

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETO

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UPCOMING EVENTS NEWS/Church News/W.I./Astbury School/Roll of Honour/May Day/Astbury Allies/
Tree Planting

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.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY.

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CONGLETON LINK ROAD -Update

GRAHAM have updated that sadly Sandy Lane won't be open in February as planned but it should be open for walkers and cyclists by Easter 2020 and the section of the link road alongside for traffic.

The final mitigation proposals for Wallhill Lane, Childs Lane and Brownlow Heath Lane will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 12th February. There have been many discussions with residents in relation to improving these lanes after the opening of the CLR.

The final plan, after the Parish Council did not support the road closure of Wallhill Lane will be circulated from Cheshire East highways and discussed as the time frame to approve the improvements is fast approaching the end. This will then cover the discharge of the planning conditions for the application.

Please watch the website for accepted plans.

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.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Margaret Pearson rang the Bell and opened our January Meeting and welcomed everyone in to the New year. Margaret Hollinshead accompanied all to a rousing Jerusalem! New members were welcomed in along with visitors from neighbouring WI's Smallwood, Holmes Chapel and Jodrell Side and then the business of the evening commenced with Correspondence and diary of events coming through and what was planned for 2020. Catherine Pedley brought us up to date with the Dane Valley Group meetings and events including a **Spring Group meeting on 1st May**.

Our Resolutions were discussed in readiness for the AGM on the 4th of June at the Royal Albert Hall and there are 5 proposals to consider these will be discussed in more detail.

At our next meeting, the target is to knit 50 Blankets. The Knit and Natter Group is proving to be very successful and new people joining the Group. The current project being knitted is Blankets for the Homeless so everyone is busily knitting squares for the blankets.

The Book Club will also start up again and this will be organised for the end of February. Nominations required for the next book - please let Jules Brown know. Outings are also being organised for The County Quiz and a Trip to Llanfair PG in Anglesey with a visit to Conway with Afternoon Tea to Celebrate 100 years for that WI.

Our Speakers for the Evening were from Tytherington Treacles W I Macclesfield with a Talk delivered by Valerie Jones on "How They Bared All". Valerie gave an insight into how they decided to do a nude Calendar to raise much need funds for The Breast Screening unit in Macclesfield

From the start of this idea Valerie went through the various stages on how they put this together from Costing the project out, organising sponsors, organising the Photography and who would be the models and what month etc and all the PR plus launching the event to promote the Calendar. They all had a great time doing this and the outcome was that a super Calendar was produced which is now on sale. The project was and still is a huge success and is making money for the Breast Screening unit.

Our Committee met on 13th January at Astbury Golf Club for a Christmas Meal which everyone enjoyed. The next Meeting is scheduled for 5th February at Astbury Village Hall at 7.30pm our Speaker will be Mr Simms Old Sweet Shoppe and the Competition is "Homemade Sweets or Chocolates".

We welcome both old and new members and for more information please contact Mrs Kate Burrow 07393792200 or visit our Facebook Page to see what we get up to.

ANNUAL PARISHES MEETING 2020

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council will hold its Annual Parishes Meeting on Wednesday 8th. April 2019 at 7.00 pm. in Astbury Village Hall.

There will be a Chairman's Report

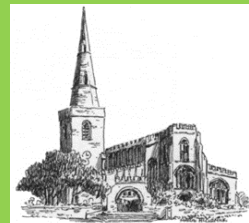
There will also be an opportunity to discuss Parish Issues

The rest of the program to be announced.

Pancake Evening and Beetle Drive.

On the 25th February, Shrove Tuesday, there will be a Pancake Evening in Astbury Village Hall from 6pm - 8pm, followed by a Beetle Drive for anyone who wishes to stay on afterwards. Great fun will be had by all. Tea, coffee and squash will be provided and there will be a raffle.

Tickets are available from Carole Goodwin on 01260-274190 or pay on the door, adults £4.00 and children £1.00. Cards for the beetle drive will be £1.00 each, available on the night. Come and join us, the proceeds are for Astbury church.



KIDS CORNER - WORD SEARCH

The winner of our first word search was drawn at our Parish Council meeting on 8th January. Thank you to everybody who entered and we would like to congratulate Charlotte Kirk on winning the £10 voucher.

Well Done Everybody .

Astbury St Mary's C of E. Primary School

Walk in love as Christ loves you. Ephesians 5:2

A Christian family who care, share and learn together



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

Astbury Acorns (our Pre-School) is open for children age three and four. We have welcomed our first children in to play and explore in our indoor and outdoor classroom! The children have visited the farm - they enjoyed snack time in the cafe where they met a policeman. They fed the animals and had fun exploring the birds and other animals. We are really enjoying exploring our rural environment!

The Parents and Friends Association at Astbury arranged for the children to enjoy a pantomime (Aladdin). This was a real Christmas treat! The theatre company that performed were truly amazing and engaged all the children! There were many smiles and excited faces.

There are many popular clubs at Astbury School. The Outdoor Explorer Club have been busy den building on the field and once completed, have enjoyed hot chocolate and biscuits. The children went on an adventure across the fields and found lots to explore - including lots of muddy puddles!

Astbury children in years five and six visited Alderley Edge School for Girls and were privileged to meet Helen Sharman and listen to her educational and motivational speech. They learnt so much about space, science and life! Aim high, work hard and push outside your comfort zone was the key message. This was an excellent opportunity for our children.

Astbury scientists in year four worked with the Congleton Education Community Partnership. They investigated and experimented science - making sherbet, getting the DNA from a banana and exploring gasses. The children had so much fun learning.

After learning about the composer Gustav Holst and his composition during WW1 - The Planets, children listened to Neptune (Helen Sharman's favourite planet). The mysterious sounds inspired Astbury children in years five and six in their own compositions. Composing music to accompany a portal story called Clock Close linked to writing in English. They certainly met the criteria to include the ticking of a clock and to create mysterious sounds.

Rosie, our Head Girl, was the winner of the Congleton Rotary Young Photographer competition! She now has her photograph entered into the regional competition. Rosie has shown great aspiration and ambition in her photography.

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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Dear Resident,

Astbury May Day Committee's VE Day Celebrations

Planning is well underway for Astbury May Day on 16th May 2020. Given the dates proximity to the 75th Anniversary of VE Day we have decided that this is a good theme for our own celebrations. The day will have all our usual attractions alongside some additional exhibits & activities centred around gaining Victory in Europe.

To raise awareness and create interest in both the village and the event, we are hoping that Villagers will come on board with our trench hunt which we have named "Astbury Allies"

Astbury Allies will encompass villagers' interpretations of what **Victory In Europe** means to them, by means of static displays, models, posters or something else, displayed for all to see. For example, a silhouette depicting a soldier waving a flag, a picnic box containing a celebratory meal, or a "straw" land girl bringing in the harvest. Exhibits should be placed in a spot visible to passers-by, ensuring not to cause distraction or obstruction. We are hoping to have up to 30 exhibits which will form part of a hunt around the village for people to "spot" over the course of 6 weeks in the run up to Astbury May Day. Astbury Allies will be launched at our annual Quiz Night on Friday 3rd April and run until May Day on 16th May.

As a valued member of our village - WE NEED YOU - to participate and support!

Exhibitors will be asked to pay £15 to be part of the trail, you can obtain a registration form by emailing Carrie Sutton carrie@suttonfeeds.co.uk. Once registered you will receive an exhibit number which should be displayed with your item, along with its name. Programmes will then be sold from Glebe Farm Shop, Astbury School & St Marys Church for £5 which will detail the exhibits and require participators to find all the names.

If you have any questions or to look out for clues you may also contact/visit us on our new Facebook Page [@Astbury May Day](#)

Prizes will be awarded at Astbury May Day for both exhibitors and participants!

We thank you on behalf of the May Day Committee for your support of our event & look forward to seeing your interpretations of such an important day in our History.

All proceeds for this event will be in support of St Mary's Church Astbury.

ASTBURY ALLIES

TRENCH HUNT



APRIL 3RD—MAY 16TH

PROGRAMMES £5

**AVAILABLE FROM GLEBE FARM SHOP, ASTBURY
SCHOOL & ST MARYS CHURCH**

**(Prizes available for completed Programmes
brought to Astbury May Day)**

Brought to you by our Astbury May Day Committee & Astbury Parish Council. All proceeds for this event will be in support of our Allies at St Mary's Church Astbury.

Astbury May Day Along with VE Day Celebrations

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 16th May 2020

Astbury Village

**Look out for our more details
locally or visit our facebook page
[@AstburyMayDay](#)**

**Maypole Dancing - Games -
Crafts - Fairground Rides
Dog Show - Stalls - Refresh-
ments - BBQ - Bar**

**Entertainment for ALL the
family!**

ASTBURY ROLL OF HONOUR 1914-1918

The Astbury Roll of Honour is in the Church and commemorates not only the men who fell in the Great War, but also lists the men of the two Parishes who served their King and Country.

THOMAS BLACKSHAW Thomas was the eldest of four children born to Arthur and Edith Elizabeth Blackshaw (nee Balley, from Hungerford) who married in Hungerford, Berkshire in 1897. His siblings were Elsie Maud, George and Edith. Thomas was born on the 22nd. April 1898 at Brook Cottage, New Road, Moreton cum Alcumlow and was baptised in Astbury Church 5th. June 1898. On the 1901 census the family is residing at Brook Cottage (nowadays Tall Trees?) his father is a labourer, in the same household are his grandparents Thomas and Ann Blackshaw. By the time of the 1911 census the address is Mow Lane (still the same cottage I think) and Thomas is a school boy and his father is a railway platelayer.

When he attests in Congleton on 6th. June 1916 he is a miner, 18 years 1 month old and 5 feet 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches tall. He became a Gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery, Regimental Number 179633. Thomas was described as "of good character and a steady hardworking man." he was discharged before the end of the War, on the 17th. September 1918 as he had a gunshot wound to his left leg. He was awarded a military pension. He was entitled to the British War and Victory Medals.

By the outbreak of WW2 in 1939 he was living on Padgebury Lane, with his parents, a single man who was a Catchment Board labourer. Finally, he was laid to rest alongside his parents in Astbury Churchyard extension after his death on 26th. July 1977.

WILFRED BARRETT Wilfred was born in 1897, the second child of Percy and Louisa Barrett (nee Tomkinson married by civil in marriage in Congleton in 1891.) He was aged 4 and living with his parents in Spen Green, Smallwood in 1901 but by the time of the 1911 census he is a cowman aged 14 living with the Wheelton family in Smallwood. By the time that he signs up on the 1st. November 1915 at Congleton, he is living at Gorse Farm Astbury (where his mother resides, as his next of kin), is 19 years and 10 months old and is a fireman. He was 5 feet 8 inches tall. He also became a gunner, number 61143 in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He was discharged after the end of the war on 30th. November 1918, and was awarded a disability pension as he was suffering from Valvular Disease of the Heart. His address was given as Manchester upon release. He was also entitled to the British War and Victory Medals.



As always, if you have any information regarding these soldiers, please contact us!



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.

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.

Next Meetings: February 12th./March 11th./April 8th./May 13th.

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)