

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a

Safe and Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

# NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON

## PARISHES NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019

### Website:

<http://astbury-parish.org.uk>

email: [jmasonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:jmasonparishclerk@gmail.com)

Church News/W.I./Astbury School/Link Road/Roll of Honour Update/Live Nativity/May Day /Children's Wordsearch/Tree Planting

### Christmas Services at St Mary's.

1<sup>st</sup> December. Advent Carol Service. 6.30 pm.

15<sup>th</sup> December. St Mary's Primary School Nativity. 11.00 am.

16<sup>th</sup> December. Live Nativity, meet in church at 6.15 pm for a 6.30 pm start. Advance booking required - please contact Glebe Farm.

17<sup>th</sup> December. Live Nativity, meet in church at 6.15 pm for a 6.30 pm start. Advance booking required - please contact Glebe Farm

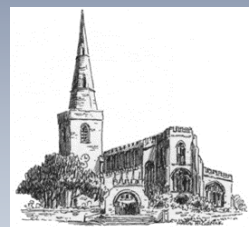
22<sup>nd</sup> December. Carol Service. 6.30 pm.

24<sup>th</sup> December. Crib Service. 5.00 pm.

24<sup>th</sup> December. Midnight Communion. 11.30 pm.

25<sup>th</sup> December. Morning Prayer. 8.00 am.

25<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Day Service. 11.00 am.



Singers are most welcome to join the choir for the annual Carol Service on 22nd December at 6.30 pm. Rehearsals are on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join in please contact Sally Drage for more information: [sally@drage.me.uk](mailto:sally@drage.me.uk) or 07977 903561. Also please do come and join the community carol singers for the Live Nativity, beforehand in church and then round the village.

### **Astbury Live Nativity**

16th and 17th. December

Meet in the church at 6.15 for 6.30 start Please wear warm clothing and bring a torch. Tickets available at Glebe Farm shop. Adults £5, children £2.50, family £12- 2 adults & 3 children.



The Parish Council would like to thank Mark Taylor of the Brownlow Inn for hosting a meeting of residents from Brownlow Heath Lane and Wall Hill Lane with Cheshire East to discuss Link Road Mitigation measures. Mark has also agreed to hold more meetings if needed.

### **PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY.**

The Parish Council are holding a Surgery at Glebe Farm Coffee shop on the first Saturday in each month between 10.00 and 11.00 am. There will usually be 2 Parish Councillors available at each meeting. Please feel free to come along and discuss your concerns or problems. We hope that this will be useful for our Parish Residents.



We're the ladies who knit  
And ladies who lunch  
Not the type who would quit  
A real happy bunch,

Though not the jam busters  
We sometimes make jam,  
In our meetings, oh trust us,  
We do what we can.

We make everyone welcome  
Who comes through our door,  
Arriving a stranger,  
But at stranger no more.  
Our bowling team's gained  
A new member or two,  
But if reading's your preference  
Join our monthly review.

We have quarterly lunches  
A community strong,  
We foster good friendships  
And we're glad to belong.

At Astbury we find  
Many things for your pleasure  
With friendship and fun  
To add to life's treasure.

This is an extract from a poem  
written about our WI Year at  
Astbury. Autumn has been a very  
busy time for us, and we have  
lots to look forward to before  
the year ends.



With busy times ahead;

Knit and Natter Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 11.15am at the Egerton.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November AGM

Pea and Pie Supper 7.30pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November Trip to York 8 am from Astbury Village Hall.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Party 7pm Astbury Golf Club

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Service. Lwr Withington Methodist chapel at 2pm

We have recently enjoyed our Autumn lunch at Astbury Golf Club, and our October Meeting, when Katie Percival from Kinderton Hats talked to us about the latest styles of hats, fascinators and hatinators.

Our Book Club continues to meet monthly at The Egerton and our Knit and Natter Group generally meet twice per month. We have completed over a hundred Pandas for Pandas for Cheshire Police and and now embarking on bonnets for the premature baby unit. We are also learning to crochet snowflakes for Christmas.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October we provided cakes and served refreshments at the Dane Valley Group Meeting Lower Withington. The same evening our President provided a Two Minute Report in the for of her poem chronicling our WI Year.

Our Bowling team enjoyed an end of season lunch at The Egerton Arms recently and on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 11am -3.30 pm three of our members attended the CFWI Autumn Meeting at Mere Golf Club. The speaker was Rev Kate Bottley, who made everyone laugh until their shoulders ached with her wonderful stories.

The full poem will be posted on our Facebook page after Our AGM and if you want to know more visit us at [astburywi.weebly.com](http://astburywi.weebly.com)

Or even better visit us at our December Meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December when the speaker will be from Tiger-muffin Soaps.

### Congleton Link Road

To keep up to date with developments re the Link Road, please visit our website: <http://astbury-parish.org> where the latest available information, for us all, is to be found.

## ASTBURY MAY DAY 2019

### A Message from Claire Hocknell

*I am happy to confirm that the Astbury May Day Committee are in a position to donate a total of £9260.00 to the following organisations following fundraising for 2019:*

*£5650.00 Astbury St Mary's Primary School*

*£1300.00 St Mary's Church Astbury (in addition to the £600 donated in March 2019 following the successful quiz night we held)*

*£900.00 Astbury Mere Trust*

*£100.00 Women's Institute (I would like to offer a special thanks to the ladies that volunteered in the refreshments tent this year they did a sterling job in creating a welcoming atmosphere!)*

*£100.00 Astbury Women's Fellowship*

£100.00 Astbury Toddler Group (c/o St Mary's church Astbury)

£100.00 Astbury Rainbows (who created delightful birthday table decorations for the day)

£100.00 Astbury Brownies

We have also donated £75 each to Siddington Village Hall and The Scouts for their year on year support in lending us equipment that is so vitally needed on the May day. A special goodwill donation of £160 has also been made this year to Glebe Farm. Following their extensive damage caused not only by flood but in particular to the play equipment after events such as May Day and Astonbury to help with maintaining of the free playground facility for the children of Astbury and surrounding areas. Rob and Lesley do such a lot for the community in allowing their premise to be used for these events at no cost to these events. This is a token gesture of thanks from us all.

The committee are now hard at work in the planning stages for 2020 and are excited to announce the theme will be in support of the 75th VE Day Anniversary celebrations. Stand by for more announcements on our fun fundraising ideas in the coming months.

**Astbury School News** - We hope you enjoy reading the news from our school.

Coming soon - Pre-School at Astbury School for children aged three and four. From January 2020, we are excited to be opening a pre-school to extend our Astbury family to younger children. Further information and details can be obtained from our school office, email: [admin@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@astbury.cheshire.sch.uk) or call 01260 272528.

At Astbury School we offer a wide range of sports, academic and arts clubs for our children during lunchtime and after school. The football club are preparing for the league matches, the school choir working towards their second 'Singfest' and the outdoor explorer club made delicious apple crumbles from apples collected from the school trees - they also had a generous donation of plants from Chris Dale at Fol Hollow nursery which they used to further develop the wildlife area on the field.

Children in years three and four had an amazing experience on their residential at Standon Bowers. The children pushed themselves, overcame fears, supported one another, tried new things and had so much fun. They took part in many outdoor adventurous activities including, low ropes, caving, bouldering and archery. Once back at school the children have continued to develop their growth mind-set.

As a school we love to take part in local competitions and give our children the opportunity to develop their skills and 'have a go'. This year, two of our children's pictures were displayed in the Electric Picture House as the runner up and winner for Astbury of the Congleton Rotary schools 'favourite things' competition. Well done to Rosie and Freya!

Supporting others is at the heart of Astbury School and as part of this, the school held a coffee morning for Macmillan. The older children served the delicious cakes (many of them home made) while a team of volunteers served hot drinks. Our thriving Parents and Friends Association are also supporting Children in Need with a school disco - always a popular after school event!

Please look at some of the exciting things that we do at our school on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/astburyschool/>

### **Christmas events**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** 3:30 - 6:00pm Christmas Fair in School. All welcome £1 for adults, children free.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** 11:00am School Nativity in church. All welcome.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** 9:15am School Christingle service in church. (TBC) All welcome.

### **TREE PLANTING**

The Parish Council are looking for small pockets of land across the parishes that are not affected by farm machinery, to plant some native species trees.

Please contact the clerk if you are able to identify such areas, and if you would be interested in assisting with tree planting in due course.





## KID'S CORNER (up to the age of 16)

A Chance to win either a £10 book token, or a £10 McDonalds Voucher or a £10 M & S Voucher

Find the hidden words and mark them on the wordsearch. There is an additional 6 letter word (not in the list!) that is also hidden in the Wordsearch.. Post your completed entries along with your name, age and address and which voucher you would prefer) to the Parish Clerk (address: **Mrs J Mason. 2 Field View Road, Somerford, Congleton CW12 4UG**) by December 8th. The winning entry will be drawn by the Parish Clerk from a hat and the voucher sent out!

### WORDSEARCH

MORETON  
ALCUMLOW  
NEWBOLDASTBURY  
BROWNLOWINN  
ACKERS CROSSING  
WALLHILL  
GLEBEFARM  
STMARYSCHURCH  
HORSESHOEINN  
EGERTON ARMS  
VILLAGEHALL  
CISSGREEN

The Hidden word is:

\_\_\_\_\_

### The Astbury Roll of Honour

As a follow up to the last Newsletter we were contacted by 2 people who explained where "Stir Pudding" was located, Mrs. Betty Johnson and Mr. George Ball explained that it is where "Steelcroft Cottages" are on Childs Lane at present. George also gave us some information about his grandfather Alfred Bowker mentioned in the Roll of Honour in the last Newsletter. He told us that he was in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps. He also hopes to provide a photograph at some point to help better illustrate our knowledge of these soldiers.

There will be more soldiers from The Roll of Honour in the next Newsletter.

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

John Carter (Chairman) 01260 275828 (A) Julie Mason (Clerk) 01260 641854 Judith Critchlow (vice chair) 01260 272174 (M)

Andy Banks 01260 281194 (A)	Nick Barton 01260 280678 (A)	Peter Cliff 01260 275700 (M)
Phill Critchlow 01260272174 (M)	Barbara Jelf 01477500541 (M)	Charles Kennerly 01260 272205 (A)
Rob Lomas 01260 272061 (A)	Nick Plant 07801 545 402 (A)	Nick Sharman 01260 271374 (A)
Roger Sutton 01260 273677 (A)	John Ward 07788418264 (A)	

(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.

**Next Meetings: November 13th./January 8th./February 12th./March 11th.**

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)