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The Village Christmas Tree Team are thrilled to have raised over £1100 for St Mary's Church through sponsorship of the Village Christmas display, and would like to extend our gratitude to all those involved.



Astbury Village Tree Christmas 2023

We would like to extend our gratitude to the following local businesses and individuals who have donated to St Mary's Church Astbury, in return for the lighting of a Tree;

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Astbury Mere Care Home

AMCO Building Supplies

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E Ward & Sons— Whitethorn Farm B&B

Chris Dale—Fol Hollow Nurseries

The Georgia Leigh Ogden Foundation

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Peter & Jane Cliff In Loving Memory of Jean & Jim Moss

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Bruce & Liz Wardlaw

We would also like to thank the following, without whom the display would not be possible;

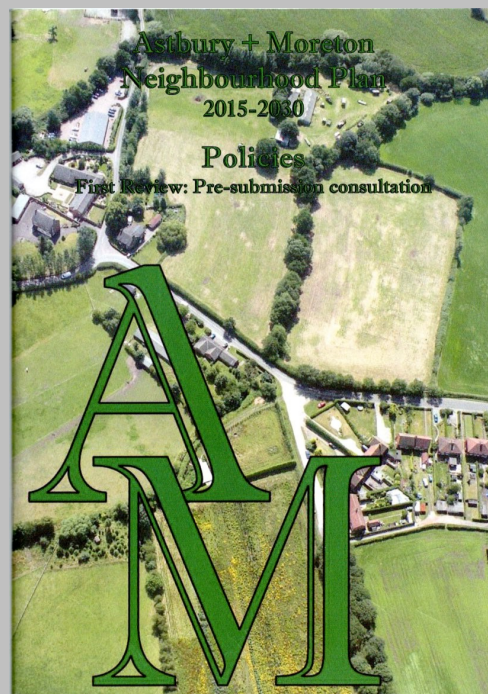
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Astbury + Moreton Neighbourhood Plan Update.



You should have received a copy of the draft Plan policies in the post. This represents the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group's best efforts at representing our residents' views, but we want to make sure we've got it right. There's still time to send us your comments before we submit the plan to Cheshire East Council - email them to npreg14@astbury-parish.org.uk or post them to Astbury+Moreton Neighbourhood Plan, Foxfield House, Astbury, Congleton CW12 4RQ by 3 March 2023.

[Nick Sharman](#)

Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

ANNUAL PARISHES MEETING 2024

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council will hold its Annual Parishes Meeting on Wednesday 10th. April 2024 at 7.30 pm. in Astbury Village Hall.

There will be a Chairman's Report.

There will also be an opportunity to discuss Parish Issues.

Full details and further information will be found shortly on the Website and in the next Newsletter.

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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ASTBURY MAY DAY

SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2024

11AM-5PM

GLEBE FARM

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AND
ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

BBQ and Bar

Dog Show

Maypole Dancing

Handmade Gifts

Live Entertainment

Inflatables and much

more to enjoy!

Astbury May Day Committee

£3 Entry

Under 12s Free

Astbury WI February 2024

The month began with our Knit and Natter group, changing the toppers on the post-boxes at Astbury and outside The Horseshoe. Both now have a Valentine's theme. We've had some incredibly positive feedback about our toppers and the group are working hard towards appropriate ones for Easter, May Day, and the 80th Anniversary of D Day.

Our meeting on Wednesday 7th February was a happy one. After the usual business of the evening, our speaker was Local Radio Presenter, Paula White. She gave us a very entertaining talk about her life in radio. A natural chatterer, she entertained us with anecdotes from her colourful career. Many of us commented that we could happily have listened to her for much longer. The monthly meeting was just the beginning of a fabulous February for many of our members. Earlier in the week, Liz, Kate and I attended the May Day meeting which was held at The Horseshoe. It was a lively meeting, and we were made to feel very welcome. Our input was well received by the committee who work incredibly hard behind the scenes to make the event a success for the whole local community.

Later the same week, on Friday 9th February, Rhoda and Philip led a delightful "Striders" (aka Astbury WI and friends) walk around Rode Hall. The stunning variety of snowdrops and spring flowers was such a pleasure. The fragrance in some parts of the garden was breathtaking. The weather was kind to us, and the rain held off until we were safely inside the tearoom, enjoying homemade soup and delicious fresh bread.

The following week began with a very pleasant, sunny stroll around Astbury Mere, followed by our usual Knit and Natter. On Tuesday our Striders enjoyed a walk round The Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham. We followed another lovely afternoon with pancakes at Swettenham Club. They were very tasty!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th March at Astbury Village Hall, at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Pennie Malloy, who will tell us about Therapy Dogs and bring her dog with her. We look forward to welcoming them both. The Competition is for "A Dog In Any Medium." Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. If you would like to come along or need further information, please contact Margaret on 07581095418, Liz on 07766738004, or Kate on 07875691170. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have and to arrange for a member to meet and greet you on the night.

News from Astbury School

Working alongside other schools in the Chester Diocese Academies Trust, a visit to Chester Football Club to meet a player, tour the stadium and play a tournament was a great success for children at Astbury School.

Children in Y3 - Y6 have also been competing in Indoor Athletics events and an ability afternoon at Congleton High School and Cross Country at Eaton Bank Academy.

We have a team entering in the Rotary Swimathon, raising money for School and the Rotary charities.

Links with our dementia friends at the 'forget-me-not' club have been developing this year. Children in Y3 and Y4 visited the group and had great fun remembering New Year, winter and all the things we do in the snow.

Children in the school councils have had the opportunity to present in front of the school. The Safety Council recently presented information on Safer internet use and children had the opportunity to ask questions.

The Early Years children visited Peak Wildlife Park and had a fantastic time looking at the animals and learning all about them. Back at school, they learnt about the world continents and an animal that lives in each continent - a firm favourite was the Green Anaconda!

Children in Y1 and Y2 spent a day at Lego Land in Manchester learning all about wheels and axles exploring how to make a vehicle go quickly down a ramp. They built tall structures and tested them out on the wobble earthquake boards as well as enjoying a visit to the 4D cinema!

To find out more information about our school, visit www.astburyschool.org.uk and follow us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/astburyschool>

A letter from the Rector, Anne- Marie Naylor

Retaining wall between churchyard and Peel Lane

Behind the scenes at St Mary's Astbury is a continual programme of inspection and preventative maintenance to keep this ancient and important structure in good order.

With increasing traffic along Peel Lane, coupled with heavy rainfall over recent months, we need to do some work to assess the continued stability of the high retaining wall between the churchyard and Peel Lane. Last week, a stone fell out of this unexpectedly, which means that we need to carry out inspections at short notice, and install measuring devices to check whether there is any structural movement.

Until this been carried out, we have been advised that vehicular access to the road alongside the wall needs to be restricted to one lane only through a traffic management system. The initial work will take place over a one-month period, and we will then be in a position to assess what further work (if any) needs to be done.

We are aware that this will inevitably cause some inconvenience to road users in the parish and do apologise for this in advance. We will do our best to minimise this. We will endeavour to keep the Parish Council informed as matters progress.



Looking for 15 barrel sponsors at £100 each (which includes some FREE tickets), along with other key sponsors.

Contact Mark Bailey on 07722 008421 for more details

POT HOLES!

If you know of any **pot holes** please go to:

fixmystreet.cheshireeast.gov.uk

to report them!



ASTBURY ROLL OF HONOUR 1914-1918

Frank GOODWIN:/ William GOODWIN: These two soldiers were brothers. **Frank** was born on 11th. February 1889 in Eaton, nr. Congleton (where his family were living in 1891) **William** was born in Alcumlow on 13th. November 1894. Their parents were James and Annie Goodwin (nee Davies.) In 1901 the family are living in Alcumlow, Moreton, where James is an agricultural labourer and **Frank** and **William** are scholars at Astbury School.

Ten years later, on the 1911 census, they are residing with their parents at Alcumlow Cottages, Moreton, father James is a farm labourer, **Frank** is 22 and working "on the roads" for Cheshire County Council, **William** meanwhile is living not too far away at Old Moreton Farm (near Little Moreton Hall) working as a carter for James Dale.

I can't find any surviving papers for **Frank's** service, but **William** must have been very keen and signed up at the start of the war on 2/9/1914 at Chester, where he is described as a chemical labourer aged 19 years 10 months, of Alcumlow, near Astbury. It seems that he moved around quite a bit. He started in the South Lancs. Regiment as a private, service number 15239, moving on to the Cheshire Regiment, a private, service number 16078, finally moving to the Royal Engineers as a sapper (construction, maintenance and repairs). Happily, both survived the war and in 1921 they are living back at home at Alcumlow, with their parents. **Frank** is back with CCC as a roadman and **William** is working as an estate worker for Mr. Peel at Great Moreton Hall.

Frank married Annie Daniels at Astbury church in 1927 and they went on to have a daughter Hilda in 1928. **William** married Florence Carr in a civil ceremony in Congleton in 1924, and they had 4 children. In 1939 **Frank**, still a roadman for CCC, and family are still living in the parish at 3 Brownlow Council Houses and **William** and family are residing at the rather vague address of Brownlow Cottages (close to Bank house) he is also now a road man for CCC.

Frank and his wife were buried at Astbury church in 1969 and 1978 respectively. **William** and Florence were also buried in Astbury in 1970 and 2001 respectively.

Ralph GOODWIN:

Ralph was born in Wall Hill, Astbury in 1892 the son of James and Sarah Ann Goodwin, and christened at Astbury Church on the 10th. July 1892. By 1901 the family are not at home, but are visiting James' brother Ralph at Wall Hill, where James is classed as a miner, hewer and loader underground. Ten years later in the census of 1911 **Ralph** is working as a waggoner at Somerford Farm, Somerford. Meanwhile, his father, now a widower is still living in the parish on Wall Hill Lane, with one of his daughters.

Unfortunately no military records have so far surfaced and I haven't yet managed to find Ralph on the 1921 census or the 1939 register, so I have no further details at present.

(if you know anything about any of these men, please contact us, thank you.)

I'd like to thank the Painter family for getting in touch after the last newsletter. There will be an update in a future newsletter!

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.

Next Meetings: Please check the website.

If you have an item for the next newsletter, any comments, or you would like to sponsor the mailing costs in return for including a leaflet, contact Phill Critchlow. (phill.critchlow@astbury-parish.org.uk)