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Cllr. Jean Longley, Cllr. Mike Selby. Cllr Chris Toon, Cllr Haydn Wheeler*

Thank you Natasha.

This is an opportunity to thank our parish clerk/finance officer for her loyalty and hard work these past three years and nine months. Tash has been instrumental in setting up the council's website, advising councillors and responding to the many concerns of parishioners. In particular she has gone beyond the call of duty with administering the changes to our cemetery regulations and overseeing the work of the community payback team down at the recreation centre. Reluctantly, councillors accepted her resignation in January and we wish her well for the future.

Consultation meeting with Gladman Developments.

Councillors met with representatives of Gladman in late January at their request as part of their "consultation process" regarding the proposed development of 150 dwellings along the western side of Weston Road. Councillors were advised by Gladman that it would be prudent for the council to put forward suggestions or recommendations as to what would be their preferences for the site should approval be granted. Councillors stated that they would object strongly to any future application. At the time of this meeting 50 objections had already been received following the circulation of their consultation leaflet (We are now informed that over 200 objections have been submitted). The representatives stated that SDDC officers had indicated that the application would most likely be rejected as it was outside the settlement boundary as outlined in the local plan part one. However, Gladman stressed that there would be an appeal. Watch this space!

Proposed precept rise.

The precept is the proportion of the community charge that is allocated annually to parish councils to fulfil their duties and responsibilities. In January, councillors approved an increase from £30,000 to £33,385 to cover the loan repayments for the development of the recreation centre.

The felling & pruning of trees.

Many residents have expressed concern over recent tree surgery. Aston councillors have expressed our dissatisfaction on this issue with our local district councillors and officers. It might be that tree felling is essential for safety reasons and, as councillors, we wish to be warned and kept informed so then we can likewise inform parishioners!

Neighbourhood Plan?

Councillors are unconvinced that the work, time and cost would not produce a plan with "watertight protection" against future unpredictable planning legislation. It was felt that, at this time, the Local Plan would hold back the current tide of housing development. The council has been informed that SAVE and Weston Parish Council hold similar views and will not be pursuing the formulation of such a plan.

The Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting was held on 18th April with representatives of village organisation/village groups attending with the option of giving a report on their year's activity. Following judging by a panel of 5, the Council's annual "Excellence in the Community Award" was presented to "The Hoover Group". The group have turned out every month for the last 8 years keeping our four main roads tidy. The right choice from the excellent nominations received.

Dementia Week.

The council has been informed that Richmond Village will be promoting this week (May 14th-21st), so expect to see some activity publicised including blue bunting being set up somewhere in the village.

Increase in burial fees at the Derby Road cemetery.

The council approved this increase to be in line with neighbouring cemeteries but please note this increase is for out of village clients only. There is no increase for Aston residents and this includes all those who reside in the settlement boundary, so includes the Willow Park Way Estate, Yates Avenue and the Richmond Village. Another positive aspect to emerge from the Local Plans 1 and 2 is that we now refer to the "settlement boundary" rather than the "parish boundary" as one suspects that residents of the Willow Park Way estate and future residents of the Richmond Village do and will consider themselves residents of Aston-on-Trent!

New clerk/finance officer appointed.

The Council wish to announce that Sheena Butcher of Little Moorside has been appointed to the position of Parish Clerk/Finance Officer. We welcome Sheena to the team and wish her well in her new post.

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

Contact us at

Aston-on-Trent Parish Clerk ~ Sheena Butcher 01332 793161

theclerk@astonontrentparishcouncil.org.uk



Aston Well Dressers

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Thanks to everyone who came along to our Afternoon Tea event – it was our most successful one ever and was enjoyed by many! Afternoon Tea helps us put on the Festival Weekend which, as well as raising money for our two nominated charities – Derbyshire Mind and Aston on Trent Bowls Club – also provides a vital fundraising opportunity for many other village groups. Thank you for your continued support.

Astonbury - 28th & 29th April

A great line-up of artists is in store; Unbound, The Antiques Road Show, Alison Hurt, Danny Lockhart Group, Oliver Keane, Tony Razzell, Junkyard Angels, Ruby Sky and many more – not to mention Rev Tony Luke! Tickets available from village outlets. Proceeds to All Saints' Church and Aston Well Dressers.

Well Dressing Festival Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd July

Now it has started to warm up a little, we can look forward to Festival Weekend! We again hope to have a great mix of stalls and entertainment, with one or two new ideas in amongst the favourites! Our Yeoman House Children's Area with craft and entertainment is returning as well as enjoying traditional fairground rides. Details will be on the programme, look out for them in village outlets a couple of weeks before the festival.

The annual Well Dressing grand prize draw will be drawn on Sunday during the Newhall Brass Band finale with some great prizes. Tickets are on sale now and will be available at Astonbury. There will be another barrow of booze this year after the huge interest it generated! 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 and our Facebook page – Aston on Trent Well Dressing.

ASTON REPERTORY AND SONG ENSEMBLE

For over 8 years A.R.S.E. have produced an adult pantomime, raising over £8000 for various charities including Rainbows, Treetops, Breast & Prostate Cancer, Lymphoma Association, plus donations to Chellaston School undertaking voluntary work in Uganda and Mexico. All of this would not have been possible without the support of the Aston on Trent community for which we are always grateful. **SO, WHERE IS ALL THIS LEADING TO ? We are at it again!** The War Memorial Hall has been booked for **27th & 28th October** and the usual cast have been allocated their roles. Tickets at £20 (including a light supper) will be on sale on 1st July 2017 from the garage of No 2 The Green from 12 -2pm. **First come first served**

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



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.

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 the Weston Run on Sunday 12th March, either as a competitor, helper or spectator. With 207 runners completing the 2 mile fun run 195 runners completing the 5 mile race this was record entry. Full results are available on our web site.

Our next fund raising event will be

Summer Plant Sales Saturday May 20th in the White Hart Car Park, 10:00am to 2:00pm

This is another annual event that's going from strength to strength and proving to be very popular. We will have a wide range of top quality bedding plants, vegetable plants and hanging baskets at very competitive prices. Simply choose what you want and pay for them – no need to order in advance and no minimum order. We'll even give you advice on how to grow them and a hand to get them home if you need any help.

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

Our 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. Please note; permission must be obtained from the Hall's Management Committee before any notices or advertising posters are placed on the Hall's fences and gates.

Our current Secretary is standing down in June. If you are interested in applying for the post please contact Andy (792640) or Gail (792541).

Our **AGM** is on **Tues. 6th June at 7:00pm**; why not come along to offer your services, serve on the Management Committee and give something back to the village?

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.

Aston Joggers

A free, friendly, casual jogging group meet at 7p.m. every Wednesday outside the White Hart. Sessions start with a warm up and then either a jog/walk/chat around the village or a training session at the park depending on the weather. Everyone welcome, under 16's must be accompanied.

Find us on Facebook - Aston Joggers. Natasha Hyde



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

Assistant priest: the Rev'd Paul Hygate,
Tel. 01332 772779



Sunday services:

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) 6.45 p.m. Compline (Every Week)

Good news! We are fortunate that a full-time stipendiary curate will be joining the Ministry Team in July. He is a young man from Buxton called Edward Backhouse. Ed will be ordained on 2nd July and his first service with us will be the Open Air Service at the end of the Well Dressing Festival. We look forward to welcoming him.

We have recently made some noticeable changes to the interior of the Church. The front pews have been removed on either side to create more space and the chancel step has been brought forward and a ramp installed to make easier access for the disabled. Roger Twiggs has made a superb new nave altar, lectern and credence table, which have been given as memorial gifts by parishioners. We hope soon to have the whole area re-carpeted, using money raised through the 200 Club.

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.

THE ASTON ARIOSO CHOIR practises on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm in the Heritage Centre.

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

Coming up...

Astonbury Music Festival – 28th & 29th April.

Church May Fayre – Sat. 13th May at the Memorial Hall. (Lunches available)

Thursday 25th May – 2.30 pm Eucharist for Ascension Day with the Deanery Mothers' Union – all are welcome.

Well Dressing Festival – 1st & 2nd July.

Weddings can be booked at the weekly "surgery" on **Tuesday** 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

Friends of Aston Brickyard Plantation

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As mentioned in the last edition of ACORN the DCC Countryside Services budget cuts have meant that we no longer have the support of our Community Engagement Officer whose post was lost as part of redundancies. This threw the future of FAB into some confusion as it was not clear what support if any we would receive from DCC.

We now understand that support from Countryside Services will continue though somewhat scaled back and at a distance. The FAB group will therefore continue as before using the 10 year Site Management Plan to determine the work needed to manage and conserve the site for flora and fauna, and, as a community resource. An application is being prepared which, if successful, will elevate the plantation to that of a Local Nature Reserve; something that would not have happened without the FAB volunteer group

Those of you who wander regularly along the trails will have noticed that the wildlife pond is now quite full and we expect it to become inhabited shortly by aquatic species. The area around the pond has been sown with wild flowers which we hope will soften the landscape over the coming years.

We continue to be successful in acquiring grants, recently receiving £800 from Greggs Bakers and £500 from Butterfly Conservation East Midlands which will be spent on improving the pond and creating a marsh area.

ASTON ON TRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 the pupils and staff dressed up as characters from Where's Wally? We raised almost £150 for Book Aid International – thank you to everyone who donated. Also in March, our Year 6 children took part in the 'Celebration of Dance' at the Riverside in Derby, performing to music from "Pirates of the Caribbean". Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 have participated in netball, hockey and football competitions, where they have all played to a very high standard.

Our Year 5 pupils are currently building a Goblin class kit car, which they won in a competition. Over the coming months they will be taking the car to races against other schools – please see the school website for further details, www.aston-on-trent.derbyshire.sch.uk

We will be holding our Reception Starter Induction sessions on Thursday 11th May (evening session), Wednesday 21st June and Thursday 6th July. We look forward to meeting all our new Reception children and parents on those days.

Aston School Parents Association



ASPAs have had a lovely term, finishing off with a brilliant Chocolate Bingo Night! We'd like to thank everyone, once again, for supporting ASPA in their fundraising efforts for school. The children have enjoyed a fun-packed film night, delightful disco and marvellous Mother's Day gift sale.

We are now looking forwards to the Summer Term where we will be holding another much-anticipated **ASPAs day**, followed by our **Spring Fair**, which will be held in the school grounds on **SATURDAY 20TH MAY** (posters to follow). Please come along, bring your friends and join us for delicious refreshments and a variety of stalls, games and entertainment. We will also be joining the Well Dressing celebrations and pupils will be submitting their designs for the School Well Dressing Competition after Easter.

We hope you all have had a great Easter break and the sun keeps shining!



ASTON on TRENT INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

are celebrating their **25th Anniversary 2001 - 2017**. A small group of men and women who meet in the ASTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL Monday mornings 9.45am & Wednesday evenings 6.45pm. Anyone over 40 years who would like to join us will be made most welcome to come and have a game .

Remember **Indoor Bowls** does not depend on the weather.



ASTON & WESTON METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER: Revd John Hartley Tel: 01332 405286

We are always pleased to welcome new as well as familiar faces. Cafe Church is a very relaxed, yet meaningful form of worship around a buffet tea (no charge), with time to chat, and make and meet friends. An easier way to come for the first time. Sunday morning worship is generally of a more traditional pattern except when the Girls Brigade are taking part at All Age Worship. Whatever the occasion, the emphasis is on the celebration of our Lord Jesus and all he brings to our lives. Simply Communion is what the title says, from 4.30pm, lasting for half an hour-but with a cuppa afterwards!

Dates this quarter are May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd. Lunch Club and Coffee Mornings offer good food and companionship, and are open to everyone, as are all our services. Full details on the noticeboards.

For more info, or for transport call Margaret on 799718.

Well-Dressings will soon be upon us. Refreshments and light lunches will be served in the church over the weekend.

Stalls will include Beryl's waiting-to-be-discovered treasures amongst the Bric-a-brac and June's plants.

We look forward to seeing you at any event!



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YARD SALE

Forty three yards registered for the 16th Annual Yard Sale. As well as the usual toys and bric-a-brac four yards offered refreshments. The bowls club offered tea and coffee with delicious home-made cakes and right next to them we were treated to free taster sessions of Indian head and hand massage or reflexology from our local 'Armchair exercise' nurse –Lindsay. With the sale of yards and 92 maps we raised just over £300. Thank you to everyone who took part.

TABLE TENNIS

The Table Tennis goes from strength to strength with currently 25 taking part on different sessions. The age range is between 10 and 80! So a very sociable group. Sessions on Monday evening from 7.30 – 9.30 and Thursday morning from 10 – 12. Anyone is most welcome regardless of standard. The cost is £2 per session and includes tea/coffee.

ARMCHAIR EXERCISE

The armchair exercise class is a mainly seated exercise, working towards improving balance. Lindsay the instructor encourages working to your abilities, in a friendly and social setting. The cost is £3 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. There are 17 people taking part already for this class, but plenty of space for more! The class starts at 10.30 Monday mornings (except Bank Holidays) runs for an hour and is then followed by a well-earned tea/coffee break.

VILLAGES GARDEN CLUB

The garden club of Weston has now been renamed as The Villages Garden Club. RIA are working with them and propose to run some joint events as well as support their existing programme.

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 2017.

Trip to the Dorothy Clive Garden and the Bridgemere Nursery and Garden World.. Coach departs 9.30 Weston on Trent Village Hall followed by pick up from the Post Office Aston on Trent. Coach departs Bridgemere 16.40. Cost £14 includes coach fare and access to the garden. For more information contact Coral 01332 799778 or Barbara James 792061

FELLEY PRIORY

Monday 14th August a trip has been organised for a private visit to Felley Priory North Nottinghamshire. It will take place early evening. The entry is £5 per person and there can be refreshments. Transport will be decided nearer the time when exact numbers are known. For further information or to register an interest please contact either:- Marilyn 792876 or Hilary 792397

SOUL AND MOTOWN

Get your May holiday off to a great start with a Soul & Motown evening at the Recreation Centre. Our next session is on Friday 26th May. Tickets cost £4 on the door – just come along bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Dates for your diary next sessions will be held on Friday 14th July and Friday 22nd September.

Stenson Football Under 9 Football Training. Every Monday, 6-7pm Aston on Trent Playing Fields, DE72 2AN

After a positive start to our children's training, Stenson Football Club are now in a position to create an under 9 (ready for next year under 10) football team. We are looking for more unattached players to add to our already healthy squad.

Subs are £2. for more information contact –

If your child is currently in school year 4 and would like to join us please come and see us or contact us via James Winfield (Club Welfare Officer) 07850235528 Bryan Massey (Coach) 07919154578 Visit our website at www.clubwebsite.co.uk/stenson

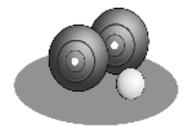
ASTON PLAYERS

So it's all behind us now. (Oh yes it is!). Another pantomime which was so well supported by Aston Village friends and families. Rapunzel a fairy tale presented our stage crew with the challenge of how to show a big tower inside and out and how to grow yards of blonde hair six times over. Barbara and Rachel are to be commended for the work they did with the children in their many guises.

As we go forward we would welcome new members to go on the stage or to help with the many support sections vital to putting on a show. (Costumes, music, sound and lighting, scenery, front of house, publicity and administration). It also occurs to me that there are many ex Players in the village who we would welcome back.

We have raised in excess of £2k for charities again this year so come along and join us and have some fun on the way. Our **AGM** is on **10th May at 8p.m.** in the Memorial Hall. We extend a warm welcome for you to join us and let's make this group better than ever.

JENNY HUNTING - PRODUCER



ASTON ON TRENT GOLF SOCIETY



The village has a thriving golf society of around 30 members who meet up for a monthly Stableford golf match on Fridays in the summer playing different courses in the area. We are always looking for 'fresh blood' to join us. If you are interested in playing any of the events you can put your name on the entry sheet on the notice board at The Malt or contact any of the committee members.

Six fixtures for 2017 are:

19 May Chevin Golf Club, **23 June** The Nottinghamshire Golf Club, Cotgreave, **7 July** Burton Golf Club, **18 August** Kedleston Golf Club, **15 September** Rushcliffe Golf Club and **13 October** Mickleover Golf Club.

2017 Committee members are:

Captain Alan Burrell 07855 902021, Vice Captain Rob Sheridan 07790 347125, Treasurer Clive Bowler 07798 882570, Secretary Mike Alberts 07904 289503. You can also contact us by e-mail at aotgoldsoc@gmail.com
We look forward to meeting you.

ASTON CRICKET CLUB



Winter's over and we're looking forward to the start of the season! Juniors training starts at 6.45pm on Thursday 20th April and will continue through the summer. Our Under 11 Kwik Cricket team play their first game in the SDCDG Kwik Cricket League on Friday April 28th at Lullington - come along and support them - or better still - come and have a go yourself.

We welcome new members whatever their age, ability or experience and we hope to start senior training session on Tuesday evenings from May. Our first senior game is at Melbourne on Sunday 30th April - 1pm start. We start running the new All Stars initiative for 5-8 year olds on 25th May at the Playing Fields - for more info visit ecb.co.uk/allstars.

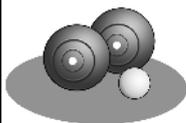
Thank you to everyone that supported and helped with our Race Night on 18th March - it was another fantastic night, raising lots of valuable funds - lets do it again in 2018! Thanks to funds raised in 2016 we have purchased a new roller that you will see running up and down the wicket this summer - it's proof of how local support can really make a difference! We are working hard to build a club that the village can be proud of, so if you would like to get involved in any way whatsoever - be it playing, coaching or helping out in any way, 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 <http://aotvillagecc.play-cricket.com>

ASTON FOOTBALL CLUB

As the season draws to a close, a young Aston side saw their dreams of silverware disappear with a semi-final loss in the Long Eaton Premier Cup. All in all, it has proved to be a testing season and one of rebuilding, as young local players have been blooded into a highly competitive league against well-established sides from the surrounding area, and have looked stronger for it as the season has gone on.

As it stands, survival in the Premier League is still not certain as other teams can still decide Aston's fate, but whatever happens, the squad will be ready for it as pre-season training started the week after their final game! The team are training on Wednesday and Sundays, and if you are keen to get that beach body ready, please feel free to join us - call Secretary Andy Wheatley on 07908 905772 or manager Charlie McCluskey on 07799 266789.

ASTON & WESTON BOWLS CLUB



The green re-opened on April 2nd and we are looking forward to some fine spring weather which will help ensure a good playing surface. Club playing times are Tuesday and Friday evenings starting at 5.30pm, and Thursday and Sunday afternoons starting at 2pm. League fixtures are played on a Wednesday evening, the first was played at home on April 18th.

New members are most welcome, the club has several spare sets of bowls so you do not need to have your own equipment. Come and give it a go, you can take part in up to three separate sessions before you need to decide whether or not to join. We also have social membership for those who don't want to play but want to be a club member and join in with the social activities. If you are just passing and see people playing please feel free to come and sit on one of the benches and watch the entertainment.

Recent social activities over the close season have been an indoor games night, with hotly contested competitions in darts, cribbage and dominoes, and a Sunday walk followed by a pub lunch. The planning application for the relocation of the Richmond Sales Office to become a new bowls pavilion has been submitted.

For club information please contact Jim Ballington on 405268, or Sue Shadbolt on 793083.

Aston on Trent Women's Institute

Our trip to see "Made in Dagenham" at the Guildhall theatre was a roaring success – the feedback was it was "really, really good" and the performance was very high quality and very enjoyable.

Thank you to everyone who supported our jumble sale on 4th March. We raised over £125 for our chosen charity of SANDS.

We have lots more events planned throughout the year including a skittles evening, possibly a pudding evening, bowling and special lunches, so the calendar will be chock full as usual this year! Our annual holiday is shaping up nicely and we already have 33 ladies who have signed up to see the sights of Northumberland in September.

Why not come along and make new friends! We invite a speaker to most meetings. At the March meeting Keith Blood entertained us with his talk about "Customs and Traditions of the Peak District" and in April, Paul Lobley covered "Family Carers and the support available".

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

New members and guests are always welcome; see you there!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - ASTON & WESTON BRANCH

After the busy remembrancetide we now have a relatively quiet period, however work at Legion branch goes on. By the time this report is being read the branch will have enjoyed a "poppy organisers" presentation evening which was held on Monday 24th April with a report to be given in the next edition of ACORN.

The Aston & Weston branch of the RBL have purchased a money counting machine which may be hired out to village organisations for a small fee, it can save a lot of time manually counting and if your organisation wishes to hire the machine please contact Jane Archer on 793370.

Finally we are still looking for new members to carry on the good work of the Legion, it is not just about looking after the many ex service personnel who have suffered trauma and injury but their families as well, especially those suffering hardship. Anyone can join, you do not need to have served in HM armed forces, anyone can join from age 18 and is open to men and women.

If you are interested please contact the Secretary Jim Ballington on 405268

we meet every second Monday of the month throughout the year at the White Hart at 19.30hrs.

ASTON ON TRENT HISTORY GROUP

We're delighted to announce that Bob Read, our *genial historian* and founder member of the group in 2004, has been awarded a Personal Achievement Award for Local History by the British Association of Local History. This is national recognition of his sterling work across many years encompassing all aspects of history ranging from tracing family ancestry, publishing books, creating village heritage trails, devising school workshops and a full immersion in every aspect of our history group. He was also a key element in our WW1 exhibition in 2014. Bob has fought doggedly to ensure that all new roads in the village retain names which bear reference to our village history and is shortly to publish another book tracing the history of how the current road names came into being. The History Group wishes to acknowledge his dedication to local history as part of our hard-working team and trust he will continue to blow the dust off our heritage for many years to come.

The group is currently preparing another grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for another community-focused project. More details as and when (if) we get the funding.

Richmond Aston-on-Trent Retirement Village

Turning Aston-on-Trent Blue - Dementia Awareness Week 14th – 20th May

"We all know someone who is living with dementia"

In an effort to help understand the everyday life of those who are living with dementia Richmond Aston-on-Trent is 'Turning Aston Blue' for Dementia Awareness Week this year. The event will be held at The War Memorial Hall. To show your support we are asking for blue ribbons to be hung on gateposts, post boxes, lamp posts, doors, gardens, shops, public houses and the streets of Aston on Trent. Richmond Villages will supply the ribbons. We will start the week by holding Dementia Friends sessions. These sessions are friendly, fun and will be available for both adults and children; we will be inviting local businesses, associations, schools and villagers to take part in these sessions.

This scheme aims to make everyday life better for those living with Dementia by changing the way people think, act and talk about Dementia. The sessions offer the know-how to enable people with

dementia to feel understood and included in our community. These will be held in The Village War Memorial Hall on:

- Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th May at: 1:15pm & 2:15pm
- Thursday 17th May at: 11:15am, 12:30pm & 1:30pm

On Friday 19th May, we are very lucky to have The Virtual Dementia Tour visiting the War Memorial Hall, kindly sponsored by The Andrew Connolly Practice. This will give you the chance to place yourself in the shoes of a person living with dementia, a fascinating but heart breaking experience. Places are limited for the Friday Virtual Tour, so please call the marketing suite and book to avoid disappointment.

For more information or your blue ribbon

Call: **01332 895 685**

Visit: richmond-village.com/aston





Aston on Trent Neighbourhood Watch



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

Last year known, reported crime incidents in the village rose by a **staggering 42%**.

WATCHING EYES POSTER If you have seen the posters around the village then so have the thieves. Deter crime by keeping vigilant and look out for strangers and unfamiliar vehicles. Take their description and record registration numbers. It is up to all of us to report anything suspicious or unusual immediately to the police. If they don't know about it then they can't take action and respond. **IF IT APPEARS UNUSUAL IT MOST PROBABLY IS.**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS NOW ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE IN COURT.

The police have informed us that if anyone suspected of breaking the law can be captured on a camera or phone then it can be used as evidence against the offender. Dangerous parking, nuisance motorbikes, suspicious vehicles etc. Obviously caution should be taken so as not to offend.

INCIDENTS IN THE VILLAGE (reported to the Police since the last Acorn)

January

1. Derby Road dwelling burglary. Jewellery stolen.
2. Manor Farm Road dwelling burglary. UPVC door forced open. Items stolen.
3. Weston Road. Attempted burglary by trying to force open patio doors. Entry not gained.

February

1. Weston Road dwelling burglary. Side door window smashed and house turned over. Money and electrical items stolen.
2. Weston Road further dwelling burglary. Bedrooms turned over. Electrical items, car keys and money stolen.

March

1. Little Moorside garage broken into. Items stolen.
2. Police incident vehicles seen along Weston Road opposite the War Memorial Hall. Warrants issued and arrests made by Nottingham Police Force.
3. Trailer carrying a mini digger stolen from The Green and recovered.
4. Richmond Drive. Vehicle entered by insecure front window. Items stolen.
5. Aston Hall car park. Vandalism to 3 cars and a cherry picker. Windows broken.

All the above incidents occurred where simple precautions had NOT been made. The unfortunate victims have now fitted burglar alarms, CCTV and other deterrents to avoid a recurrence.

POST OFFICE PARKING

Unfortunately vehicles are still parking **illegally** and causing a hazard to pedestrians and other road users. Please ensure that your vehicle is parked responsibly and in compliance with the lawat least **10 metres** from Weston Road junction and **PAST** the dropped kerb outside the Post Office front door. This will enable other vehicles, the disabled and pedestrians to pass safely.

NEW POLICE OFFICER

PC Oliver Priddle has moved to become a Road Policing Officer and has been replaced by PC Paul Russell. Paul will continue to work with PCSO Emma Guest patrolling Aston as well as Weston, Melbourne, Findern, Willington, Ticknall, Repton and Stenson.

YATES AVENUE HELP STILL NEEDED

Yates Avenue is still the only road in Aston not covered by a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Unfortunately members are not receiving any messages, updates or alerts. It only takes a few minutes to keep your neighbours informed. Please help by contacting the Chairman for more information.

WELL DRESSING NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STALL

Look out for our stall on Saturday 1st July where you will be able to buy discounted deterrents and pick up useful leaflets. If you are not already a member you will be able to enrol straight away at the bargain price of just £1.00/year.

Barrie Evans - Aston on Trent Neighbourhood Watch Chairman
Tel 01332 792738 or Email: barrie.evans4@btinternet.com

CHARITY GOLF DAY - Macmillan Cancer Support - Thursday 8th June Mickleover Golf Club

18 hole four ball Am-Am Stableford Competition. Longest Drive - Nearest the Pin. Team prizes estimated value £500 + Men, Ladies or mixed teams are very welcome. Teams from Aston will also compete for the **Aston on Trent Charity Cup**

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The Malt
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QUIZ NIGHTS - TUESDAY FROM 8:30 all welcome.

Look out for our theme nights which are on the last Thursday of the month.

Thursday 27th is our final most famous Burger night!

Due to refurbishment, The Malt will be closed as of 22nd May 2017 for roughly 5 weeks.

Our leaving party is all booked for 20th May.

Look forward to seeing all of our locals there for a final goodbye!

We will be having a pop quiz and also final open mic nights - look internally on our boards or regular updates on our Facebook page. Thank you. Olivia & Daz.

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Aston on Trent



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DIARY - LOOKING AHEAD

GROUP	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	MAY	JUNE	JULY
CAMEO	Heritage Centre	19.30	1st Wednesday	3rd	7th	5th
MOTHERS' UNION	Heritage Centre	14.30	4th Thursday	25th	22nd	27th
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	White Hart	19.30	2nd Monday	8th	12th	10th
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Memorial Hall	19.30	2nd Tuesday	8th	13th	11th
PARISH COUNCIL	Memorial Hall	19.30	3rd Tuesday	16th	20th	18th
LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Memorial Hall	19.30	4th Tuesday	23rd	27th	25th
ARIOSO CHOIR	Heritage Centre	19.00	Every Monday			
ASTON ART CLUB	Heritage Centre	14.00	Every Monday			
METHODIST CHURCH						
“Lunch Club”	Methodist Church	12.00	3rd Wednesday		21st	19th
“Coffee Morning”	Methodist Church	10.00	4th Wednesday	24th	28th	26th
“Cafe Church”	Methodist Church	16.30	3rd Sunday	14th	11th	9th

MAY

Wednesday 10th Aston Players AGM - War Memorial Hall 8.00p.m.
 Saturday 13th All Saints' Church - May Fayre at the War Memorial Hall.
 Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th Richmond Village - “Turning Aston Blue.” Dementia Awareness
 Saturday 20th Scout Group - Summer Plant Sale. White Hart Car Park 10.00a.m. -2.00p.m.
 Saturday 20th ASPA - Spring Fair Aston Primary School
 Friday 26th R.I.A. Soul and Motown - Recreation Centre Shardlow Road

JUNE

Tuesday 6th. Aston War Memorial Hall AGM in the Hall 7.00 p.m.
 Thursday 8th June Macmillan Cancer Support Charity Golf Day. Mickleover Golf Club
 Saturday 10th Villages Garden Club/ R.I.A. Trip to Dorothy Clive Garden and Bridgemere

JULY

Saturday 1st Welldressing Festival around The Green 11.00 - 17.00
 Sunday 2nd Welldressing Festival around The Green 11.30 - 17.00
 Friday 14th R.I.A. Soul and Motown - Recreation Centre Shardlow Road
 Sunday 16th Aston Pre-School -50th Anniversary Party - War Memorial Hall

Summer Holiday Play Activities 2017
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