

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON

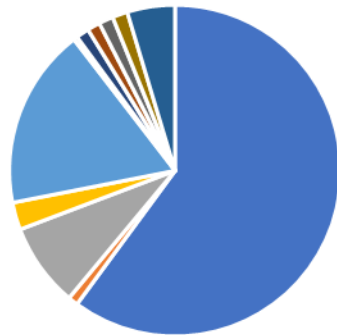
PARISHES NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

ANNUAL PARISHES MEETING 2020

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council will hold its Annual Parishes Meeting on Wednesday 8th. April 2020 at 7.30 pm. in Astbury Village Hall. Cheese and Wine and soft drinks will be served.

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 10th April 2019
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairman's report
5. Presentation from Congleton Museum on the history of Astbury and Moreton.
6. Questions from the public

The Parish Accounts 2019/2020



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| ■ SALARY/HMRC | ■ EXPENSES |
| ■ PROFESSIONAL FEES | ■ MEMBERSHIP FEES |
| ■ COMMUNICATION & ADVERTISING | ■ CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE |
| ■ FIXED ASSETS | ■ MEMBERS EXPENSES |
| ■ TRAINING | ■ COMMUNITY VALUE |
| ■ MEETING COSTS | ■ DONATIONS |

OPENING BALANCE 2019/20 = £10,500. INCOME - PRECEPT £15,000 + OTHER RECEIPTS £1,862 = £27,362

OUTGOINGS 2019/20 = £12,155 (AS ABOVE).

PREDICTED CLOSING BALANCE 2019/20 = £15,207

The precept requested for 2020/21 was £15,000 which corresponds to a Band D rate of **£42.03** (using a Tax Base of **356.87** set by Cheshire East Council)

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.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: 2020

The Parish Council held eleven quorate meetings over the past 12 months and it has been gratifying to report a general increase in attendance by Parishioners who are always welcome at Council Meetings to express their views and concerns during the opening procedures, prior to the Council's formal business.

In addition to its regular Agenda, subjects considered by the Council over the last 12 months have been diverse and wide ranging however the key issues raised have been traffic, in particular the impact of the Congleton Link Road due for completion in September 2020, condition of roads and footpaths, community participation and upholding environmental and Planning standards adopted by the PC.

The Council has dealt with 27 Planning Applications over the year commenting on and generally advising Cheshire East in relation to the adopted Neighbourhood Plan. Of particular significance has been the Application from Sibelco to extend quarry extraction operations to the west side of Wall Hill Lane, the evolving context of which Sibelco has kept the PC informed by virtue of the bi-annual Liaison Meetings.

Cheshire East Councillor, Rhoda Bailey, stood down last year and after a long period in office during which she has tirelessly attended our meetings, taken on board our concerns and reported a Cheshire East issues affecting the Parish. We thank Rhoda for her commitment and welcome Cllr. Patrick Redstone following his election success. C.E. Councillor Liz Wardlaw, also a Parish Resident, continues to attend meetings and supports the PC's endeavours at Local Authority level and we are grateful for her support.

Cllrs. Sally-Anne Banks and Peter Stanway stood down from the Council after many year's service and their contributions were much appreciated. Ms Barbara Jelf and Mr. John Ward were subsequently co-opted and welcomed onto the Council

The regular Parish Newsletter contents is becoming more wide-ranging as various community and Parish groups take advantage of the opportunity to publicise their activities and events. Items of news and Parish interest are always welcome for inclusion in the Newsletter.

To improve contact with Residents and to provide a less formal channel for expressing issues and concerns rather than attending Council Meetings, monthly Surgeries are being held at Glebe Farm Coffee Shop 11.00am for one hour on the first Saturday of each month. Two Parish Councillors will be in attendance.

This year the PC will be supporting and participating in the VE Celebrations - further information will be on the Website.

The Annual Meeting takes place at Astbury Village Hall, 7.30pm on the 8th April. All Parishioners are cordially welcome to attend, cheese and wine will be included. Our Guest Speaker is Ian Doughty of Congleton Museum who will talk on the history of the Parishes of Newbold Astbury and Moreton cum Alcumlow.

Please come along and participate.

John Carter Chairman

CONGLETON LINK ROAD -Update

Wallhill Lane Mitigation

The final points have been submitted from the Parish Council to Cheshire East Highways after another draft plan for mitigation was circulated in February from Highways. The points that were raised can be found on our website in February's minutes and there is a map of the proposed final plan. It seems that the Congleton Link Road along Sandy Lane is on schedule to be opened in April which will alleviate the pressure on Box Lane. **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.**

OTHER NEWS

Fly Tipping across our Parishes - This is on the increase if you see any instances please take some notes as it is a prosecutable offence and Cheshire East can take actions against the offenders.

Fence Lane flooding drain

After a lot of perseverance from the Parish Council this has now been finally repaired. We do try very hard to apply pressure to CE Highways to take actions with blocked gullies, damaged signs and potholes. It is actioned eventually but the process is not easy and takes time.

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

FRANK BARKER Frank was born on Friday 21st. February 1890 and baptised on the 5th. March 1890 at St. James' Church. He was the sixth child of William and Elizabeth Barker nee Pyne (married 9/6/1878 St. James) who were living at 29, Astbury Street at the time, where William was a farm labourer. By the time of the 1911 census, he is living away from home and working as a cow man at Meadows Green Farm, Brereton cum Smethwick (present day—Paces Eggs on the A534 just after Wall Hill) for a farmer named Thomas Hill. His father, now a widower was living in a cottage at Wall Hill. In 1912 Frank married Sarah Ann Brown. At St. James's Church. I couldn't find many military records for him, all I could find out was that he was a private, No. 37999/33662 in the Labour Corps. Of the Cheshire Regiment, and he was entitled to the Victory and British Medals. By 1939, he is living with his wife and 8 children at 23, Barton Road, Congleton, and is described as a general labourer. He died in 1944.

George Buckley George was the third child (of 10) of Thomas and Mary Buckley nee Carr (married at Smallwood St. John in 1896). On the 1901 census the family is living at Poplar Cottage, Brownlow, Astbury. His father is an "ordinary farm labourer" there are 4 children and George is 1 year old. In 1911, the family has moved to Alcumlow Cottages, Moreton cum Alcumlow. The family has now increased to 8 children, George is 11 and at school, Thomas is a waggoner on a farm.

George attests 13/4/1918 at Chester for the Royal Tank Corps., and his army number is 31877. He is described as a farm hand aged 18 years and 4 months and he is living at Moreton Cottages, Astbury. He is discharged on 13/3/1919. The last reference to him that I can find in the electoral registers for 1931 living at "The Moss" Astbury.

So far, I have been unable to trace him any further, so don't know if he ever married or had children, or indeed when he died.

Can anybody help? Again, please contact us if you have any information.

Services at Somerford Chapel. All services at 2.30 pm.

12th. April- Easter Sunday—Holy Communion

3rd. May

7th. June

5th, July

2nd. August

6th. September

27th. September- Harvest Festival

13th. December- Christmas Carol Service



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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: April 8th./May 13th./June 10th./July 8th. /August 12th.

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)