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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. Steve Graham,
Cllr. Tony Hurrell, Cllr. Jean Longley, Cllr. Mike Selby. Cllr. Chris Toon*

Annual Parish Meeting.

This was held on the 31st March when sixteen village groups and organisations presented reports on their year's activities. The inaugural "Excellence in the Community" award was also presented; so too was the chairman's report as printed in the previous edition of The Acorn.

Parish Councillor Nominations.

Nine nominations were submitted for nine vacancies so an election was not necessary. We welcome Councillor Chris Toon to our team and hope that he finds his role worthwhile and fulfilling. At the May council meeting Councillor Haydn Wheeler was elected Chair with Councillor Edward Hicklin being elected Vice-Chair.

Protecting Our Heritage.

1. Estate Agent Boards: Whereas councillors would not wish to hamper residents from selling their properties, it is felt that with SAT NAV and mobile phone technology it is no longer necessary to have secondary advertising boards erected in the conservation area and anywhere in the village. Therefore the following motion has been passed:
"This council views any estate agent board situated away from the sale property as a contravention of the Town & Country Planning (control of advertisement) Regulations 2007 and will request that it be removed".

2. Felling of Trees: Councillors are concerned about the number of requests they receive regarding the removal of trees. Although veiled with "good reasons," and often supported by a "Professional Tree Survey," what applicants really want is an improvement to the light in their gardens. Some of these requests concern ancient yew trees which have been established long before the properties were built and occupied. If there is no evidence of structural damage then this council will strongly object to any removal.

Enhancing Our Village Environment.

One again the floral tubs look splendid in the centre of the village with an additional tub at the junction of Weston Road and Chellaston Lane. Thank you to local businesses and individuals for your kind and generous donations. A further seat is to be installed in the village centre between the two tubs.

Grass Cutting Programme.

The Council oversees an extensive grass cutting programme and we know that some residents become frustrated when the grass grows between cuts. However, we do seek best value for money so sometimes we all have to accept that we do not have an endless pot of money to carry out all of your wishes.

Aston Playground Project.

The committee is finalising plans to install the last piece of equipment which is to be an impressive "trim-trail". This Council fully supports this project and will offer financial assistance if required.

Holiday Activities for Youngsters at the playing field, Shardlow Road.

Every Thursday from 30th July through to 3rd September. Look out for posters on village notice boards and full details which are published on the Diary page of this edition of The Acorn. The Council is pleased to finance these activities.

Just for the record.

Despite what was announced on a certain social media site, the gate between the Bowling Green area and the Aston Hall mansion has NOT been locked and whilst discussions are taking place over improving the concessionary path along the line of lime trees, the gate will remain open. The gate will not be locked without prior warning and notification.

A big thank you on behalf of the village!

On behalf of the village, the Council wishes to thank **ALL** who contributed towards another successful Well Dressing Festival and in particular to Steve Hyde and his committee for the planning and organisation of the event.

Parish Council – August Meeting.

It is highly likely that the August meeting will NOT be the third Tuesday of the month. Consult the Parish Council notice boards for the revised date.

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 on Trent Women's Institute

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It's time to dust off the BBQs and head outdoors for the great British summer. Aston WI ladies have been making the most of the great weather with local walks and suppers. Why not consider coming along to a meeting to join the fun and meet new people!

Our impromptu coffee morning held in June raised a fantastic total of £60 for Safe & Sound charity. And our Ladies Night was a great success too – raising £399.05 and offering all sorts of lovely treatments and things to buy. The lucky ladies who received tickets to the Buckingham Palace event all had a fantastic day – the sun shone and hats were on display! We sent two teams to the County Quiz, placing 9th & 13th in our round. A great night but the questions seemed harder than last year!

Our annual Garden Party will be held in August, replacing our August meeting.

We'll be celebrating **WI Day** with a **Cream Tea** on **5th September at 2:30pm** in the Memorial Hall including live music, afternoon tea and a glass of bubbly for just £6 – don't miss it!

Forthcoming speakers include Creative Christmas Gift Wrapping in September (nothing like getting ahead of the game!) and then Calke Talk in October. We'll also be celebrating the Aston WI birthday party in October with a meal out.

We meet at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m (except for August).

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

ASTON ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our monthly speakers this year have been drawn in the main from our own village community and we have had many interesting topics as diverse as Archery to Pottery, Church History to that of Rolls Royce. We take a break during August but are back with a vengeance in September with a particularly fascinating speaker – you'll need to read our posters around the village to discover the details!

We also completed our school workshops for this year and have reluctantly had to take a break from the annual programme as willing volunteers are getting long in the tooth and short on the ground. School workshops have been very well supported by staff and pupils from Aston Primary School who have approached our 'classes' with great gusto. We shall greatly miss their enthusiasm but we 'never say never' and hope to resurrect them again at some future time.

Our Well Dressing display was well received again in the church with a respectful acknowledgment to the Fallen from the WW1 Gallipoli Campaign plus a series of village photos from yesteryear and our impressive range of books and CDs produced by members of the History Group.

The following months will see us using digital technology to update our ever-expanding village archive in an easy-to-access format

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



Sections meet in the new 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.

Onwards and Upward Thanks to You!

July 2015 was an amazing month for the 107th. First we took delivery of our new minibus and then we went to Peak 2015 Camp at Chatsworth with new tents and equipment. This was made possible by the generosity of local people who supported our fund raising events, our leaders and helpers, the Well Dressing Committee and South Derbyshire District Community Partnership Programme.

We just can't say it loud enough:

"Thanks a Million!"



Group Scout Leader: Mick Lynch - 01332 799519

Group Chairman: Ken Clamp - 01332 792374

Web site: www.107derbyscouts.org.uk

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

Supporting Rainbows Children's Hospice.

Charity Golf Event 11th June 2015.

We would like to thank everyone who played in the competition and those who donated prizes.

£2289 was raised.

Tombola Stall 4th & 5th July

£733 was raised during the Well Dressing Weekend

Thank you for helping us to donate **£3022** to **Rainbows**
David & Jean Brown, Bryan & Janet Moore

Cathy Razzell (flute) – Jill Scarfe (piano)
with Friends

**Present a concert in St Wilfrid's Church
Barrow upon Trent**

10th October 2015 at 7.30pm

Come and listen to the music of Gluck, Piazzolla,
Handel and to Medieval singing in this
Anglo-Saxon church alongside the River Trent
Tickets £6.00; concessions £4.00; under 12 free

Tickets available from

Cathy Razzell: 01332 792390

Or Judith Thompson 01332 862326



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.

The Rectory, Rectory Gardens.

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

Curate: the Rev'd Paul Hygate,

Tel. 01332 772779 e mail: frpaulhygate@gmail.com

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)

What a memorable weekend the Well Dressing Festival proved to be. We were blessed once again with wall-to-wall sunshine, which made for a steady stream of visitors throughout the village and throughout the weekend. We are grateful to all the village groups who displayed what they are about in the exhibition in church, an exhibition which was wonderfully supplemented by the impressive display of flags from the collection of the late John Dominy. The real delight of the weekend was seeing the whole village pulling together and working together to showcase the many blessings we enjoy in Aston on Trent. The Open Air service was moved into Church at the last minute, because the only rain of the weekend decided to fall around 5.30 pm! Nevertheless it provided a peaceful end to the weekend, accompanied as usual by the soft tones of the Newhall Band. Well done, everyone! This month we **welcome Rev. Jane Plackett**. Jane joins our Ministry Team. She is serving as a Pioneer Curate in the Derwent Ward in Derby, but will be with us in the Benefice one Sunday per month in order to further her experience of more traditional Church life.

Our **Wednesday Hub** continues to meet every Wednesday at **10.30 am in the Heritage Centre**. It is open to everyone any Wednesday you wish to come. The monthly pattern is as follows:

1st Wednesday: Open Café - Social

2nd Wednesday: Open before God – Meditation

3rd Wednesday: Open Book – Bible exploration

4th Wednesday: Open-ended – Open discussion

Other activities at All Saints':

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

Coming up.....

1st November - All Saints' Day

10.30 am United Benefice Patronal Communion

6.30 pm Commemoration Service for the Departed (All Souls' Service)

14th November – Annual Church Dinner at the Memorial Hall.

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 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.

Visit our websites:

www.astonontrentchurch.org

www.trentderwentparishes.org

Well Dressing Festival 2015

This year's Festival was another fantastic weekend, with some superb examples of Well Dressings from all of the groups who took part.

The Main Well Dressing Design '**Thank You Robin**' designed by Sue Winter was a fitting tribute to the founder of Well Dressing in Aston - **Robin Gibbard**.



Robin's much-loved wildlife even got involved when a real Robin perched itself on the Well Dressing to observe the Opening Ceremony.

If Robin was looking down on us all then we're sure he would have liked what he saw.



The main panel features the village sign, which was designed by Robin. The bottom panel pays homage to Robin's Well Dressing design in 2001, which also featured an otter in an underwater scene. The panels on the left and right recognise Robin's passion for wildlife, and badgers in particular. Robin was a highly regarded artist, and the top panel depicting two Barn Owls, is a tribute to his love of these birds and the beautiful paintings he created.

The weekend certainly started with a bang with an enormous thunderstorm over the village in the early hours of Saturday morning, but that aside we were again blessed with beautiful weather throughout the Festival. A small shower just after closing on Sunday didn't dampen the spirits of the committee and the many helpers who enjoyed a post-festival drink or two.

After some words of thanks and some background to this year's main design from Well Dressing Chairman Steve Hyde, the Festival was opened by Haydn Wheeler, Chair of the Parish Council, with Councillor Neil Atkin, Chair of South Derbyshire District Council in attendance. Rev. Tony Luke returned this year to lead the blessing of the 9 Well Dressings.

In terms of entertainment and stalls over the weekend, there were some additions to the old favourites of previous Festivals this year, and we hope you enjoyed those new faces as much as we did. We tried some new layouts and areas this year – partly in order to try and provide a safer Festival for everyone and we feel that worked well.

We would like to sign off for 2015 with a brief note to all of the **Residents of Aston**:

This year, as has been the case after every festival, the Well Dressers Committee will write to the various individuals who help with transport, ponds (for board soaking), organise events such as the Well Dressing Walk, providing space for storage and even keeping the workforce fed on Saturday and Sunday mornings, to thank them for their contribution.

We feel that as well as all of those people, **your** participation in the Festival weekend, and your support of our fund raising through the year are just as important to making the event a success.

Some people allow us to put bunting up on their houses and some donate raffle prizes. Others make alternative parking arrangements to free up the traffic flow and work around the road closures or just appear at times when there are stalls to be built or moved. Many more of you do your bit simply by coming to the Festival and parting with your hard-earned cash; there are simply too many to name.

Our two nominated charities this year – **Aston on Trent Pre-School** and **Rainbows Children's Hospice** will rightly do well from the Festival and the funds raised will be split between them both. Apart from these two organisations, there are many more village charities and groups that support the Festival by having a stall or running games, and those groups also benefit greatly from your support of the Well Dressing Festival.

So please give yourselves a pat on the back, **Residents of Aston on Trent – you've earned it!**

Thanks again for your support – we hope you enjoyed the 2015 Well Dressing Festival as much as we did and if you would like to be involved next year – however much time you can give – please contact us on our email address. info@astonwelldressers.co.uk



Aston Well Dressers

'OPERATION WALLACEA' – MEXICO.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who played a part in helping me to raise the funds to go to Mexico with Chellaston Academy on 27th June.

Thank you for buying the puddings and raffle tickets around Christmas time, thank you for supporting the very successful bingo evening, the donation of prizes and many donations of money.

A very grateful **HANNAH MILLER**.



Recreation in Aston News



....improving facilities for all

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Paul Hudson. At the AGM in January this year Paul Hudson resigned from the position of trustee. He has been involved in R.I.A since its inception. He is continuing to help and advise us in a myriad of ways and we owe him a great debt of gratitude for all his hard work and commitment to our cause. He will be sorely missed but, as he says, he is still on the end of a telephone if his guidance is required.

Update

With the shell of the building now complete, all our efforts are directed towards the internal refurbishment. The money raised from the recent yard sale and fun run has directly paid for the completion of the showers in the rear changing room. Your continued support of our fundraising activities means that we can upgrade and renew the internal facilities. Our thanks to you all for attending our programme of events and therefore enabling us to achieve our goals. We have made a number of applications for additional funding and await the decisions.

YARD SALE

This year it was the 15th time that Jill Aldridge has organised this popular village event. She has decided now to “pass the baton on”. Fortunately Heidi Sargeant has offered to take her place and will be in charge next year. Yet again there were over 50 “yards” selling a variety of goods. The parking restrictions on Weston Road meant that both people visiting the various sales and traffic could move easily around the village. Many thanks to Jill for all her hard work over many years and thanks to Heidi for offering to organise this event in the future. Details of next year’s date will be in the next edition of the ACORN. Heidi’s e-mail is :- heidib959@btinternet.com

FUN RUN

After having a year off from staging this event, we were concerned that people would have moved on and possibly forgotten how enjoyable it is. However, although numbers of competitors were slightly lower, it still proved to be popular and well attended. The new committee of Fiona, Nigel and Zoe were pleased with the outcome and have many good ideas about improvements for next year. Our thanks also to all the local people who helped on the day, to Shelton Striders running club who support us in many ways and of course a big thank you to our sponsors Springfield Cattery and Richmond Villages

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Village Supper Quiz – Saturday, 19th September 2015

Recreation in Aston has once more organised the annual village quiz which, this year, will take place on Saturday, 19th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. The event will once more be (by popular request) a “Supper Quiz” with *George’s Tradition* supplying the fish & chip supper. Robin Sedgewick has again very kindly agreed to “mastermind” the evening for us, and everyone is requested, as usual, to bring their own drinks, glasses, cutlery, etc. Tickets, at £9 per head, will be on sale at the end of August from Sandra on 792141 (leave land-line number for reply if unavailable). We look forward to seeing you at this ever-popular event.

MUSICAL EVENING SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST Memorial Hall 7.30p.m.

The Open Road A unique bunch of friends and musicians from the Midlands who get excited by live acoustic music. With a distinct sound, the genre is acoustic folk. The performance will leave you with memorable music and tunes that you will hum for days.

“Brilliant...Beautiful...Gorgeous...One of our favourites” Hardeep Singh Kohli BBC Radio 2

The group are booked but final details re price etc on the evening are not yet decided. We already have some enquiries so if you would like to reserve tickets contact Hilary Forber on hilary.mullyon@talktalk.net or 01332 792397

SANTA ROUND THE VILLAGE

We would like to organise Santa’s visit to Aston again this year but we need helpers for this event to take place. If you are willing to join in with this great event please contact Nigel Sargeant nigel.sargeant@rolls-royce.com

BRICKS

We are now taking last orders for the bricks. They cost £30 and you can have your names put on them. These will be displayed in the recreation centre. Further details from Barbara James 792061.

Aston Village Friendly Cricket Team

The hallowed wicket of the Aston Playing field once again echoed with the sound of bat and ball of the local folk of Aston warming up for their evenings cricket. Some 14 of us donned our pads to get our summer programme under way, a tremendous evening followed with some exceptional cricket from a mixture of novice to experienced player.

Highlight of the match must be the batting of Euan and Jamie who managed a match winning partnership of 36, a couple of terrifying high speed bowling overs from Andy and some some incredibly agile wicket keeping from Rob.

Regular practice matches take place and we hope we will be playing a couple of friendly matches against other local friendly teams, please keep a watch out for dates and times. Any newcomers more than welcome.

Special thanks to Barbara from Recreation in Aston for allowing us use of the facilities, Shak from Aston Cricket Club for helping organise ourselves and to Trent College for the kind donation of kit. - **David Duncan**

ASTON ON TRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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As we come to the end of another busy school year, the staff and children would like to thank all of our helpers from the community, who give up their valuable time to come along to school to help us. Particular thanks must go to the members of the Local History Group for hosting our classes down at the Heritage Centre, and to ASPA (our Parents Association) for working so hard to raise funds to provide resources and experiences to enhance the learning experiences of our children.

The Animal Day and Caliche music workshops were particularly enjoyed by children, staff and parents of all ages.

We also say a fond farewell to 33 Year 6 children, and wish them all well when they start their secondary schools in September. At the other end of the school, we look forward to welcoming 27 new Reception children in September.

Aston School Parents Association

What a fantastic year the children at Aston on Trent have had thanks to the many contributors to our various ASPA Fundraising events! It began with a wonderful contribution by Richmond Residential and The Malt at Easter in support of a community egg hunt which helped raise close to £200! Richmond went on to furthermore provide sponsorship to our schools football team and now the team wear their kit with pride!

In June we had a mix of sunshine and showers at our School Fayre where many of you came out in droves to support us. A fantastic £1100 was raised.

In May the children were treated to an 'All Creatures Great and Small' ASPA day where children got to see (and be in!) a falconry display and hold many smaller animals from chameleons and hedgehogs to skunks and meerkats, the latter being a huge hit! Days like this really help us, as a group of volunteer parents, to really value spending funds on experience days for the children, it leaves a lasting smile and helps to form fond memories of school for the children.

This year fundraising efforts have gone on to fund many things (at the request of the year 6 pupils on the school council) including new footballs, hoops, golden time boxes, new bins (yes the children wanted them!) new reading scheme, new picnic benches, painting equipment and library books!

This academic year, with the community's support, we have raised £6000 which includes £600 from the Well Dressing weekend. Thank you for your contributions and help and we hope to have your support in the next academic year - after all, the children have requested a new trim trail! Have a great summer, ASPA.

FAB. Friends of Aston Brickyard Plantation

Spring and Summer have seen an explosion of colour in the grassland area and an impressive choral performance by myriad birds all singing their hearts out. Newly planted bird's foot trefoil and yellow rattle have taken hold in profusion along with a variety of grasses and the abundance of bluebells (sadly the hybrid or Spanish variety) in the lower wood. We have collected bluebell seed early to prevent further colonies, with the aim of allowing the English variety to be introduced. Most of the perimeter track has been widened allowing easier access and poles revealing the four cardinal points of the compass have been installed.

The 107th Derby Scouts worked hard one evening in June to progress through their Conservation Badge by building bug hotels, habitat piles and general clearance of the site. Well done everyone; many thanks for helping to improve the site for wildlife and our community

Important note. Construction of tree shelters is not encouraged. Small temporary play dens can be built using fallen wood, but **must** be dismantled before leaving the site. Trees should not be damaged and habitat piles must not be disturbed as they are a haven for wildlife. The plantation is essentially a nature reserve

For information as to what we're doing log onto the village website and see our latest newsletter

ASTON & WESTON BOWLS CLUB

This season is proving to be our most popular. Fourteen visitors came along to the Open Day on 17th May resulting in our total membership increasing to 48, the highest since the club was formed in 2006.

Our busy season continues with friendly matches having been played against Hazelwood and Ashfield House, and in August we play Castle Donington - a flat green club.

The league fixtures have now finished. Although we are now in a higher division, the teams have performed well with some very close exciting matches.

Social activities have included games with the Bellringers, the Brownies, W.I., and friends from RR Nuclear. Other social events are to be held including our club competitions which conclude on Sunday 13th September with a Finals Day and BBQ.

The playing season closes at the end of September. It is still not too late for anyone interested in playing bowls to come along to the club. Playing days are on Sunday afternoons from 2 p.m. Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6 p.m.

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

ASTON ON TRENT FOOTBALL CLUBS

The 2014/15 season ended much like the previous season for Aston FC, with an appearance in the cup final providing a chance to retain the Premier League Cup, after winning it in 2014. As with most finals, it was a tight game, high on passion and low on quality, decided by a single goal... against Aston! It was a disappointing end to a 'stop-start' season, and one that saw Matthew McCaul step down as Manager. With two cups won in his debut season, this year was always going to be tough to keep momentum going, but the club would like to thank Matt for all of his hard work on and off the pitch.

The same also applies to Rob and Julia James, who have stood down from their long-standing committee positions, after many years of supporting the club with everything from fund raising to kit washing to cooking bacon and anything in between! Luckily, new manager Lee 'Bully' Bull will still be able to call on a talented squad as they make their long-awaited return to the Long Eaton Sunday League. As many Aston fans recall, much of this squad actually played in the LESL for many years, winning promotions, cups and leagues, so it will be a case of establishing the team in the Premier Division once again.

If you would like to be involved with the club – on or off the pitch - please contact Secretary Andy Wheatley on 07908905772.

Royal British Legion- Aston and Weston Branch

This year will see a number of special events taking place in which the Royal British Legion will help celebrate. We have already seen the 70th anniversary of the end of the second world war in Europe which took place on the 8th May, the licensee's at the White Hart Kim and David asked if they could organise an event with our help and advice, this had our complete agreement and on Saturday the 9th May the Legion had two tables with RBL merchandise on offer to the public. From our point of view it was a complete success and the people who visited our tables were very appreciative of what the Legion does, we also raised over £190 which will go to this year's poppy appeal. Kim and David arranged an assault course for the kids and Newhall brass band who played music associated with the 1940's. At night a singer sang songs from the 1940's and another collection took place raising over a further £130 for the poppy appeal. This year's Legion contribution in church at the village well dressing will see how our branch spend their time in support of the Legion's work.

Events that will be taking place this year are: 15th August commemorating the end of the second world war in Japan (VJ day). September will see the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain in which the renowned Spitfire powered by the Merlin engine, built in Derby, helped win the war in the air. Locally the RBL branch will again be holding a '**Poppy Picnic**' in aid of the Poppy Appeal, this will be held on Friday 25th September from 10.00 to 12.00 in the Residents lounge, Mulberry Way (off Willow Park Way) Aston on Trent where tea/coffee and cake can be purchased.

If anyone lady, gentleman, young persons would like to join, and one does not have to have served in the services, or would like to know more about the work of the Legion, please contact Jim Ballington on 01332 405268.

ASTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL

The 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.

Most recently it was home to the Well Dressers as they prepared this year's well dressing and what a fantastic result, a worthy tribute to Robin Gibbard.

Why not pay a visit to the library bus on a Tuesday? In these times of tightening Council budgets, it might be a case of 'use it or lose it'.

The Hall is available to hire for private functions (subject to availability & booking conditions).
Please contact our Booking Secretary Gail Smith (792541) for more details.

Thank You from Lottie Cavanagh

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone in the village who helped me raise the **£2400** needed for my trip to **Uganda**.

Thanks go especially to the Village Walk committee, Linda Cooper School of Dance, and those of you who gave donations, attended my Fun Day or Skittles Night, or bought bread and cakes at various events.

Thanks again, love **Lottie**

ASTON PLAYERS

A quiet time for us is the summer time but like the proverbial swan underneath the surface there is a lot of planning going on for our next performance in January 2016. We are looking at scripts, booking the Memorial Hall, fund raising and giving a great deal of thought to how best to get this project moving with 2 hours a week for the adults and 1 hour for the children.

We have been donated a number of old videos and wonder if anyone out there has the technology to transfer to DVD. It really would be great to see some of our early shows before the tapes disintegrate. Please contact me Jenny Hunting at the Memorial Hall on Wednesdays from beginning of September if you can. Also if anyone wants to join there are loads of opportunities just come along on a rehearsal night and you would be most welcome.

Jenny Hunting
Aston Players



Aston on Trent Neighbourhood Watch



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

Dear Villagers,

As you are probably aware Tony Hurrell has decided to step down from Chairman following many years of sterling leadership, and has now taken on the new role of Communications Officer. I have taken his place as Chair..... a hard act to follow.

The village is fortunate that crime is still very low. However, there have been a few reported incidents this year. Burglaries on Weston Road and Shardlow Road, attempted break in at the White Hart, antisocial behaviour one night in Willow Park Way/Yates Avenue/Maple Drive and also at the new recreation play area. There were two thefts from unlocked cars and recently a break in at the War Memorial Hall.

It is extremely important to contact the Police **immediately** if you see anything suspicious. Give them as much information as possible including descriptions of people and cars **including** the registration number. If it looks suspicious it more than likely is!

DIAL **101** for **non-urgent** matters. DIAL **999** for **emergencies**.

Also let your Co-ordinator know as soon as possible. We can then warn the rest of the village very quickly. The Police do take all calls seriously and respond as soon as they can. The more calls they receive regarding a specific incident, the better chance they have of catching the culprit(s).

We rarely see a police presence, however this is mainly due to their stretched resources and lack of funding. Rest assured that if you report a crime **and** there is sufficient information the police do follow it up and attempt to get a conviction. However, they do need accurate descriptions and as much information from witnesses as possible.

The Beat Team responsible for Aston is PCSO Emma Guest and PC Vick Centro. Emma recently spent two days at our Junior School giving presentations on "Stranger Danger" making the children aware of what to do if approached by a stranger.

If you have any questions or concerns or wish to join Neighbourhood Watch (73% of the village already have) then do contact me.

Barrie Evans.

Aston on Trent Neighbourhood Watch Chairman.

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BE VIGILANT KEEP ASTON ON TRENT SAFE

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

After a slow start, the stalls and refreshments had a steady stream of customers as the weather brightened up on Welldressing Saturday. On Sunday the Church was open as a quiet place for a welcome sit-down, a cuppa, and a bite to eat. We do not sell anything on a Sunday, but visitors were generous in making donations to Action for Children, Methodist Homes and Water Aid. Thank you all. Thanks to all who helped over the busy weekend.

Reverend John has been away on sabbatical for three months since Easter. We are looking forward to hearing about his experiences and the new spiritual insights he has gained. Whilst he has been away Rev'd Dennis has very kindly been helping to fill the gaps!

Harvest Festival at Aston will be celebrated on **October 18th** at Cafe Church. Gifts of tinned and packet food will be given to the Long Eaton Foodbank. Gifts of money will go to support the work of the Padley Centre for the Homeless in Derby.

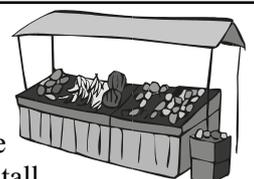
Services at the Methodist Church have differing styles from the more traditional Sunday morning worship to the much more informal monthly cafe style, all led by a variety of preachers. Weekly morning worship alternates with Weston where the Girls' Brigade take part in All-Age Worship. Whatever the style though, everyone is made very welcome, with coffee and biscuits afterwards. Why not come and give it a try?

Medieval Market - Saturday 12th September

A **Medieval Market** will be held in front of **All Saints' Church** from **10.00 a.m -12.00 noon**.

Everybody is welcome to either have a stall to sell local ware or bring merchandise to sell on our stall. It is being done for no other reason than to uphold tradition and to have a good time. It is not a charitable event and monies made on stalls can be distributed in any way that is acceptable to the individual stall holder.

For more information contact **Loral and Steve Aynsley on 799595**



The White Hart Aston on Trent

Kim and Dave present, Traditional home cooked food, now being served!!
All our food is cooked fresh to order. Lunchtimes – 12 Noon – 3pm Evenings – 5pm – 8pm

Up and coming events

Saturday 1st August – Female Vocalist - Sarah B **Saturday 22nd August** – Female Vocalist – Carlene Walters

Saturday 5th September – VJ Day Celebrations – Activities throughout the day plus the return of Jill Daniels - 40's vocalist.

Saturday 19th September – Male Soloist – Chris Carter

Saturday 3rd October – Best of the 80's and 90's – A night with Ethan Daniels.

Saturday 31st October – Halloween Party at “ **The Hart**”!! – Join us for our spooky celebrations and an evening full of entertainment with Andy Walker.

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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Winter planning. Look out for our Flu campaign which will begin again soon. **Patient Participation Group.** We are actively seeking new members from the 16-30 age group. Please contact the practice if you are interested.

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Aston on Trent

Food served: Wednesday - Saturday Lunchtimes 12pm–2pm, & evenings 6pm–9pm Sunday Lunch served from 12pm–5pm

Call 792256 to reserve a table - booking is highly recommended

Hello all, well what a Well Dressing we all had, again fantastic weather which always helps. So from Matt, Karyn and the team we would just like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came out and supported

The Malt over the weekend.

Forthcoming Events

Quiz night every Tuesday

Every Thursday 2 meals for £10.00

The return of the Pop Quiz

Open Mic once a month



Please see our website and facebook page for more forthcoming events.



Just to let you know The Malt will be closed on Sunday 30th & Monday 31st August

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Diary - Looking Ahead

GROUP	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
CAMEO	Heritage Centre	19.30	1st Wednesday		2nd	7th
MOTHERS' UNION	Heritage Centre	14.30	4th Thursday		24th	22nd
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Heritage Centre	10.30	2nd & 4th Sun		13th 27th	11th 25th
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	White Hart	19.30	2nd Monday	10th	14th	12th
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Memorial Hall	19.30	2nd Tuesday		8th	13th
PARISH COUNCIL	Memorial Hall	19.30	3rd Tuesday	18th	15th	20th
LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Memorial Hall	19.30	4th Tuesday		22rd	27th
METHODIST CHURCH						
“Lunch Club”	Methodist Church	12.00	3rd Wednesday	19th	16th	21st
“Coffee Morning”	Methodist Church	10.00	4th Wednesday	26th	23rd	22nd
“Cafe Church”	Methodist Church	16.30	Sunday	9th	20th	18th

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

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

AUGUST

A quiet month in Aston on Trent!

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 5th September. Celebrating WI Day - Cream Tea 2.30 p.m. Memorial Hall
 Saturday 12th September. Medieval Market - Front of All Saints' Church 10.00a.m. - 12.00 noon
 Sunday 13th September. Finals Day and BBQ Aston & Weston Bowls Club
 Saturday 19th September. RIA Village Supper Quiz 7.30 p.m. Memorial Hall
 Friday 25th September. RBL “Poppy Picnic” 10.00 - 12.00 noon (Lounge) Mulberry Way

OCTOBER

Friday 16th & 30th Film “Sing along” 7.30 p.m. Heritage Centre. (Breast Cancer Campaign).
 Saturday 10th October Musical Concert 7.30 p.m. - St Wilfrid's Church Barrow upon Trent
 Saturday 31st October RIA Musical Evening “The Open Road 7.30 p.m. Memorial Hall

NOVEMBER

Saturday 14th November Annual Church Dinner - Memorial Hall

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