



A VILLAGE WITH SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!!!



May Day

Over 2,000 people enjoyed another fantastic MayDay celebration – for many, the highlight of the 'village year'!! Nothing else seems to bring together everyone and every organisation in the parish...the school, church, ladies groups etc – it's **wonderfull!!**

The weather always plays a major part on the amount raised, but after a fine day, this year's event will allow over £3,000 to be donated to local charities and groups – all in all, a perfect day!



A Royal Wedding in Astbury?

Well, maybe not quite...but we certainly joined in with the celebrations when Prince William married the now Duchess Kate! Hayley Smith (perhaps better known as the pub landlord's daughter!) felt strongly that the parish should do something and went on to organise a fantastic day! Some people brought picnics, others enjoyed the hog roast, with music & dancing into the night, a dog show and even a hotly-contested football match on the Glebe Farm lawn! It was a great day & heartfelt thanks go to Hayley & her team for all her hard work and unfailing enthusiasm!



Astbury Calendars!



The Christmas cards we've sold for the past couple of years have been incredibly successful...but this year, we thought we might try something a bit different...how about a calendar? All the photographs would be of scenes in and around the parish...which is where you might be able to help!! If you've taken any good photo's around Astbury & Moreton, please do send them into us – we'll need to represent each season via 12 separate shots! We may even give a prize for the very best one! Contact Andy via banks_a@sky.com or 01260 281194.



Some New Faces On Your Parish Council

Following the recent local elections, we also have some new faces on the Parish Council! Some of our existing members decided to step down, so sincere thanks to Lindis, Terry, Jane and Mel for all their hard work. Extra special thanks must go to Dave Roberts, who has served on the council for for some 34 years, including holding the position of Chairman. Dave has often been one of the 'rocks' of the PC and on behalf of the Parish we salute him! We'll introduce you to the new council line-up (like a rouge's parade!) in the next newsletter. However, in the meantime, as a result of a shortage of nominations at the formal election, we have a vacancy on behalf of the Moreton Ward. We can co-opt directly to fill the position (without another election) so if you'd like more details, please give Charlie a call. Meetings can be fun and informative – and it's your chance to make a difference!!



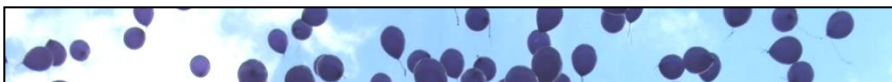
Cllr Dave Roberts

Diary Date

On Wednesday 31st August, we plan to hold a 'Community Development' meeting in the Village Hall, involving all local groups and organisations. Details to follow – keep the date free!

Mr Tony McCormick

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Tony McCormick, who for 32 years had served as a governor at the village school, for many as Head of the Board. Tony worked tirelessly for the school and the children, to whom he was totally devoted. Shortly before his funeral, a special celebration was held in the school playground during which the children released dozens of balloons in his memory. We will all miss you, Tony...



The John Holford Charity

The trustees of this charity are inviting applications from individuals or groups who would like to apply for funding or financial support. Financial assistance is available to improve facilities or services which benefit residents in the area. Contact Kerris Owen on 01244 356789 for more details.

What's On In Astbury

Listen...watch...dance...learn...worship...share...in and around Astbury in July & August ...

PLEASE do get in touch so we can promote any community events in the future – Andy starts compiling this newsletter around the middle of the preceeding month, so if you'd like some free publicity, call him!!

The **Ladies Fellowship** meet in the village hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. On **20th July**, it's the Annual Mystery Outing, setting off at 10.45am from the village hall, and to include high tea. Ring Mrs Norman for details on 01260 271756. On **August 17th**, there will be an open meeting and a guided tour of the exterior and grounds of the church, lead by Mr Bill Ball. Men are welcome to join in this event and refreshments will be provided. For any further details about the Ladies Fellowship, please contact Carol Goodwin on 01260 274190.

The **Women's Institute** meet in the village hall on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30p. On **July 6th**, it's 'Grandma's Night' – bring your favourite handkerchief as there will be a competition! On **August 3rd**, there's a day trip to Gloucester. For details of any of these events, contact Sue Clark on 01260 272439.

A Passage, Pie & Pint in the Pub! Enjoy good company, some food and a short, informal discussion of a Bible passage in the Egerton Arms at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month, starting on July 6th. Great idea!

Quiz Night in the Village Hall – Saturday July 2nd 7.30pm. Put your thinking caps on!!

Croquet on the Rectory lawn – Every Thursday evening in August from 7-9pm. Come and play, watch or just chat!

Tea at the Rectory – First Friday of every month, from 3-4.30pm. Tea and cakes baked by the Rector himself!!

Astbury FC Football – Following on from the Royal wedding Party, there will be a 5-a-side knockabout every Saturday from 4-5pm at the Worrall Street Stadium (in other words, the indoor pitch at Congleton swimming baths). Contact Jon at the Rectory on 272625....oh, and check out the new church website at www.astburychurch.org.uk

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

If you have an item for the next newsletter, or any comments, contact Andy Banks. Read reports of our meetings in 'The Chronicle' and remember our website – www.astbury-parish.org.uk Finally, contact us via e-mail at astcfp@tesco.net