



Happy Christmas from your Parish Council!!!!

Well...this Christmas looks like it could be great fun!!! Our new Rector, Jonathon, has organised a 'live' nativity, which will recreate the Christmas story in our own village!! Starting at **6.30pm on Friday the 18th December** in the Rectory gardens, we will follow 'actors' (many of whom you may well recognise, despite the disguises) as the magical events of that first Christmas eve unfold before your very eyes...Mary, Joseph and their donkey will call at the local inn, where they will be told "there's no room!"...then move on past shepherds in the fields, and angels in the church tower until they settle in a cosy barn with the goats and sheep to sing a few carols! There will be mulled wine, hot chocolate & things to munch, and this promises to be a fantastic evening for young and old to share together – please do come along and join the first 'live' Astbury Nativity! (Wrap up well, and bring a torch!) Please note – if you are coming, please add your name to a 'census' form, which can be found in the school office, Egerton Arms, or the rectory : this is to comply with health & safety regulations (!!), and a small donation towards the refreshments would be appreciated. See you there!!



Thanks....

Once again to the local businessman who has decorated the tree on the village green with an

even more spectacular display! Please remember Christmas cards showing last year's decorations are still available from local pubs, Astbury Pigeon Supplies on Bent Lane, Congleton Garden Centre and the Tourist Information Centre at the Town Hall.

Welcome...

Sally-Anne Banks has joined the parish Council, taking the place of Michelle, who left us a short time ago.



Sally is a well-known face in the area, and as proprietor of

'Beech and Company Estate Agents', is equally respected in the local business community. After growing up in Brownlow, Sally, her husband and 3 boys have lived in Moreton for the last 8 years, and has been a regular visitor to our meetings. Sally adds "I feel passionately about the area and understand the needs of a rural community, and I'm looking forward to contributing. I hope my local knowledge will be beneficial to the council and the local community".



"We wish you a merry Christmas..."

(Photo courtesy of 'The Chronicle')

...so sang the children of Astbury St Mary's school, who were joined by locals and the Lions Youth Band last week, singing carols on the church steps. Afterwards, we were treated to mulled wine, hot chocolate & cakes in the school hall. It was a heart-warming evening, and thanks to everyone who took part.

Once again, have a safe & happy Christmas and a healthy 2010!!