

Parish Council Newsletter

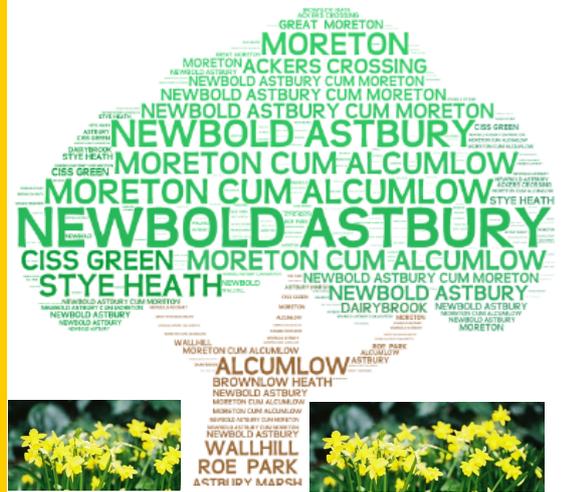
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Live Nativity/Neighbourhood Plan Update/Parish News



Live Nativity 2014

The live Nativity took place in Astbury village again this year.

After meeting at the Rectory, participants of all ages walked round the village stopping at various points, (the Inn, Village Hall and Farm etc.) singing carols all the while being looked over by the angel Gabriel.

The Christmas Story unfolded as we walked round. In the Barn at Glebe Farm we were greeted by the sight of the Holy Family, the Shepherds and Wise Men and children from Astbury Primary School, who sang Christmas Carols. We were treated to hot drinks and biscuits and mince pies, readily appreciated as it was a cold night!

Walking around the village and taking part really brought the Christmas Story to life, as everybody felt "a part of it."

Thanks to everybody who helped in any way to organise the whole event.

The Christmas lights looked spectacular again this year- thanks to everyone involved with them in any way!

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan Group is continuing to meet on a monthly basis and progressing the draft policies, comprising to date, vision, scope of plan, timeline, housing, transport and communication.

A Newsletter will shortly be issued specifically updating Residents on the Plan to date and including the results of the postal questionnaire of 2014, feedback from which has now been analysed.

Preceding the Parish Council Meeting on the evening of the 11th March at Astbury

Village Hall, Andrew Thomson, the Chartered Planner assisting the NP Group, will be speaking to the Parish Council at 7.30pm about the emerging Plan and any Parishioners who wish to attend will be welcome.



In memory of the men who laid down their lives and whose names are on the War Memorial in Astbury Churchyard, there will be a series of articles about them over the coming years.



Arthur Cliffe was the first name on the memorial, he was the son of Samuel and Eliza Cliffe of Astbury, Congleton, Cheshire. He enlisted in Congleton. He was Private 21118 in the 13th. Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment. He was killed in action on 29th. April 1916 in France and Flanders. He is buried at the Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloi. (shown right)

In the 1911 census, he is living at home in Astbury with his mother (a cleaner at Astbury School) and his siblings and working as an errand boy for a market gardener. (The picture on the right shows Arthur on the far right with his mother and sisters outside Black and White Cottage in Astbury circa 1906.)



1911 Census: Astbury Village, Congleton, Cheshire. (4 rooms.)					
Name	Relationship	Condition	age	Where born	Occupation
Eliza Cliffe	wife	Married	44	Congleton, Cheshire	School cleaner (Astbury National School)
William H Cliffe	Son	single	19	Astbury, Cheshire	Apprentice blacksmith
Rachel Cliffe	Daughter		17	Goldenhill, Staffordshire	Skirt maker
Arthur Cliffe	Son		15	Astbury, Cheshire	Errand boy, market gardener
Emily Cliffe	Daughter		13	Astbury, Cheshire	School girl



The recent accident at the bottom of the Village, which caused traffic chaos for hours!

Astbury School

Astbury Village Hall

Remember when you vote in May, to use the Village Hall!

Parish Council Meetings 2015: March 11th./April 8th/May 13th/June 10th/July 8th.

Who are we? Please feel free to get in touch.!

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We meet in Astbury Village Hall on the 2nd. Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm. Please feel free to come along.

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