

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton

Parish Council Newsletter

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Annual Parishes Meeting/Remembering the Fallen
from WWI continued.



Christmas Lights.

Once again, the village green looked stunning over the Christmas period, with the Sycamore Tree, floodlit and adorned with lights. On behalf of the 2 Parishes, [The Parish Council](#) would like to say a great big "Thank You" to the generous people who supply the lights, give time to set it up and take it down and provide the electricity.



APRIL 2019

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ANNUAL PARISHES MEETING 2019

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council will hold its Annual Parishes Meeting on Wednesday 10th. April 2019 at 7.00 pm. in Astbury Village Hall.

There will be a Chairman's Report

There will also be an opportunity to discuss Parish Issues

Cheese and Wine

A display and talk about the soldiers from Astbury and Moreton cum Alcumlow who served and died in the Great War from The Cheshire Villages Great War Society.



After our Christmas celebrations which included a super party at Astbury Golf Club, and a well attended Dane Valley Group Carol Service with wonderful refreshments provided by members of our WI the New Year began promptly on Wednesday 2nd January. Margaret Pearson, President, welcomed all to the first meeting of 2019 and wished members a very happy

and healthy New Year. A minutes silence was held for Marian Painter, who sadly died just before Christmas. She was a long standing and valued member of both our WI and Bowls Team, who will be sadly missed by us all.

We were informed that the Centenary of the WI will be celebrated in style in 2020. "What being a WI member means to me" is the title of one of the competitions being staged and the deadline for entries is 29th March 2019. Six WI resolutions were discussed covering subjects as diverse as improving plant bio diversity in the UK to a call against the decline of bus services especially in rural areas and asking the government to increase subsidies to enable an adequate provision of these services. The resolutions will be brought to our February meeting when we will decide which one we choose to put forward for discussion at the NFWI AGM in the summer. The group report was given by Catherine Pedley. We then welcomed Biddulph Ukelele Group who entertained us with a variety of songs from "You're Sixteen" through "Urban Spaceman" to "Rattling Rosie" and finishing with "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Rock Around The Clock Tonight". An enjoyable evening was had by all as members took to the floor of Astbury Village Hall to dance and sing the night away. The vote of thanks was given by Glenys Whiston. The competition results were announced, the winner being Jenny Fagan, followed by the raffle being drawn with 1st prize of a large tin of shortbread biscuits going to Alma Bossons. The next meeting of Astbury WI will be held on 6th February at 7.30pm in Astbury Village Hall when the speaker will be Derek Poulson and to celebrate Valentine's Day his talk is titled "Love Actually". Continuing the Valentine theme the competition is for a hand made Valentine's Card. Kathleen Knowles kindly offered the flowers for the President's Table and the vote of thanks will be given by Kate Burrow.

Members may enjoy fortnightly Knit and Natter Sessions at The Egerton Arms, Quarterly Social Lunches also held at The Egerton. In March our speaker is Lorna McKenzie from The Deafness Support Network, and our April Meeting will be organised by our newer members. The last one was a really fun evening with a beetle drive. In May we discuss the Resolutions which are voted on at National Level at the A.G.M. either in London or Cardiff. This year we shall be following our voting with a Fish and Chip Supper.

New members are always welcome and two taster session are free. Please contact Kate Burrow on 01260 278692 or Margaret Pearson on 01782 954450 for further information."

World Day of Prayer



Friday 1st March 2019

St Mary's Church, Astbury

10.30 am

Signed service

Braille Order of Service available

Light Refreshments afterwards

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME

Parish Council Elections **Thursday May 2nd. 2019**

January 2019

MAKE A CHANGE, BECOME A LOCAL **COUNCILLOR**

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council is calling on residents, passionate about their community to stand in the local elections in 2019.

What do councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live in an area that is served by a local council

How can I get involved?

Contact Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council at :

jmasonparishclerk@gmail.com

to find out more or visit **www.nalc.gov.uk/elections**

Astbury School News

We hope you enjoy reading the news from our school and that you can learn something about us as you read!

'Learning at Astbury school is such fun', 'I really like my new maths book!', 'Learning makes my brain grow', 'We make a great team – full of resilience and determination'. Just a few of the comments from pupils so far this year.

Children in years five and six learnt symbols for components of circuits and enjoyed making a range of circuits, drawing diagrams and solving problems. They worked scientifically, collaboratively sharing their thoughts and ideas with their partner to challenge their thinking.

The year five and six cross country team were in action – running around the gruelling course at Eaton Bank Academy on a night that was made for cross country running – it was damp, cold, foggy and going dark! The team showed real team spirit, cheering and encouraging one another and pushing themselves to run a personal best.

Football skills and concentration were part of a PE lesson for the youngest class in the school. The teachers were really impressed with the ball control and dribbling skills. The children also practised their footballer poses!

Taking part in the local community, children joined families at Astbury Church to celebrate Plough Sunday. A highlight was, of course, the plough outside church!

This new year, we have started learning maths using Power Maths – a scheme that develops our children as mathematicians, extending and deepening their understanding of maths. Alongside this, the children have gone times table crazy using an online resource we've purchased called Times Table Rock Stars. The competitive streak in them is really showing as they are constantly trying to beat their own scores, challenge others to a 'battle' and all of the time, improving their speed of recall.

'A Walk in London' is the focus text for class Noah. The children had the opportunity to walk barefoot through a range of textures as they started to explore the book – this led to some excellent descriptive language!

Please look at some of the exciting things that we do at our school on our

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/astburyschool/>



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Continuing the Story of our World War One heroes.....

Starting with this Newsletter, we are including the soldiers missing from our War Memorial.

The first missing man is Dennis Barton who was baptised on the 1st. May 1872 at St. James Church, Congleton, the son of William Enoch and Emily Barton (nee Dale) He was one of 6 children born to the couple, who had married at St. James Church on the 4th. March 1867. His siblings were, Annie (1867-1868), Frances (1870), Emily (1874), Arthur (1877), and William (1880).

On the 1881 census the family were living at 6, Egerton Street, Congleton. Father William is a tailor and the children are at school. Residing at the same address in 1891, dad is still tailoring, but Dennis is now a silk dresser, all the other children (apart from William, still at school) being silk winders. Mother Emily sadly died in 1895 and is buried in Astbury churchyard on the 26/4/1895. Father William dies soon afterward in 1899 and was buried in Astbury 15th. July 1899. At some point during the 1890's Dennis must have moved to Manchester, as at the Wesleyan Methodist chapel in Oldham Street, Manchester, he marries Mary Hayes in 1899.

This event is shortly followed by the births of three children- Mary 1900, Elsie 1901 and Louis 1902. On the 1901 census, the family are living in Myrtle Street, Chorlton and Dennis is shown as a groom, horse keeper for a tea dealer. By the time of the 1911 census, the family have moved to Rumford Street and Dennis is now a carter for a tea dealer.

Presumably, working with horses (more than 15 million horses and mules went to War and over 8 million of those died or were killed) influenced his appointment in the army as a member of the Royal Veterinary Corps. (he eventually rose to lance corporal) and he landed in France on 28th. September 1915. Of the 725,000 horses treated by the Corps. more than three quarters of them survived.

Despite the Armistice on 11/11/1918 men and animals remained in France and Belgium to aid with the overdue burial of the corpses still lying on the battlefields and also to help remove all the heavy equipment that no longer had a part to play there. Dennis arrived back in England in February 1919, only to fall victim to the influenza epidemic sweeping Britain at the time. He is recorded as dying at an Ilford Military Hospital on the 16th. February 1919 and was buried with full Military Honours on the 25th. February in Philips Park Cemetery in the non conformist section with 3 members of the Hayes family.

Dennis was entitled to the following medals: 1914/1915 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

(many thanks to Sheila Dutton for some additional information)



Pancakes in the Parish

Shrove Tuesday 5th. March

Village Hall 6.00 pm.

Adults £3.50/Kids free

Coffee/tea/soft drinks

Everyone welcome

All proceeds to the church

Parish Council Meetings 2019: February 13th./ March 13th./ April 10th./ May 8th./ June 12th.

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

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(A) - Newbold Astbury Ward	(M) - Moreton cum Alcumlow Ward	

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

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. \(phill.critchlow@astbury-parish.org.uk\)](mailto:Phill.Critchlow@astbury-parish.org.uk)