mention the return of Tony Luke! Tickets available from village outlets. Proceeds to All Saints' Church and Aston Well Dressers.

### \*\* The Well Dressing Walk 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - \*\*

The walk is being held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, not 27<sup>th</sup> as listed in the previous edition of the Acorn. The format, as used in previous years, will be to depart from Aston by coach around 7.30 AM, to a point approximately 25 miles away and then take in some beautiful scenery whilst walking back to Aston. There will be plenty of time to complete the walk, not to mention good company from your fellow walkers and a relaxing pub stop at lunchtime. So although the distance may seem daunting, it is a great way to spend the day, and is a challenge within reach of many people. Coach fare will be £5, but is free to those walkers who choose to be sponsored for well-dressing charities

To register an interest or request further details you can contact Robin Sedgwick via [walk@astonwelldressers.co.uk](mailto:walk@astonwelldressers.co.uk)

### Well Dressing Festival Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

The order for sunshine is in, and our fingers are firmly crossed! We have a variety of entertainment this year on Saturday and Sunday plus an Acoustic performance by local bands on Sunday.

The Opening Ceremony is at 11.15 on The Green and as well as some of your favourite stalls and entertainers, we hope to bring in some fresh faces too. Come along and enjoy our new Children's Area with craft and entertainment beside Yeoman House as well as enjoying traditional fairground rides. Look out for new local produce and craft stalls as well as some old favourites. Full details will be on the programme, still only 50p.

The annual Well Dressing grand prize draw will be drawn on Sunday during the Newhall Brass Band finale 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £100 cash. Tickets only 50p, find us in the White Hart car park all over the weekend.

For up to date information check out our website [www.astonwelldressers.co.uk](http://www.astonwelldressers.co.uk)



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## Richmond Aston-on-Trent Update

We are delighted to announce that Thomas Vale will be the contractors developing our retirement village, with work due to start towards the end of May. We hope to use the Acorn Newsletter to keep all Aston-on-Trent residents aware of how the development is progressing and inform you of any key dates.

We are aware that we are the 'new neighbours' and are very keen to become part of the community. For this reason, so that we can get to know everyone and you can get to know us, Alison and her team in the marketing suite are staging a weekly coffee morning, starting on Tuesday 5th May, from 10.30 to noon – we hope you will be able to join us.

Interest in Richmond Aston-on-Trent has exceeded our expectations and we are pleased to say that at the date of going to press we have already achieved 20 reservations.

To keep updated on Richmond Aston-on-Trent please visit [www.richmond-villages.com/aston](http://www.richmond-villages.com/aston)



# Recreation in Aston News

....improving facilities for all ....

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## UPDATE

**NEW RECREATION CENTRE** Phase 1 of the new Recreation Centre has now been completed and “signed off” by the building Inspector.

We are currently awaiting the findings of an application to Sport England which would allow us to finish all the interior work.

The facility can now be booked for events such as children’s parties. To see availability go to Aston website, **communities/recreation in Aston**, this will bring up the calendar.

To enquire about a booking contact Fiona Stanbrook on 799312 or [fiona.stanbrook@sky.com](mailto:fiona.stanbrook@sky.com)

**Recreation Centre – Buying a Brick** With the Recreation Centre extension and adaptations nearing completion we would like to offer you and your family – for your children or grandchildren 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 June/July 2015. Please contact Barbara James for further details. Tel: 792061.

**Aston cricket development.** A number of Aston residents have shown an interest in starting playing cricket in the village. If there is enough interest shown, we shall form the Aston on Trent ‘Friendlies’ cricket team. This is for people who have either never played cricket before or have not played for a number of years. Our first training session will be on Wednesday 6th May meet at the recreation Centre 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Everyone most welcome.

In conjunction with Aston cricket club, the Under 11s Kwik cricket will be starting on Friday 8th May where Aston has entered a team in the Derby City League. These games will be played every Friday in different venues across Derby City. We will have a practice session one week before at Aston on 1st May starting 6pm. If you are interested in your son /daughter taking part please let me know. Barbara James 792061

**Vacancy** for a person to make the afternoon tea for the Cricket club – please contact Barbara James for further details on 792061.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### YARD SALE SATURDAY - 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10.00a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE **NO PARKING** IN THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE BETWEEN **9.00a.m. - 12.30p.m.** THE AREA WILL BE CONED OFF.

If you would like to “**open your yard**” please contact Jill Aldridge on 792439 before **MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY**. Maps will be on sale at the Village Pump from 9.45a.m., **cost £1**

### FUN RUN/10K RUN SUNDAY MORNING MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

This popular event will start with the **2 mile fun run at 10.15a.m** followed at **11.00a.m** by the **10k race**.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the Aston website diary page May 17<sup>th</sup>  
or a direct link via [www.heyhudson/funrun](http://www.heyhudson/funrun)

For further information contact Hilary Forber on 792397 or Fiona Stanbrook details above.

All 2 mile entrants will receive a medal, all 10k runners will receive a celebration glass cube.

Enter prior to the day at a reduced rate. All completed forms and entry fee to

Fiona Stanbrook 151 Weston Road Aston on.Trent. DE72 2BA by first post **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**.

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

114 Church Street Church Gresley Swadlincote Derbyshire DE11 9NR

Telephone Assessment : 01283 210109 E-mail [ces@southderbyshirecab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:ces@southderbyshirecab.cabnet.org.uk)

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## ASTON ON TRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The good work of Aston on Trent Primary School has come to the attention of the powers in Westminster, and in particular the Minister of State for Schools, the Rt Hon David Laws MP. In a letter to Mrs Kalirai, Headteacher, he congratulated the school on the improvement in the KS2 results for disadvantaged pupils. He also praised the school for its ability to boost the learning opportunities it continues to offer to disadvantaged pupils. This letter is a significant honour for the School, and Mrs Kalirai stated that the staff and all of the pupils, as well as the parents and governors, should be immensely proud of this accolade. Also, as we come to the end of yet another busy Spring Term, we would like to thank all parents, staff and pupils for their hard work in accomplishing so much. In March we celebrated World Book Day, when pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book character. A week later the pupils and staff donned funny faces and masks to raise money for Comic Relief. Also in March, a group of Year 6 children took part in the 'Celebration of Dance' at the Assembly Rooms, performing to music from "Grease". A group of children from Year 4 have also represented the School in competitions including benchball, hockey and dodgeball, playing against local schools. Each team worked hard before competing in the individual competitions. What talented pupils we have! Finally, a theatre company presented an Anti-Bullying performance, 'Sticks and Stones' to the pupils in Years 2-6. It was thought provoking and raised many issues relating to anti-bullying, such as cyber bullying and both physical and emotional bullying. The Theatre Company commented on the pupils' knowledge and understanding of the wide range of concepts covered in the play.

## Friends of Aston Brickyard

As the bare trees of winter begin to hitch up their Spring foliage, so the work of the volunteer group moves from the hard, practical tasks of clearing undergrowth, removing unwanted trees, building habitat piles and hedges and opening up pathways, to the installation of bird and bat boxes and preparing the grassland areas for the sowing of a wild flower meadow. This is a lengthy process in order to prepare the soil so that seeds will germinate and flourish, so don't expect a mass carpet of colour for a while yet but the work is part of the 10 year Site Management Plan we're beginning to pull together.

If you haven't wandered around the site for a while, pop up, see the bluebells and enjoy the results of our hard work. New habitat piles are already making architectural statements throughout the wood

## Aston on Trent Women's Institute

Spring is definitely in the air and the Aston WI is buzzing with all the activities we're planning for the year.

Why not consider coming along to a meeting to join the fun and meet new people!

Our Jumble Sale on the 14th February was a hit and we raised £183.81 for Parkinson's, our chosen charity for 2015.

**The Ladies Evening on 27<sup>th</sup> May** is full steam ahead with lots of lovely spa treatments on offer. Tickets are £3 including a glass of wine and as well as luxurious treatments and complementary therapy on offer there will also be various stalls. Why not treat yourself and come along for a few taster sessions during the evening. Tickets will be available on the night, so come along to the Memorial Hall from 7:30 p.m. onwards and join in the fun.

Forthcoming speakers include learning about "Breast Awareness" in May,  
followed by "Blossom" as the subject for June  
and "Life Upon the Wicked Stage" in July.

We will be in full force at the Aston Well Dressing Festival in July, so we'll see you there!

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)

The rain didn't dampen play on Good Friday when many children turned out to do the ASPA Easter Egg Hunt around the Village. Lots of happy (and wet!) faces turned out and enjoyed the trail which was followed by chocolate and cake treats! Thank you to Richmond Villages and the Malt Shovel for providing some great raffles prizes which were greatly received. £200 was raised which will go towards the purchase of equipment being identified by children from the School Council. New balls, hoops and bins (yes requested by the children!) have been purchased so far this year.

Activities for Spring include the involvement of children in the designs for the well dressing this year. With a theme of 'All Creatures Great and Small', the chosen art for the well dressing will be very colourful indeed!.

**Summer date for your diary - 12th June 5.30 - 8.30pm**

**Aston School Summer Fayre.**

Come and join us for stalls, games, food, refreshments and raffles galore!

If you would like to be involved or would like more information,  
please contact Felicity Beal ([felicity.beal@gmail.com](mailto:felicity.beal@gmail.com)).



## Royal British Legion- Aston and Weston Branch

The Royal British Legion continues with their programme of projects within the villages of Aston & Weston. The latest project was to honour two soldiers from Weston who died just after the end of the first world war as a result of injuries sustained whilst fighting for their country. These two soldiers had no known graves in Weston Church so we decided to do something about it. We approached Horobin and Sons, stonemasons of Spondon and as a result a marble stone was cut and inscribed with the names of both soldiers, 2nd Lt. Reginald Walter Cartlidge and Pte. John William Walker on the stone, which was dedicated on the 11th March. We are indebted to Horobins who carried out the work free of charge but after consulting with them it was decided, at their request, we make a suitable donation to the RBL and SSAFA which was made from the Aston & Weston Veterans Trust.

This year on the 8th May marks the 70th anniversary of the end of the second world war in Europe and to mark the occasion we will be actively supporting the White Hart pub who are preparing a programme of events to celebrate the occasion. Final details have not yet been made but it is hoped the two schools of Aston & Weston will be involved together with a Brass Band and other forms of entertainment. We will also be hoping for some fine weather!

If you are interested in finding out more about the Legion or would like to join please contact Jim Ballington on 01332 405268.

## ASTON ON TRENT FOOTBALL CLUBS

By the time you read this, "squeaky bum time" of the season will have finished, and managers' pulses may have finally returned to normal - The Taverner's League side will be hoping to add another cup to their collection, this time competing for the Premier Cup. Last year they won two, and Manager Matt McCaul is hoping for one last trophy before moving the team to the Long Eaton League, after finishing third in the Premier league this year. With a young(ish) squad, McCaul will be hoping to add to his squad over the summer, and any interested players can contact him on 07791526740.

A special mention must also go to **Mike Selby**, who after many years of sterling service, has decided to step down as Secretary and Chairman. A true 'one club man,' Mike's hard work and commitment has been an integral part of the club's evolution and success over 13 years, and we'll look forward to seeing Mike support the team without having to do a hundred jobs beforehand!

On Saturdays, Aston United sit top of the Midlands Regional Alliance by 19 points! Promotion is not guaranteed, as their nearest rivals have 6 games in hand, but at this stage of the season, promotion looks a near certainty. The Long Eaton Sunday League side are also in the hunt for promotion, sitting second in the league with only a few games remaining.

As ever, it's been another season of highs and lows, ups and downs, but enough about the pitch; Football in Aston on Trent is well and truly back on the map again! - Kieran Chester

## ASTON & WESTON BOWLS CLUB

The 2015 playing season has now commenced with a full programme of league and friendly matches, and club social activities. Again we hope to host social events with other village organisations and the Bell Ringers have already arranged to join us in early June. We would like to attract junior members and special coaching sessions can be arranged as required.

Other dates booked are for the village **Yard Sale on 9th May** when once again the clubhouse will be open for cakes and refreshments.

**On Sunday 17th May** there will be an **Open Day**

for anyone wishing to try their hand at playing. Everyone will be made most welcome and equipment and refreshments will be provided. Otherwise come along to our normal playing days on Sunday afternoons from 2.00p.m. Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6.00p.m. Home league matches will be played on Wednesday evenings on May 6th & 27th,

June 17th. July 1st. 8th & 22<sup>nd</sup> Visitors are welcome to come along to support your local club.

For Club information please contact Ann Watkins on 792516 or Clive Brett on 792822.

## ASTON PLAYERS

Pantomime is over for another season and we thank the village family and friends for their wonderful support we had throughout the six performances. The cast were brilliant as were the support team. For every member on stage there is a support member in the background. There is so much talent in this village. There is frantic activity leading up to the performances and now the lull before we begin the whole process again.

Between now and September we will be fund-raising and organizing our **AGM**. This will be on **13 May** at the **Memorial Hall at 7.00pm**. All are welcome, current and new members and parents of our children's chorus. In fact it's open to all. Another enjoyable task will be to present cheques to our chosen charities who will benefit from your support of our Pantomime.

A sincere "thank you" to all.

JENNY HUNTING



# Aston on Trent Neighbourhood Watch

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



## Communication.

We are particularly keen to improve the way we communicate with members. We are now using digital media in an improved, timely way but if you have any suggestion then please give me a ring.

## 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.

## Anti-Social Behaviour

In the early hours of Saturday 21st March some kind people decided to throw eggs and b-b-q sauce over houses and cars on Willow Park Way/Maple Drive and Yates Avenue. They also 'attacked' the bowls club and overturned planters on their route. I am sure somebody must know who was responsible, after all I am sure it was a 'laugh' and merited some social media exposure.....if you know anything please tell us or the local Beat Team. Also groups far too old to be using the new play area are beginning to use it inappropriately. As the nights get lighter and warmer perhaps this sort of behaviour will increase, we hope not but help us 'nip' it in the bud.

## Internet safety

Place your children's computers where you can see them, where possible in communal rooms. Always know what they're doing and who they're talking to. Explain to them that not everyone online tells the truth and they should never meet strangers without a known adult present. For more on keeping children safe online, visit the **CEOP** website or **Get Safe Online**. Teach your children the **Click Code: Zip it** (keep personal information private), **Block it** (block disturbing messages), **Flag it** (report anything worrying to you).

Change your passwords regularly, and make sure to have a strong password by using a combination of numbers, symbols and upper and lower case letters.

Make sure you have an up-to-date internet security programme installed on your computer which includes anti-virus protection as well as protection against spyware and adware. Keep it updated regularly; download security updates as they become available. Be careful about clicking links and attachments in e-mails. Don't click on links from an unknown sender. Remember that spammers could also gain access to a friend's account, so if you get an unsolicited and/or uncharacteristic e-mail containing a link from a friend, do not click on it but find another way of contacting them (e.g. by telephone or text message) to check that the message is genuine. Similarly, do not click on links or download attachments sent via instant messaging unless you are completely sure of the source

- Remember that free screensavers and games can be used to infect computers with viruses. Never download them, no matter who has sent them to you.
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## Police statistics:

Dec: 7 incidents: 1ASB, 1 Damage, 3 theft, 1Assault, 1 Car crime

Jan; 7 incidents: 1ASB, 1 Burglary, 1Drugs, 2 Assault, 2 Theft

Feb: 8 incidents: 2 ASB, 4 Theft, 1Public Order, 1 Offensive Weapon

**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.



## Astonbury 2015. 1st May - All Saints' Church. 2<sup>nd</sup> May - War Memorial Hall.

We will have the usual mix of top class entertainment.

The Church concert will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Special guests at the church concert will be the 16 piece Beeston Ukulele Band.

The War Memorial Hall concert will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. A Licensed Bar will be available .

A CD containing studio performances of many of the acts appearing will be on sale at both concerts priced £3 each.

All the profits from both the concerts and the CD will be shared between The Well Dressers and All Saints' Church.

Food served: Wednesday - Saturday lunchtimes 12 - 2p.m. & Evenings 6- 9 p.m. Sunday lunch served from 12 - 5 p.m.

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**Well Dressing 2015**

We have the trailer back in the car park with 3 great Nights of Entertainment

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - The Mocking Jays Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July - The Flames

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July "Play Your Cards Right" - £500 Jackpot to be won!!!

Wishing you all a fantastic summer Matt, Karyn & The Malt Team

Please see our website and facebook page for more forthcoming events



**Aston-on-Trent Pre-School**

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**Forthcoming Events**

**White Hart**  
Aston on Trent

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May - VE Day Celebrations** from 12 noon featuring, a Grand Street Party in our car park, Assault Course for the kids, 40's Daytime Disco, Beer Festival in the Function Room, Military Display Vehicle (TBC) and for the Grand Final The Newhall Band from 6.00 - 8.00 p.m.  
Female 40's Tribute Act - 9.00 p.m.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Male Soloist** "From Broadway to Motown 9.00 p.m.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Male Personality Vocalist - Mark Bolton 9.00 p.m.**

**Join us for the Well Dressing Weekend Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**Real Ale Beer Festival is back Saturday and Sunday in our Function Room. A variety of Ales and Cider.**

**BBQ - Available Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday all day**

**Friday Jailhouse Blues Brothers 9.00 p.m. Saturday Vinyl 45 -60's to present day music. Sunday (TBC)**

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

Function room available to hire for all special occasions, please contact Kim or Dave on 01332 805274 for details

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## Diary - Looking Ahead

GROUP	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	MAY	JUNE	JULY
CAMEO	Heritage Centre	19.30	1st Wednesday	6th	3th	1st
MOTHERS' UNION	Heritage Centre	14.30	4th Thursday	28th	25th	23rd
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	White Hart	19.30	2nd Monday	11th	8th	13th
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Memorial Hall	19.30	2nd Tuesday	12th	9th	14th
PARISH COUNCIL	Memorial Hall	19.30	3rd Tuesday	19th	16th	21st
LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Memorial Hall	19.30	4th Tuesday	26th	23th	28th
<b>METHODIST CHURCH</b>						
"Lunch Club"	Methodist Church	12.00	3rd Wednesday		17th	15th
"Coffee Morning"	Methodist Church	10.00	4th Wednesday	27th	24th	22nd
"Cafe Church"	Methodist Church	16.30		17th	14th	12th

Friday 1st May "Astonbury" All Saints' Church 7.00 p.m. -10.00 p.m.  
 Saturday 2nd May "Astonbury" Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.  
 Tuesday 5th May The War Memorial Hall AGM 7.00 p.m. Memorial Hall  
 Friday 8th May RBL / The White Hart "End of W.W.1 Celebrations" White Hart Car Park  
 Saturday 9th May Recreation in Aston "Yard Sale" 10.00 a.m to 2.00 p.m Around the Village  
**MAY** Wednesday 13th May Aston Players AGM 7.00p.m. Memorial Hall  
 Saturday 16th May Domestic Waste Collection 7.00 - 11.00 a.m Memorial Hall  
 Saturday 16th May All Saints' Church "May Fayre" 11.30 a.m. Onwards Memorial Hall  
 Sunday 17th May Recreation in Aston "Fun Run 10.15 a.m" - "10k Race 11.00 a.m".  
 Sunday 17th May Bowls Club "Open Day" Bowls Club  
 Wednesday 27th May W.I. "Ladies Evening" 7.30 p.m. onwards -Memorial Hall.

**JUNE** Tuesday 2nd June - W.I. Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. To 12 noon Heritage Centre  
 Friday 12th June Aston School Summer Fayre 5.30 p.m - 8.30 p.m. Aston Primary School  
 Saturday 20th June - Well Dressing "Walk"

**JULY** Saturday 4th July -Well Dressing Festival 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.  
 Sunday 5th July - Well Dressing Festival 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

### Summer Holiday Play Activities 2015 at Aston on Trent Playing Fields, Shardlow Road

All sessions are free, under 8's must be accompanied by an adult and all children must have a pass which can be obtained on site

30th July	Play Mobile	10.00 – 12.00	Sport Mobile	2.00 – 4.00
6th August	Laser Games	10.00 – 12.00	Wheels Mobile	2.00 – 4.00
13th August	Play Mobile	10.00 – 12.00	Sport Mobile	2.00 – 4.00
20th August	Play Mobile	10.00 – 12.00	Sport Mobile	2.00 – 4.00
27th August	Sport Mobile	10.00 – 12.00	Wheels mobile	2.00 – 4.00
3rd September	Play Mobile	10.00 – 12.00		

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