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Aston upon Trent Parish Council



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Cllr. Catherine Alberts, Cllr Helen Cope. Cllr. Steve Graham,
Cllr. Tony Hurrell, Cllr. Jean Longley, Cllr. Mike Selby. Cllr Chris Toon*

Consultation: South Derbyshire Local Plan part 2.

Part 2 of this plan covers many topics including housing whereby 600 dwellings have to be built across the district. Potential housing sites are included in the plan although not all will be allocated for housing. If you did not manage to attend the drop-in event in Aston on 12th January then you can comment before 12th February by email to planning-policy@south-derbys.gov.uk. The local plan can be found at www.south-derbys.gov.uk/localplanpart2. This is your chance to view the plan and have your say.

Annual Remembrance Parade and Service.

Once again an event superbly organised by the Aston & Weston branch of the Royal British Legion. Worthy of note was the exemplary and respectful behaviour of all the youth organisations in attendance. We should be proud of our youngsters from Aston, Weston & Shardlow. Thank you young people.

Winter maintenance.

The Council has embarked on a winter maintenance programme of tree pruning, felling and removing of storm damaged trees along Greatorex Walk, the playing field and the area around the bowling green. An annual budget has been allocated for such work particularly with the increased frequency of strong winds and storms. Unfortunately, our mole-catcher is also being called upon more times than we would wish. We do not wish to offend wildlife lovers, but the moles do make a real mess of the football pitch, the children's play area and surroundings of the playing field.

Recreation Centre extension – phase 2.

Congratulations to RIA for their perseverance and tenacity in securing the promise of more grant funding from Sport England and South Derbyshire District Council for a further extension to the Recreation Centre. The aim is to create a first floor set of changing rooms for females and youngsters and a small lounge/meeting room area. The Council, as owners of the building, has delegated a Councillor to oversee the project along with members of RIA and hopefully a project manager.

Derby Road Cemetery- list of regulations.

There have been some recent misunderstandings regarding the regulations for burials at the above cemetery. It is always a difficult time to deal with sensitive issues following a bereavement but the council, before opening the cemetery, sought advice from many sources and from this a set of regulations was drawn up. The council has since instructed funeral parlours and stonemasons to remind their clients of these, so future misunderstandings can be avoided. A list of regulations can be obtained from the parish clerk or on the council's website.

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

The sum of £2,500 has been allocated to fund the usual programme of activities. Details and dates will be circulated in good time early in the summer. Last summer a total of 209 youngsters attended the seven sessions.

Village Christmas tree.

Once again we thank Mr. Hicklin and son (Councillor Edward), for the use of their heavy machinery to install the Christmas tree in the centre of the village. To hire a contractor would be very expensive indeed.

The final piece in the jigsaw?

The Aston playground project (APP) has now received quotations to install a trim trail for slightly older children on the remaining vacant area within the play area perimeter. The Council intends to fund any shortcoming in funds in order to finally finish this very worthwhile, welcomed and much appreciated project. Watch this space!

Out and about.

Since the last edition councillors have attended meetings with the Safer Neighbourhood group, Donington Race Track liaison group, Aston Memorial Hall committee, Boulton Lane surgery patients group and a briefing session with South Derbyshire District Councillors, Officers and Councillors from other parishes.

Excellence in the community award 2015.

Nominations have been received (closing date 31/12/15) and the winner will be announced at the annual parish meeting in April. There are so many community-spirited folk in Aston who give up their time generously and work for the benefit of our village community so we look forward to more nominations in 2016.

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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Happy New Year from the Aston on Trent Women's Institute!!!

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2016. If you've not taken the plunge yet, why not consider joining the WI in 2016? We have bags of activities all through the year to keep you entertained, including our annual holiday, local walks, lunches and dinners. Plus our special events like the Ladies Night, the Afternoon Tea, jumble sales and trips to the theatre. Come along and join in the fun!

The ever-popular county quiz is looming in April; a great opportunity to get those brains working! Plus a games night with dinner is being organised for February.

The Aston on Trent WI is well known for being very sociable and welcoming, we always have lots of activities you can join in, should you wish, so why not come along and make some friends. We invite a speaker to most meetings and by the time you read this, we will all be Zumba experts!

We meet at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30p m. New members and guests are always welcome; see you there!

ASTON ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

With the seasonal festivities behind us it's back to the 'day job' of continuing to improve the group's archive database using a variety of scanners and electronic *thingamajigs*. The group frequently turn up photos of village life but are sometimes unable to put names to people. If you're passing the Heritage Centre on the first or third Monday morning of each month (10.30am - Noon) why not pop in and see if you can help the team complete the picture. They're always interested in stories of Aston past so if you've a memory or two they'd be delighted to see you over a cuppa.

Our speaker programme continues through open meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall so if topics such as '9/1: a personal recollection', 'British Midland Airways', 'Finding Richard 111' and 'John Betjeman' appeal to you then you know where to go on February 23rd / March 22nd / April 26th and May 24th respectively. Posters are always displayed throughout the village if you need reminders.

Aston Joggers A free, friendly, casual jogging group meets every Wednesday at 7pm outside the White Hart. Suitable for beginner to intermediate joggers. Sessions start with a warm up then either a jog/walk/chat around the village or a training session at the park depending on weather and season. Everyone welcome, under 16's must be accompanied. Find us on Facebook - Aston Joggers

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 and Fri 7:30 p.m. Meet Mondays 8p.m - 9:30pm.

Cubs - Age 8 to 10
Mondays 6:30pm - 8.00pm

Explorers - Age 14 to 18

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

Thank you to everyone who supported **Stamp and Deliver**, whether you bought a stamp and used the service or were one of the many scouts, parents and helpers who took part in the sorting and delivery operation. This year saw an increase in the volume of cards handled and consequently the funds raised for the Group. Great work folks!

It's now time to start thinking about the Weston Run, our 5-mile road race and 2-mile fun run. This year's event will take place at the Ukrainian Centre, Weston-on-Trent at 11am on Sunday 13th March. Full details are available on our web site and you can download entry forms and pre-register to avoid the queues at the check-in desks on the day. If you've never taken part, this really is a fun event for all the family and a great way to shake off all those extra calories from the Christmas festivities.

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 an affordable facility enjoyed by all ages from toddlers to pensioners and hosting a wide variety of activities.

The Hall is available to hire for private functions, subject to availability & booking conditions. We are only just into the New Year, but sessions are already being booked up; we advise to book well in advance to avoid disappointment.

Please contact our Booking Secretary
Gail Smith (792541) for more details.

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

Aston Arioso Choir Members wanted.

New Community Choir in Aston-on-Trent, run by Ellie Gregson (Sheehy-Smith). All abilities welcome. Rehearsals take place every Monday 7-8pm in the Heritage Centre, Aston-on-Trent. Choir started on the 18th January 2016.

For more information e-mail
eleonor90_1@hotmail.com

or phone Ellie on 01332 799567.



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)

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 time
- 2nd Wednesday: Open before God – Meditation
- 3rd Wednesday: Open Book – Bible exploration
- 4th Wednesday: Open-ended – Open discussion

Other regular 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

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ALL SAINTS'

Every Wednesday in Lent (starting 10th Feb.) 6.45 p.m. Compline with address
Mothering Sunday 6th March – 10.30 a.m. Family Worship.

Palm Sunday 20th March – 10.30 a.m. Procession from Methodist Church followed by service at All Saints'.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week – 6.45 p.m. Compline
Maundy Thursday – 7.30 pm Sung Eucharist at Weston
Good Friday – 2.00 pm Last Hour Devotional Service
Easter Eve – 9.00 pm Service of Light and First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day 27th March - 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.

Visit our websites:

www.astonontrentchurch.org

VILLAGE WALK 2015

The village walk committee would like to thank all walkers who helped to make this year's event a success. Over 430 people took part and enjoyed the route.

First and foremost it is a community event and the money raised from the walk has been distributed to the following groups/individuals:

Aston Bell Ringers Tower Fund

Aston Joggers

Aston Cricket Club

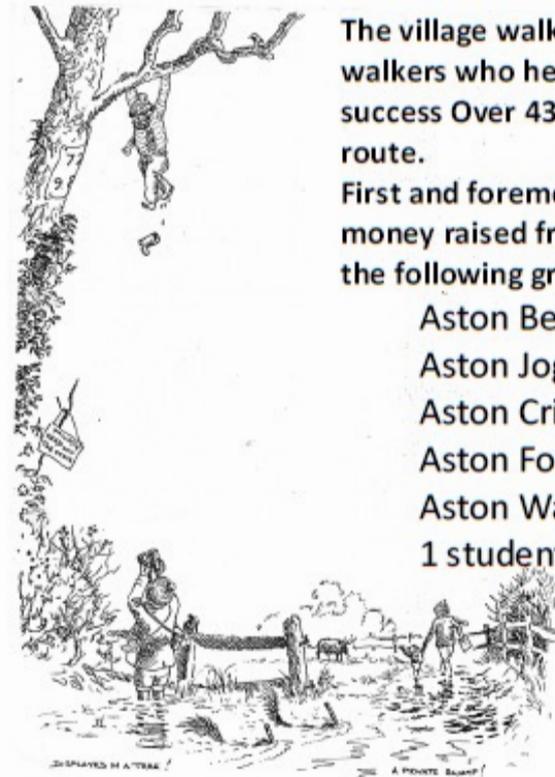
Aston Football Club

Aston War Memorial Hall Trustees

1 student of Chellaston Academy



Don't forget, there will be the 43rd village walk on December 27 2016. We hope to see you there!



Aston Well Dressers



Happy New Year! Following our AGM we welcomed our new Entertainments Officer Emma Biring and said hello again to Rob Archer as he reprises one of his previous Festival Committee roles as Traffic Officer. We also said a big thank you to Elaine Upton as she swapped the Festival Committee for the Well Dressing Committee for 2016. Elaine put a huge amount of work into the raffle and the fact it has grown substantially over recent years is a tribute to Elaine's efforts. Other than those changes, the committee remains as it was for 2015 and continues to be led by Chair Steve Hyde. As we say every year, we are always on the lookout for help or ideas so please get in touch if you would like to join us as a committee member (currently we are looking to fill the Logistics Officer position) or perhaps

you can help us by just 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.

The feedback we received on the changes made in 2015 were very positive and we plan to continue to bring new layouts, entertainers and stalls to this year's Festival with the aim of making 2016 the best Festival ever.

Priority stall bookings will be available for the village groups shortly, so please check the website

www.astonwelldressers.co.uk

Events Coming up

Sunday 20th March we will be having **Afternoon Tea** in the **Memorial Hall from 2.30 to 5.00**

so please come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee or perhaps a glass of prosecco or two as well as sampling some delicious home-made cakes and treats as you browse. This fundraiser is key to helping us put on entertainment throughout the Festival weekend, so please support us if you can.

Astonbury 2016, on Friday 29th & Saturday 30th April – this excellent showcase of local talent returns. Please come along to one of the evenings (or enjoy a discounted ticket for both) – and get your dancing shoes on!

Save the dates!!

Well Dressing Walk, Saturday 25th June (TBC)

Robin Sedgewick is working on this year's route, so join in the fun and raise money at the same time – what could be better?

Well Dressing Festival, Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd July

as always, we are grateful for any help we can get to build stalls, make the well dressings, run stalls, put up bunting and much more.



Update on the work at the Recreation centre

Funding from Awards for All lottery has paid for the new floor in the sports hall and tiling to the toilets and corridor areas, we have new flooring to all the new areas.

Co-operative Community Fund

We were successful in our bid to the Co-op Community Fund for £4008. This money has been used to completely refurbish the ladies and gents toilets. Our thanks to the Co-op for granting us this money.

This has now completed the internal work so that we have 2 new toilets in the ladies toilet area and an additional new toilet for the umpire/referee and away teams and a new fully fitted changing room with shower for the referee/umpire.

The Community Payback team have worked tirelessly and have laid a wonderful patio to the front area of the new sports hall. They have also painted all the internal corridors and new changing room along with the new referees/umpires room and new toilet. We are very grateful for all their help and support with the centre and also to our Parish Council for organising the Community payback to carry out this work. Our thanks also go to Tash Hyde for her help and support with this project.

Working together has given a real boost to the Recreation centre.

We are now open for business! So if you are looking for a venue to hold a meeting, children's birthday party, to start an indoor sporting or recreation activity the Recreation centre is available for use! Please contact Barbara James on 01332 792061 or 07734 983626 for further information.

We are delighted to announce that the Aston On Trent Strength and Balance Class has recently started. This is in conjunction with Derbyshire Community Health Service and Age UK. This class aims to improve your strength, balance and coordination and meets on a Monday morning 10.30 – 11.30am. Cost is £3 per session which includes tea / coffee after the session. For more information contact Lindsay Robins on 07815874041 or Jo Briggs 07837277252.

PLEASE NOTE THE FIRST SESSION IS FREE!!!

The Open Road

On Saturday 31st October The Open Road performed for us in the Memorial Hall. It was a memorable evening with exceptional talent on show from both the group and the supporting singer. The evening was made even better by our cottage pie supper in the interval. Many thanks to Sylvia Bolton who again produced a very tasty meal. We raised nearly £1000 which has allowed us to continue to purchase and install items for the recreation centre.

Santa Round The Village

Following on from the recent Santa Around the Village event, Recreation in Aston would like to thank Aston Cricket Club and Aston Pre School who kindly volunteered in helping to collect donations on the day. The day proved to be a huge success and many residents were very pleased with the earlier start time. A big thank you to all of the residents who made donations. Church Wilne Rotary Club very kindly allowed us the use of their Santa Sleigh and driver. We are extremely grateful to them and in particular Brian who endured many hours driving slowly around the village. The pleasure on the faces of the many children was worth the long day. The 2 collecting groups and Church Wilne Rotary have received a portion of the profits.

Annual 10 k and 2 Mile Run Sunday 15th May

This popular event will take place on May 15th. Please keep an eye out in local publications and on the RIA facebook for further updates and entry forms. We will be asking for volunteers to help marshal the event. If you think you can spare a few hours to help in any way could you contact Fiona Stanbrook on 07738435034 or 799312 or Fiona.stanbrook@sky.com

Yard Sale Saturday 16th April

It will soon be time for your "spring clean" and recycling items no longer needed. This very popular event will take place between 10a.m. and 2p.m. If you would like to open your "yard" at a cost of £5 please contact either Barbara James 792061 or Hilary Forber 792397. Maps will be on sale at the Village Pump for £1. We will be contacting residents on Weston road to suggest that parking is limited to one side only. This will help to maintain the flow of traffic through the village

ASTON & WESTON METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER: Revd John Hartley Tel: 01332 405286

The Christmas 'specials' were well supported and enjoyed, with the party being a particular highlight. The food was scrumptuous, the entertainment was brilliant, and the closing worship with carols and a meditation entitled 'Joseph' from John brought the festivities to a fitting end. A really good time was had by all! Thanks go to: Pauline and Jackie for their recitations; Philip-who delighted us on the piano; John, Paul and Margaret for their solos; Janet for the 'sweet sensations' quiz; and Beryl- who compered. The raffle proceeds, together with donations made after Carols round the Tree, raised £95, which has been sent to The Daily Mail Flood Appeal and Action for Children. Thanks to all who gave.

There is now a bible study group meeting regularly on a Monday evening at Aston Church. We are working our way through Mark's Gospel. New members/ 'Learners' will be warmly welcomed.

NEW for 2016- Revd John is leading a short Communion Service in the afternoon on the first sunday of the month at 4pm on Feb 7th, and 4.30pm on Mar 6th and Apr 5th. See the noticeboards for up to date information about worship and groups.

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 new experiences for our children. ASPA will again be providing lots of fund raising opportunities for school, and we look forward to the new Trim Trail being built this year.

Last term Mr. Bamford organized a variety of sporting events for the older children, including girls and boys' football, dodgeball, netball and cross country. Congratulations to all our children who took part in these events. Our Year 4 children had a day at Toyota, where they were able to design and build their own vehicle using Lego, and see how real cars are made in the Toyota factory. It was a really fun day out for them. Our Year 5 and 6 children also had a fantastic time at the theatre in Birmingham, watching 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'.

If you have had a clothing clear out over the Christmas holidays, please use our 'Green Light' clothing recycling bank, situated just inside the main gates. **WHAT TO BRING:** Clean and dry SHOES (paired), CLOTHING, HANDBAGS, HATS and BELTS. These items not only raise funds for the school but also provide affordable clothing and employment in third world countries such as Africa, Pakistan and India.

Finally, could we please ask all visitors to school to show respect for our neighbours by not parking in front of their driveways or in the turning area. Thank you for your co-operation.

Aston School Parents Association

We've had an action-packed first term at school, full of opportunities for the children to learn and have fun. We have welcomed 27 new reception children, all settling in well and supported by our fantastic 'buddies' in year 5. Year 6 had a great time when they went on their first residential visit in September - 4 nights with no parents! And we celebrated together as a whole school on many occasions, raising lots of money to provide resources and enhanced learning for our children and supporting charities such as NSPCC and Children in Need.

The children have enjoyed some spooky dancing at the Halloween disco, dressing as super heroes for the day, and working so hard to create a wonderful Nativity for family and friends.

We would like to thank all our staff, parents and ASPA members who went that extra mile during the last few weeks of term working on the Nativity and **Christmas Fair** which raised a whopping **£2200!** The money will go to our Key Stage 2 trim-trail development for the playground, requested and designed by the children.

Our fundraising activities will include a Valentines Disco, Mothers Day Gift Sale.

We'll keep you posted! Happy New year to you all.

FAB. Friends of Aston Brickyard

Winter continues to be a busy time for the group as it's a time for clearing undergrowth, removing unwanted trees, making habitat piles and hedges for wildlife. The last few months have seen around 200 new native tree saplings planted including oaks, rowan, hazel, crab apple and buckthorn. Felling over-crowded trees allows light through to expanded clearings, enabling new trees and wild flowers to grow. These in turn bring in a rich diversity of wildlife. Butterflies are a case in point. When the FAB group took over management of the site in 2012, 537 were recorded from 19 species. In 2015 1,087 butterflies were recorded across 25 species – a remarkable achievement of which we are proud.

We have received many favourable comments from the increasing number of people who walk the perimeter paths, either as couples, families, dog walkers or all three! Thank you for this support as we are working to conserve a native woodland and grassland environment and as a community amenity for quiet observation and enjoyment. If we're on site, feel free to stop by; we'd be delighted to explain our activities. You'll also find details on the village website and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Aston-Brickyard-Plantation/1621488424796756> or enter 'Friends of Aston Brickyard Plantation'

ASTON & WESTON BOWLS CLUB

This year will be a special one for the bowls club as it was formed 10 years ago in August 2006. Anniversary events are to be arranged when we plan a celebration and welcome village residents who were most supportive in founding the club, along with representatives from organisations who have so generously contributed funding to enable the club to grow into an established and popular village facility. During the winter closed season our club social activities, quiz, skittles and games evening, are being held each month in local venues.

The 2016 playing season starts on Sunday 3rd April and also during that month we will be taking part in the Village Yard Sale when we will be open for refreshments.

The **Club Open Day** will be held on **Sunday 22nd May** when anyone wishing to try out bowling will be made welcome. If you cannot wait till then, please come along on any Sunday afternoon from 2pm, Tuesday or Friday evenings from 6pm once the season has started. Bowls equipment and coaching will, be available.

Once again the club will be playing in the Belper and District Wednesday Doubles League starting mid April and a programme of friendly matches against local clubs throughout the season are being arranged.

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

ASTON ON TRENT FOOTBALL CLUBS

The end of the calendar year has seen a positive upswing in Aston on Trent FCs fortunes as they compete in the Long Eaton Premier League for the first time in five years. After a shaky start, the squad has grown in numbers, with a healthy injection of youth joining the ranks to swell out numbers and provide competition in key areas. With this has seen a significant improvement in results, with the Recreation Ground becoming somewhat of a fortress for Aston and giving hope of a solid second half of the season.

The main aim for the season is to remain at the top table of Sunday football with such a youthful squad, and the club are always on the lookout for further players and support. If you are interested in becoming involved with your local football team, please contact secretary Andy Wheatley on 07908905772.

Finally, all at Aston on Trent FC would like to thank Matt and Karyn at the Malt for the continued support and hospitality and wish everyone the best for 2016!

ASTON ON TRENT VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

Aston on Trent Village CC are now affiliated to both the Derbyshire Cricket Board (DCB) and the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) which will help us ensure we can provide the right environment for juniors and adults of Aston and the surrounding villages. In 2016 we will be running an Under 11 team in the SDCDG Kwik Cricket League and a friendly seniors team playing on selected Sundays and evenings, so please – whatever your age, ability or experience, come along and get involved. Junior training will start on 14th April and we are hoping to arrange some winter net sessions for juniors and seniors alike.

Our focus will be on local players and to build a club that the village can be proud of. In order to do that funding is vital. We are grateful to the Village Walk, RIA and to Dave and Kim at the White Hart for their recent donations and we are delighted to have Phoenix Systems as our main sponsor, plus additional sponsorship from, Brecon Water. Our fundraising starts with a **Race Night on Saturday 19th March** in the Memorial Hall -more details to follow.

We need support to help us in the first season so if you would like to get involved in any way whatsoever – be it playing, coaching or helping out with the grounds or ground equipment – a roller is urgently required! then please get in touch by calling Dave Duncan on 07774 155156 or Ian Dunn on 01332 799948 or by visiting our Facebook page or website www.pitchero.com/clubs/astonontrentvillagecricketclub

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - ASTON & WESTON BRANCH

Now we have finished with the Remembrancetide for 2015, it gives me the opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Remembrance Day parade, especially the road marshalls, it is not an easy job trying to halt traffic when some motorists don't have a minute to spare. Again we had wonderful support from village residents and community groups meaning All Saints Church was standing room only. We also had a marvellous response for this year's poppy appeal with our poppy organiser, Jane Archer reporting this year's appeal raised over **£3,300**. Thank you to Jane and all those individuals who went round knocking on doors and local businesses who allowed the poppy boxes to be displayed in their premises.

The son of one of our well known residents John Dominy who passed away in May, very kindly donated a five foot long model of a Royal Navy ship, which John built years ago, to the branch and is displayed in the committee room at the War Memorial hall. It is well worth a visit to see this beautiful model.

If anyone would like to learn more about the Legion and its work for ex service men and women you would be very welcome to join us every second Monday of the month at the White Hart pub starting at 19.30hrs."

ASTON PLAYERS

As I write we are in the final stages of our Pantomime Aladdin. I'm sure it will be "all right on the night" as the well known theatrical expression goes. We have all the usual suspects a princess, a pantomime boy and dame and, of course the usual baddies. We also have 14 of Aston 's delightful children. They are being schooled in stagecraft, teamwork, dance and song; all in one hour a week. They will I'm sure steal the show. Supporting the cast is an army of helpers whose dedication to making a successful show is greatly appreciated by me and the cast. They give up their time willingly and from the amount of smiles and laughter I see are enjoying their task too. I am looking forward to the performances and am sure the village will support us as they usually do. For this you have our thanks.

We also thank the Committee of the Memorial Hall and its users for putting up with the disruption we cause.

The charities to benefit from our ticket sales are once again

Rainbows and this year **The Air Ambulance Service** .

Looking forward to seeing you all - oh yes we are!!! **Jenny Hunting Producer and Director**



Aston on Trent Neighbourhood Watch

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



New Year Message.

Dear Villagers,

Wishing you all a Very Happy and Trouble free New Year.

Since my last report in September unfortunately there have been further reported incidents:

1. Attempted Microsoft computer scam.
2. Builders in a white van approaching elderly villagers on Derby Road and Valerie Road attempting to carry out unnecessary building work for cash.
3. Break in on Clarkes Lane when Xmas presents and cash were stolen.
4. Attempted break in on Walnut Close.
5. Transit van broken into on Compton Avenue.
6. House break in on Weston Road. Arrest made.
7. Sneak in burglary on Manor Farm Road. Xmas presents and cash stolen.

Aston is still a very safe place to live but petty crime is mostly preventable..

Report anything suspicious on **999 for emergencies** or **101 for non-urgent** incidents. The Police have advised us that they have now significantly improved waiting times on the **101** number so do dial it! Get a Crime/incident number and inform your Co-ordinator.

The police need as much information as possible and the police computer is now able to link crimes, which often can lead to an arrest of the suspect i.e the Weston Road burglary.

When was your burglar alarm battery replaced? If it is at least 5 years old it will need renewing .If you don't then if the system is armed, and when the control panel experiences a loss of electrical supply the alarm will go off as it thinks someone is interfering with the system. (Ever got home to find your system has alarmed and you don't know why? Ever wondered why alarm sirens are sounding all at once? It is quite probable that the village has suffered an electricity outage which is quite common). Prevent unnecessary false alarms renew your battery. Screwfix keep replacement batteries at very reasonable prices.

If you wish to help (we are **short of Co-ordinators on Derby Road**), would like to become a member, make a purchase of many deterrents at discounted prices or have any questions please contact me or your Co-ordinator.

Regards,

Barrie Evans
AoT NHWatch Chairman
Tel 01332 792738 or Email: barrie.evans4@btinternet.com

Watch Out There's a Thief About in the Village.

Richmond Aston-on-Trent dates for the diary

Join us at our weekly Tuesday coffee mornings

26th January – Nicola Morgan-Parker from Richmond Nantwich will be chatting about the events and networking that take place at our villages.

23rd February – Alison Barwell from Richmond Northampton will be extolling the virtues of our Hospitality departments.

29th March – Laura Taylor, Operations Manager, will be discussing the importance of our on-site 24/7 Domiciliary Care Services.

26th April – Susie Oakley, Operations Director, will be giving us an insight into the setting up of the village and it's transition from construction site to operational care village.

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free chocolates with every booking.

Saturday 20th February - 60's Night - Starts at 9p.m

Sunday 6th March - Mothering Sunday - Bring mum along for a great meal. Bookings only.
Free glass of Fizz with every booking

Saturday 19th March - Live entertainment with the fabulous **Marc Bolton** (Formally of Get Serious) - starts 9p.m.

Sunday 27th March - Kids Easter Disco - All ages welcome!! Fancy Dress Optional, prizes for the best costume.
Plus a gift on departure!! 5pm- 7pm.

Saturday 16th April - The amazing **Andy Walker** is back!!! Showing his outstanding guitar skills,. Join us from 9pm.
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	3rd	2nd	6th
MOTHERS' UNION	Heritage Centre	14.30	4th Thursday	25th	24th	28th
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	White Hart	19.30	2nd Monday	8th	14th	11th
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Memorial Hall	19.30	2nd Tuesday	9th	8th	12th
PARISH COUNCIL	Memorial Hall	19.30	3rd Tuesday	16th	15th	19th
LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Memorial Hall	19.30	4th Tuesday	23rd	22nd	26th
METHODIST CHURCH						
“Lunch Club”	Methodist Church	12.00	3rd Wednesday	17th	16th	20th
“Coffee Morning”	Methodist Church	10.00	4th Wednesday	24th	23rd	27th
“Cafe Church”	Methodist Church	16.30	Sunday	14th	20th	17th

MARCH

Sunday 13th March 107th Scouts. “Weston Run” - Ukrainian Centre 11.00 a.m.
 Saturday 19th March Cricket Club “Race Night” - Memorial Hall
 Sunday 20th Well Dressers. “Afternoon Tea” - Memorial Hall 2.30 - 5.00 p.m.

APRIL

Saturday 16th April RIA “Yard Sale” around the village 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.
 Friday 29th April “Astonbury 2016” - All Saints Church
 Saturday 30th April “Astonbury 2016” Memorial Hall

MAY JUNE & JULY

Sunday 15th May RIA 10K & 2 mile Fun Run
 Sunday 22nd May Aston & Weston Bowls Club “Open Day”
 Saturday 25th June Well Dressers Walk (TBC)
 Saturday 2nd July & Sunday 3rd July Well Dressing Festival

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ALL SAINTS'

Every Wednesday in Lent (starting 10th Feb.) 6.45 p.m. Compline with address
 Mothering Sunday 6th March – 10.30 a.m. Family Worship.

Palm Sunday 20th March – 10.30 a.m. Procession from Methodist Church followed by service at All Saints'.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week – 6.45 p.m. Compline
 Maundy Thursday – 7.30 pm Sung Eucharist at Weston
 Good Friday – 2.00 pm Last Hour Devotional Service
 Easter Eve – 9.00 pm Service of Light and First Eucharist of Easter
 Easter Day 27th March - 10.30 a.m. Family Communion.

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