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Aston on Trent Community Newsletter

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Aston upon Trent Parish Council



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

Political with a small "p."

One of the pleasures of serving on your Parish Council is that when fellow Councillors make decisions these are not political in terms of "party politics" but only in the sense that we wish to secure the best for our community from resources available and by doing so maintaining a certain quality of life. Don't let anyone else suggest otherwise!

The section 106 fiasco!

- Ø At the July parish council meeting, a motion of no confidence in the District Councillors and the planning department, plus a period of non-co-operation with South Derbyshire was passed. Parish Councillors have invited the Chief Executive of SDDC to meet with them and answer questions.
- Ø On the 18th July a letter was sent to the Chief Executive of the County Council requesting the process by which recommendations were made regarding the developer's contribution from the Richmond Homes development; what consultation with local residents or their representatives occurred prior to submission; who approved the final submission and what liaison occurred between county officers and partner organisations such as South Derbyshire District Council?
- Ø Needless to say the response was unsatisfactory. There was no consultation with either Aston or Weston Parish Councils. District Council officers are saying that the decisions were made at county level and were out of their control! County Officers state that "the terms of the section 106 agreement were set out in the planning committee report and were part of the committee's resolution to grant planning permission. Therefore there is no opportunity to amend the terms of the section 106 agreement". So each tier of local government denies responsibility!
- Ø **Although the community of Aston-on-Trent will be impacted most by the development, not one penny of the £400 000 developer's contribution will be allocated to Aston! So much for local democracy!**

New playground for young children.

The official opening took place earlier this month and what a splendid play area we now have. Once again we salute the main drivers of the project, notably Jane Dunn, Helen Moulson, Jane Jones and Louise Riches. There are spaces for more equipment so we are delighted that fund raising is to continue to complete the project.

Improving the village environment.

The seats in the centre of the village and at the junction of Chellaston Lane and Weston Road have been refurbished so feel free to relax and watch the world go by in the style of "Last of the Summer Wine".

An additional parish councillor.

At the August meeting Mrs. Helen Cope was co-opted on to the Council. We trust that Helen's time as a Councillor will be rewarding and fulfilling.

Contact with representatives from Richmond Homes.

At the September meeting representatives from Richmond Homes attended:

- Ø It is hoped to complete phase 1 of the development by the autumn of 2016.
- Ø The chalet-type marketing suite once building is complete will be, subject to planning permission, donated to the Aston & Weston Bowls Club.
- Ø Street names will be decided in conjunction with local organisations such as local history groups.

Summer holiday activities for youngsters.

Once again, with the aid of a glorious summer, these sessions were well attended and appreciated.

Mindless Thefts!

How sad that two planters have recently been stolen from the village signs of Aston and Weston on Weston road and also a brown wheelie bin from the Moor Lane cemetery – again!

Attention all organisations and individuals.

Nominations are now open for our "excellence in the community award". Individuals can be nominated with a proposer and seconder with a description of what the nominee has achieved. The closing date is 31st December and should be sent to the Clerk of the Council.

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

We celebrated our **85th anniversary on 16th October** with a dinner at Melbourne Tea rooms.

Our institute continues to thrive with 49 members ranging in age from 29 to 92.

Thank you to those who attended our garden party in August which boosted the amount to be donated to this year's charity, **East Midlands Alzheimer's Society**, to **£400**.

It has been a busy time with a visit to Haddon Hall, the institute did the catering for the splendid WW1 commemoration at the Heritage Centre, 24 members had a lovely weekend away in Wales and a lucky few were able to attend the DFWI autumn council meeting where the keynote speaker was Michael Portillo.

We have a full programme of speakers and a trip to the theatre to look forward to. We will be holding a **Christmas Fair on Sunday, 16th November 2014. 2.00 p.m. Memorial Hall** with refreshments, raffle, cakes, jams, preserves, books, craft and games. Hope to see you there!

Please look at our posters around the village for details of our monthly meetings.

Come and join us, you will be most welcome, first 3 visits are free.

ASTON ON TRENT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

This ACORN edition gives the History Group the opportunity to thank many individuals and village groups for the support we have received for our WW1 project.

Wide-ranging to include a commemorative book, audio CD, school workshops, new webpage, choral concert and a major exhibition, the project has been a year in the making during which period we have received archive photos, documents, objects, family memories and unstinting voluntary time and effort to make it the success it has been. From funding support to stewardship duties this project has involved the communities of Aston & Weston in a true partnership commemoration of those who served and fell in the Great War. We appreciate the willingness of the Well Dressers to change their planned tableau to a WW1 theme, both Parish Councils for additional funding support and the spirited involvement of the Royal British Legion and Aston and Weston Veterans who were our active partners. We logged over 6,400 hours of voluntary contribution. A sincere thank you to you all

Most people will recall our week long exhibition in the Heritage Centre and the particular fascination of young people for the replica trench! Very many people returned, some daily, to view the displays and were most generous in their comments. Just under 1100 visitors were recorded including 250 children from Aston, Weston and Barrow schools. With the concert in October, the project has finished but smaller displays will be resurrected over the next four years.

www.astonontrenthistory.org.uk

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



The Group caters for boys and girls aged 6 upwards.
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 7.15pm - 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.

As usual, after the summer break we have a number of new members joining us. A big welcome awaits... Parents, please note that we are very popular and have a waiting list for all sections so if you have a son or daughter who is interested please take a look at the JOIN page on our website.

Our next fund raising event will be a **Ladies Night** at the Memorial Hall on **Friday 7th November, 7:30pm**. It's a pre-Christmas pamper and shopping treat where you can buy your gifts and enjoy some beauty therapies including mini facials, head massage, eyebrow threading, mini manicures and more.

Entry tickets £3 and treatments all £5 bookable in advance.
Look out for posters in the village giving more details.

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

I'm pleased to report that the last of our major projects is almost complete. Earlier in the year we had noticed that the floor in the old hall had become a little springy in places. Upon investigation we found that many of the original joists had rotted away. Over the summer, the entire floor has been replaced & we now have a very smart engineered wood floor. Hopefully this will serve us well into the future.

As we look forward, we must also look back and remember that our hall is a lasting memorial to the men of Aston & Weston who lost their lives in the Great War. To honour their memory

I hope there will be a good turn out for

Remembrance Sunday on the 9th of November

Please contact our Booking Clerk, Gail Smith (792541) if you are interested in booking the hall.

Do you live in Aston on Trent and need to borrow a
WHEEL CHAIR

We have a Large Wheel Model
and a Lighter model,
easy to push and put in a car.



Contact Aston Welfare Trust
01332 792750 or 792683



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)

Regular activities at All Saints':

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School meets in school term-time on the 2nd & 4th Sundays in the month at 10.30 am in the Heritage Centre then afterwards in Church.

QUESTION OF FAITH, an open discussion group will meet on Thursday 6th November at 10.30 am in the Heritage Centre.

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

"Praise Him: Songs of Praise in the New Testament" a pre-Advent Group led by Tony on Wednesday mornings in the Heritage Centre at 10.30 am on November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and December 3rd. Everyone is welcome to any of the sessions.

Heritage Cafe our monthly coffee morning will take place on Thursday 20th November in the Heritage Centre from 9.15 am – 11.00 am. Drop by for a coffee and a chat!

Coming up....

Sunday 2nd November: All Saints' Tide.

10.30 a.m. Patronal Festival Service led by Bishop Richard Inwood.

6.30 p.m. Evensong for the Commemoration of the Departed

8th November – Concert of the Travelling People at the Memorial Hall.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS'

Wednesday 10th December – 6.00 pm Christingle Service

Sunday 21st December – Advent 4 – 10.30 am Jesse Tree Family Service.

Monday 22nd December – 6.00 pm Carol singing by the Christmas tree,

Christmas Eve – 4.00 p.m. Crib Service for all the family.

6.30 p.m. Carols by Candlelight.

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day - 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 65p per month. Please sign the list at the back of Church or contact Joe Nutman on 792659 if you would like to subscribe or receive a sample copy.

200 Club Many thanks to everyone who has joined the 200 Club for another year. We really appreciate your valued support. 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 Helen Byrne (792565) or Alison Wheeler (793492) for further information.

Have you visited our new website? www.astonontrentchurch.org



Aston Well Dressers

Charity Donations 2014 – this year we have donated £1000 to each of our charities, the **Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre** and **Friends of Aston Brickyard Plantation (FAB)**.

We would like to thank everyone who gave their time to make the weekend happen and at all the events throughout the year. **But...**

Well Dressers Need YOU!!



At our AGM on Wednesday 12th November at 7:30pm in The Heritage Centre we will have several key positions available on the committee – **Secretary, Chairman, Entertainment Co-ordinator, Traffic Co-ordinator, & Logistics Co-ordinator**. We urgently need the village to step up and fill these positions if you want a well dressing festival next year. The well dressing festival is one of the biggest fundraisers for most village groups as well as the charities we choose to donate money to, if we don't fill the committee then all these groups will miss out.

We also need some big strong men (or women) to help with several well dressing tasks. The Committee is very small and the festival is a huge task to take on but it is great fun and very rewarding. Meetings take place, on average, once a month between January and July and much of the work is done via email. We hear lots of comments about the well dressing so if you want to have your say or have an idea how it could improve please come along. We are NOT a closed group and we welcome all help offered. If you need any more information please call 01332 793100 before 12th November.

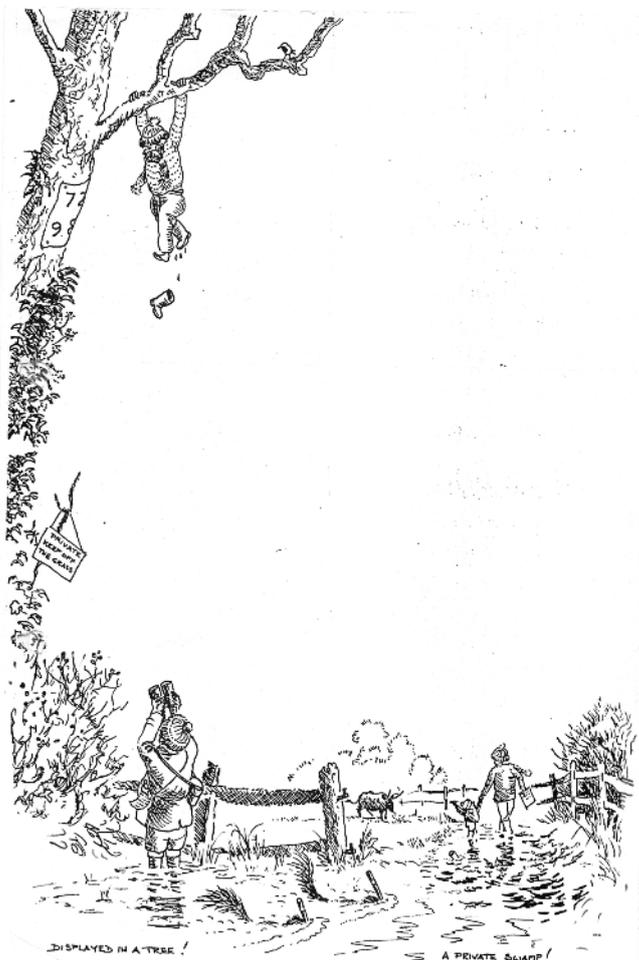
Well Dressing 2015 – dates for your diary

Voting for 2015 charities takes place on **Wednesday 14th January 2015**. 7.30 p.m. Methodist Church
If you wish to nominate a charity or village group to be a beneficiary next year please submit a paragraph about the charity/group to info@astonwelldressers.co.uk by **Friday 9th January 2015**.

Sunday 22nd March is a Provisional date for the **Afternoon Tea**.

If we get a full committee the provisional dates for well dressing 2015 will be **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July**.

Keep up-to-date with all things well dressing at www.astonwelldressers.co.uk or like Aston on Trent Well Dressing on Facebook.



Aston Village Walk

27th December 2014

Start at the Memorial Hall
Between 10:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Distribution of proceeds from the Village Walk to Village groups.

Beneficiaries may be required to give some assistance on the day of the walk.

If you wish to apply for a proportion of the profits from the village walk, please contact - Colin Stubbs at colinandstue@freenetname.co.uk or Telephone 01332 793109 by December 1st.

41st Year of the Village Walk



Recreation in Aston News

...improving facilities for all

No 53 November 2014



Great News !!



**Biffa Award has awarded Recreation in Aston £45,000
to expand the Recreation Centre in Aston.
The award was facilitated by Derbyshire Environmental Trust.**

With the money raised, the **Biffa Award**, third party funding from **South Derbyshire District Council** and **Aston on Trent Parish Council**, building work will start on the new activity room, new toilets, new changing room, official's changing room etc. The extended and upgraded facilities will enable more sporting and community use by all ages.

The Chairman of Recreation in Aston, Barbara James, has expressed her gratitude to Biffa Award and Derbyshire Environmental Trust for their efforts. In addition her thanks go to the local councils and also to the residents of Aston on Trent for their magnificent support over a number of years.

News regarding football and cricket development in Aston on Trent

Aston on Trent Football club has 3 senior teams playing this season, they are looking to expand further next season in two areas:

- The introduction of a junior team. The manager of one of their Sunday sides has offered to potentially coach a team of under 8's. They would like to hear from parents of children who may be interested and also from any parents who could commit to help with the management, administration or general running of a village team.
- The football club also have an interest in getting a village based cricket team, age and standard to be decided based on interest and would take the available slot on a Sunday afternoon, as above they would like to hear from anyone who is interested in being involved or organising and helping to run a team

WW1 Commemorative Evening - Saturday Nov 15th at 7.30 Memorial Hall

"A Walk Down Memory Lane" with songs from 1914-1918. A hot supper will be provided. Bring your own drinks/glasses/cutlery Profits will be shared between RIA and SSAFA a forces charity. Tickets at £12 must be purchased in advance from Hilary Forber 792397
Dress in period costume if you wish!

Santa Round The Village - Sunday 14th December - 2.30 - Playing Field

Santa will be making his annual visit to all houses in the village. He will stop at designated points. We have one group who will be collecting during the first half of his visit and they will share in the profits. We need another group to collect during the second shift between approximately 6p.m. and 9p.m. Please contact Hilary Forber 792397 for further information

Aston Fun Run Sunday May 17th 2015 9-15 a.m.

The date is now definitely set and we have new people to help us organise this popular event. We will again be relying heavily on our many helpers on the day to make this a memorable event.

Citizens Advice

Discussions are ongoing to find out if the Citizen's Advice could offer a presence in the village. This service can help with a wide range of issues. We aim to meet with representatives of many local groups to discuss the possibilities and inform them of how this may work.

If you have any thoughts on this please contact **Hilary Forber on 792397 or Hilary.mullyon@talktalk.net**

Recreation Centre Booking.

If you want to book the Centre or the Playing Field, you can now see what free time is available on the web. Our thanks to Chris Sellek for putting a link from the Aston Web site.
Go to :- www.aston-on-trent.co.uk/Community/Recreation in Aston
We still need a booking clerk – please contact **Barbara James 792061.**

As a new academic year begins for the staff and pupils at Aston on Trent Primary School, we would like to welcome all of our newcomers to the school community. In September our Y6 pupils enjoyed a Residential Visit to PGL's Boreatton Park. They had a wonderful time, and the sun shone every day!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Aston History Group, and everyone involved with the WWI Commemorative Exhibition held at the Heritage Centre. Several classes, and members of staff, attended during the week and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Children's comment included - "*The artefacts were inspiring and brought history to life*"

Important Notice re Admissions September 2015

If you or anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2015, please note we are holding two open sessions, which will enable parents to come and have a look around school on **Wednesday 26 November at 2 pm, or Thursday 27 November at 10 am**. Please contact the school to book a place – 01332 799478 or info@aston-on-trent.derbyshire.sch.uk

Textile Recycling. A big thank you to everyone for using our clothing bank, which is situated just inside the school gates.

This can be used by parents/carers and the local community. Please use this facility as we may lose it if it is not used! **WHAT TO BRING:** Clean and dry SHOES, CLOTHING, HANDBAGS, HATS, AND BELTS. These items not only raise funds for the school but provide affordable clothing and employment in third world countries such as Africa, Pakistan and India.

Finally Please remember to support our Christmas Fayre on Friday 5 December 6-9pm. We look forward to seeing you

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

During the summer we have made some alterations to the interior of the Church building so that we can make maximum use of the available space. The pulpit, organ housing, the communion rail and the platform have been removed. A substantial, yet moveable lectern, and a new cross have been crafted from the old wood and put in place. A digital piano, a generous gift, has replaced the old upright piano and the organ. Again, the new piano can easily be moved. Interestingly, the organ is on its way to a Church in Ghana! Everything taken out has been recycled. The changes made have indeed opened up the worship area, and made it much lighter.

We are making plans for Christmas- the party will be on **Dec 17th from 3.30 to 6pm**. There will be a sumptuous buffet tea, a programme of entertainment, and of course- a raffle. Open to everyone, but you do need to book your place with Margaret 799718. Cost is £4 each. We do not yet have a date for the Carols round the Tree in the centre of the village, so please watch the notice boards. Refreshments afterwards in the Methodist Church, and, hopefully, music from the Handbell Ringers.

Sadly, two lovely ladies from our church family have died in recent months. Grace Allen, a person of a brave and independent spirit, and inquiring mind, and Hilda Shaw, who was happiest making people welcome with a cuppa and helping in the kitchen. Both were well known and loved in the village. Along with their families, we feel the loss but remember their faith and their courage.

FAB. Friends of Aston Brickyard Plantation

FAB members are now entering the busy autumn season when a lot of work will resume to maintain and enhance the woodlands and grasslands. Much of the summer has been focused on mowing the grasslands and clearing bramble to restore former grassland – we'll be sowing a new wildflower meadow next year. In addition there's been lots of hard work constructing our magnificent butterfly bank. Already we have several new visitors checking out the accommodation! Plans are afoot to build a bug hotel so that insects can also over-winter in relative warmth and comfort.

The site has been overgrown during the summer flowering season but as the undergrowth dies back we shall start to clear the woodland glades, remove excessive and weak trees, widen paths and improve our skills at hedging.

We have also received a grant from The Woodland Trust to acquire around 120 new native trees to plant - far more than will be felled – to increase the variety of tree species and improve woodland structure. We must also thank the village Well Dressing Committee for their very generous donation to support our work to make the plantation a natural resource for everyone. If you enjoy active but enjoyable work in an outdoor setting why not join us on our monthly activity days. Contact Richard Coates on 793196 for details



September saw the arrival of 28 little people into Reception all who seem to have settled well into their new school life albeit the day seems long for them! With the arrival of little people comes the arrival of bigger people in the shape of parents and, as a Committee, we welcomed 6 new members to ASPA.

With new ideas to share, we hope to be providing more community events in this new academic year. Last year, with Community support and involvement, a fantastic **£7,000** was raised through external events such as the Christmas and Summer Fayres, Well Dressing, Chocolate Bingo and the Village Easter Egg Hunt.

If you have any ideas on events that you'd like to see in your Community, that will help to raise funds for Aston school, please contact Felicity Beal (ASPA member) felicity.beal@gmail.com

Date for your Diary: **Christmas Fayre - Friday 5 December 5.00 - 8.00p.m.** come and share in the Festive

ASTON ON TRENT FOOTBALL CLUBS It's onwards and upwards for the Aston Footballing Family! ⁹

We now have three teams playing; A Saturday side, who sit top of the Midlands Regional Alliance with a 100% win record, a double cup-winning Sunday side playing in the Taverner's League, and yet another side playing in the Long Eaton League! Details of each team's progress can be found through our main website - <http://astonfootball.co.uk/>

The Taverners' side have benefitted from a gruelling pre-season alongside the MRA Saturday side, with love handles becoming a thing of the past in Manager Matt McCaul's dressing room. Unfortunately, this didn't stop them from losing on penalties in the League cup, but a solid start to the league has seen them already defeat the early front-runners 5-1, away from home. With a raft of youngsters joining the side over the summer, the future looks as bright ..

A successful pre-season saw the Long Eaton side score 35 goals in 7 games. We hope that this has set us up for a successful season. It's been a difficult start due to players being on holiday and unfortunately, we have been knocked out of the senior cup and the Harry Chilton Trophy. We have managed an unbeaten opening two games however, and we look forward to playing our first Derbyshire Cup game in 5 years. To follow our progress visit www.clubwebsite.co.uk/stenson. On behalf of the team, we thank you for welcoming us to your village. Both Sunday sides have also seen tremendous support from Matt and Karyn at the Malt, and enjoy post-match hospitality and kits that are the envy of the leagues. If you are interested in joining a side, getting involved or simply supporting your local teams, you can catch us at the park on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Alternatively, please contact Secretary Mike Selby on 07778871535 for further information.

Royal British Legion- Aston and Weston Branch

On Saturday the 6th September the World War One exhibition in Aston's Heritage Centre was officially opened in All Saints' Church by the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire Willie Tucker with the Chairman of Derbyshire County RBL, Bernard Page MBE and invited guests also present.

The exhibition, which took nearly two years of planning and hundreds of hours of preparation to make it all possible, (incidentally just two hours to take down) was well received by over 1,000 people who attended, including young children from three primary schools during the week it was displayed, the replica trench was also a brilliant way of depicting what life was like in the trenches one hundred years ago.

We would like to place on record our thanks to the Women's Institute who provided refreshments on the opening day and all who contributed in making it possible including those people who loaned artefacts and personal memento's which gave the exhibition the authenticity it provided. On the final day there was a good turn-out from legion members to welcome the South Derbyshire MP Heather Wheeler, Neal Atkin from SDDC and a representative from the National Lottery, who made it all possible with a grant to help put the exhibition on.

Remembrancetide will soon be with us again with the annual poppy appeal set to get underway in October and culminating in our annual Remembrance Day Parade on **Sunday 9th November**.

Please support us in any way you can and bear with us while certain roads are closed during our march to the Memorial Hall and All Saints Church.

The parade assembles on the Green opposite the White Hart and the procession will leave at 10.04hrs again led by the Derby Midshipman marching band.

ASTON & WESTON BOWLS CLUB

The 2014 season has now ended and members are busy scarifying, seeding and top dressing the green ready for next year. This has been another very active season. In our second year playing in the Belper and District League the club finished a very creditable third. Our club competition finals day and BBQ was held in September with some exciting and close matches. Visitors to the club included groups from RR&A and Aston Brownies. On a lovely sunny evening both Brownies and members really enjoyed the game.

The Club is very appreciative of the award received from East Midlands Airport Community Fund. This will be used to improve the Club's equipment.

Five new members have joined this season, but very sadly member Bryan Borer passed away in June.

Closed season activities commenced with the October AGM, followed by the Annual Dinner in November. Walks, games evening, a quiz with fish and chip supper are also planned.

The 2015 season commences at the end of March. New Members will be warmly welcomed and coaching sessions can be arranged. Please contact Ann Watkins 792516 or Clive Brett on 792822 for any information.

Carols round the Village - Monday 22nd December

This very long Aston tradition will start on Derby Road at 6.30p.m. moving on to Moor Lane, Manor Farm Road, Manor Farm Mews, and around the Christmas Tree in the centre of the village at 7.30p.m.

Families are welcome to join in anywhere, just to sing, or listen to the Brass Band playing your favourite carols.

Children especially will enjoy "Jingle Bells" around the tree!

The band will move to The Malt at approx 8.30p.m. and The White Hart at approx 9.30p.m.

A collection will be taken along the way and throughout the evening. Proceeds will evenly split between All Saints' Church and The Church of England Children Society



Aston on Trent Neighbourhood Watch

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



Membership.

Thank you to all members who renewed for the next 2 years.

If you have yet to join, and would like to give me a ring and we will collect the membership; remember its only £2 for 2 years. We remain a vibrant group and try to ensure we keep co-ordinators updated on relevant events in the village.

Crime Prevention materials:

Through our contacts at the Derby and District Neighbourhood Watch office we can access various discounted rates for crime prevention materials. Property marking kits, including for those expensive cycles, Smart Water products and other preventative materials are available. Give us a call and we will enquire for you. Such items are no longer routinely kept by local 'Watches' as they go out of date and are rarely used but we do know how to get them if you need them.

Crime Information

The most common problem recently has been a woman knocking on doors and requesting sponsorship for her son who is completing a walk for 'Help the Heroes'. Following complaints from members we did some 'digging' to establish this was a scam, in fact she was repeating what she had done in Chesterfield. We know she took quite a bit of money in the form of donations. We managed to 'get the word out' and prevented some people from being deceived, too late for others though. She is now 'wanted' around the county for similar type offences. It is always ok to question those knocking on your door and if in doubt, don't give and ring 101 and the Police will deal with the problem. Anyone who is legitimate should never take offence at being 'questioned'. If it ever 'feels suspicious' it generally is, if it look suspicious it generally is.

Village Planters.

It was great to see the Planters attached to the new village sign in full bloom. It was not so great to see one of them stolen within weeks of their installation. This must have taken some time as they were well secured and very heavy, having only just been watered. Did somebody see something that looked out of place, let us know it's never too late

Christmas Reminders

Christmas is always a busy time for those looking for opportunities to steal. They know in the run up to Christmas house and cars tend to be full of nice gifts to 'share'. In the past the village has been subject to some opportunists who particularly took advantage of insecure cars, leaving presents alone for just seconds, whilst their owners just 'popped' in for a few seconds. Please take sensible precautions. Never leave anything valuable in your vehicle and always place gifts items out of sight within your home.

Police statistics:

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

The following comes from that web site.

June: Total 6 incidents. 3 A.S.B. Incident, 2 Burglary, 1 Damage

July: Total 8 incidents. 4 A.S.B. Incidents, 2 Burglary, 1 shoplifting, 1 theft from a vehicle.

August: Total 4 incidents. 4 A.S.B.

Note: The majority of the Anti Social Behaviour incidents remain connected to the Hospital site and are people attending the site, for whatever reason, from outside the village in the late evening/early hours. Now the full planning permission has been granted, ignoring each and every objection raised by the residents, at least this problem will decrease. Now just the construction for the residents to contend with!!!!

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

Please report crime or suspicious incidents on '101' if an emergency ring 999

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



ASTON PLAYERS

Our pantomime has been chosen and will be **Cinderella**. The traditional story of rags to riches with all the usual twists and turns. The cast have been selected and the well-oiled machinery swings into action. Costumes, scenery and lighting and music all being considered and lots of ideas being thrown into the mix.

It is always exciting at this stage of rehearsals to hear of a new take on an old story whilst still retaining the traditional theme.

The charities to benefit from this pantomime will be **Rainbows** and the **Alzheimers Society** chosen in memory of our dear friend **Norma Chippington** who died recently. Norma was with Aston Players from its inception, was a wonderful actress, singer, friend and latterly our President. We will miss her and our performances are dedicated to her. Check posters around the village after Christmas for ticket information. Pantomime dates and times are on the back page. (Diary).

We hope you will come and support your local village pantomime with many young children in the junior chorus.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Memorial Hall for a pantomime I am sure you will enjoy.

JENNY HUNTING Producer



Quiz Night Every Weds - Prizes to be won

Up and coming events

Friday 7th November – Jail House Blues Brothers

Saturday 22nd November – Karaoke - Rick Sheehan

Christmas Eve – Adam Slack - Lead Guitarist from “The Struts”

New Years Eve

Casino Evening with Live Soul & Motown from Robert L Hughes

Tickets available from the Bar, buffet included

Please log on to our Facebook page to keep you updated with our forthcoming events

Function room available to hire

Please contact **Kim or Dave** on **01332 805274** for details.



Aston-on-Trent Pre-School

Pre-school runs weekday mornings during term time in the

Memorial Hall, for children from 2-4.

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

01332 792973

during business hours if possible

Date for your diary: we will be holding our

Christmas Fair on

Saturday 29th November 3 -5p.m. Memorial Hall

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Shingles Vaccine: Were you aged 70,78 or 79 on September 1st 2014? Please ask today if you think you may be eligible for this free vaccination.

We've been certified! The Practice is proud to have been accepted by the East Midlands Deanery as a GP Training Practice. Dr Larry Higgs is now our GP trainer and we are all very excited to undertake this new challenge with him.

New GP Registrar. Joining the Practice from December will be Dr Kate Charles. Dr Charles will be working at the practice for 12 months as she completes her GP Training. She joins us from Lincoln, so please help us to welcome her to our area.

The Partners & Staff of Alvaston Medical Centre would like to wish all their patients a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

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Mike, Denise and all the staff wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



Christmas at The Malt 2014



Wed 3rd Dec –Christmas Menu starts, book now for your Christmas party.

Sat 13th Dec – **Christmas Pop Quiz** why not book a table and make a night of it...

Sun 14th Dec – **Christmas “Play your Cards Right”**, win yourself a little Christmas bonus.

Mon 15th Dec – **Open Mic night** Christmas songs a must for this festive night

Fri 19th Dec – **Christmas Karaoke**, showcase all your party songs from Slade to Wizard.

Sat 20th Dec – **Rob on his Organ**, who will get those Five Gold Rings this year?

Tues 23rd Dec – **The Malt Christmas Quiz**, Matt & Robin host this festive treat.

Weds 31st Dec – **See in the New Year** with us as Daz & Dave's Disco hits The Malt

Matt, Karyn & staff would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in The Malt for a Christmas drink.

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Diary - Looking Ahead

GROUP	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
CAMEO	Heritage Centre	19.30	1st Wednesday	5th	3rd	7th
MOTHERS' UNION	Heritage Centre	14.30	4th Thursday	27th	25th	22nd
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Heritage Centre	10.30	2nd & 4th Sun	9th 23rd	14th 28th	11th 25th
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	White Hart	19.30	2nd Monday	10th	8th	12th
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Memorial Hall	19.30	2nd Tuesday	11th	9th	13th
PARISH COUNCIL	Memorial Hall	19.30	3rd Tuesday	18th	16th	20th
LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Memorial Hall	19.30	4th Tuesday	25th	23rd	27th
METHODIST CHURCH						
"Food for Thought"	Methodist Church	14.30	1st Wednesday			
"Lunch Club"	Methodist Church	12.00	3rd Wednesday	19th	17th	21st
"Coffee Morning"	Methodist Church	10.00	4th Wednesday	26th	31st	28th
"Cafe Church"	Methodist Church	16.00	(November 4.30)	16th	14th	11th

NOVEMBER

Friday 7th November. 107th Scouts - "Ladies Night" 7.30 p.m. Memorial Hall
 Saturday 8th November - All Saints' Church "The Travelling People" 7.30p.m Memorial Hall
 Sunday 9th November. Remembrance Day Parade 10.04 a.m. From The Green
 Wednesday 12th November. Well Dressers AGM 7.30 p.m Heritage Centre
 Saturday 15th November. RIA WW1 Commemorative Evening 7.30p.m. Memorial Hall
 Sunday 16th November. W.I. Christmas Fair 2.00 p.m Memorial Hall
 Thursday 20th November. All Saints' "Heritage Cafe" 9.15a.m. - 11.00a.m. Heritage Centre
 Saturday 29th November - Aston Pre-School "Christmas Fair" 3.00 - 5.00p.m. Memorial Hall

DECEMBER

Friday 5th December. ASPA "Christmas Fayre" 5.00 -8.00p.m. Aston Primary School
 Sunday 14th December. RIA - "Santa Round the Village" starts 2.30p.m. From the Playing Field
 Monday 22nd December. "Carols Round the Village" 6.30pm. Start Derby Road
 Sunday 27th December. "Aston Village Walk" Start between 10.00 & 10.45a.m. Memorial Hall

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS'

Wednesday 10th December - 6.00 p.m. Christingle Service.
 Sunday 21st December - Advent 4 - 10.30a.m. Jesse Tree Family Service.
 Monday 22nd December - 6.00p.m. Carol singing by the Village Christmas Tree.
 Christmas Eve - 4.00p.m. Crob Service for all the family
 6.30p.m. Carols by Candle Light.
 11.30p.m. Midnight Mass.
 Christmas Day - 10.30a.m. Family Communion.

JANUARY

Wednesday 14th January. Well Dressers - "Voting for Charities" 7.30 p.m. Methodist Church
 Aston Players Pantomime "Cinderella" Memorial Hall
 Saturday 17th January 2.30 @ 7.30 Sunday 18th January 2.30
 Saturday 24th January 2.30 @ 7.30 Sunday 25th January 2.30

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