

ASTBURY and MORETON
Parishes Newsletter
SEPTEMBER 2022



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The words on
the Well
Dressing at
Hartington in
Derbyshire
seemed
appropriate on
this very sad
occasion.



Updating the Neighbourhood Plan

The **Astbury+Moreton Neighbourhood Plan** was adopted - 'made' in the jargon - five years ago, and in that time has proved increasingly useful in controlling development in our two parishes. It gives the Parish Council criteria against which planning applications can be judged, and Cheshire East Council frequently cites its policies in their planning decisions. Developers, too, increasingly take its policies into account in their applications. However, since 2017 national planning legislation has evolved, and Cheshire East Council has fleshed out its Local Plan with many more specific policies. We therefore need to review and update our Plan to take these changes into account. It's also a good time to take stock and see whether the Plan still reflects the wishes of our community. The Parish Council has set up a working group, a team of councillors and residents, to carry out this work. We've already started, using the input from the open meeting to draw up a revised vision and aims for the Plan: now we need to test how well it meets our community's ideas. The diagram shows the steps we're taking to produce a revised version of the Plan, and where we're up to.

Once we've reached that stage, there's a formal process we need to follow, involving Cheshire East Council, probably an independent external Examiner and possibly another referendum of our two parishes - more on that later. This is where you come in: enclosed with this Newsletter is a questionnaire to test your views. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey, either the printed version or an online version - full details in the questionnaire. All residents can submit their own views, not just one per household. We will of course share the results with you via our website, <https://astbury-parish.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>.

Nick Sharman, Review Team lead

ASTBURY LADIES FELLOWSHIP

For more information about the Astbury Women's Fellowship, please contact Carole Goodwin on: 01260 274190

It is good to be back to routine meetings. Our afternoon tea celebration for the Queen's Jubilee, (self-catered) was delicious; our Summer luncheon at the Legs of Man, very enjoyable. After an August break, we will meet again on Wed. 21st September at 1.30 pm in Astbury Village Hall to hear Rev. Ian Enticott, our Rural Dean, give an illustrated talk on his missionary work in Africa. This is an open meeting and everyone is warmly invited to come.

We have our 30th Anniversary this year and remind ourselves that the equivalent word to 'fellowship' in the Bible, 'koinonia', means not only being together, but Doing together so on 19th October we have a flower arranging workshop-Details from Carole (01260-274190).

This is an exciting and busy year for St. Mary's with all the plans to have a new kitchen and a toilet in the church. Fund raising will be needed and there will be a gala charity evening in the church at 7.30 pm on Sat. 17th December with the renowned singer Russell Watson.

At its meeting on Wed. 16th Nov. at 1.30pm the fellowship will go down memory lane to reminisce on 'Christmas Past' with Kath Reynolds. Do join us-have an anecdote ready?- keep on taking care.

Carole.

Tickets for the above concert (if still available) can be obtained from Congleton Tourist Information centre.

From the Rector...

Community Consultation

Proposals for the changes to the interior of St Mary's church have now advanced to the concept stage. It is hoped that community use of the church would increase, with better facilities for concerts and groups. The Rector and project team would like to invite all residents to comment on the conceptual layout. The church will be open for a presentation at the following dates and times:

Sunday 2nd October 3pm-4pm/Tuesday 4th October 7pm-8pm/Thursday 6th October 7pm-8pm/
Saturday 8th October 3pm-4pm/Sunday 9th October 3pm-4pm/Tuesday 11th October 7pm-8pm/
Thursday 13th October 7pm-8pm

We hope to see you there!

With best wishes

Anne-Marie

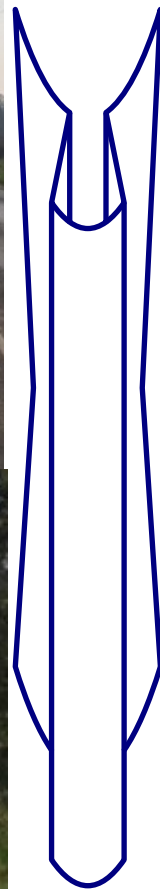
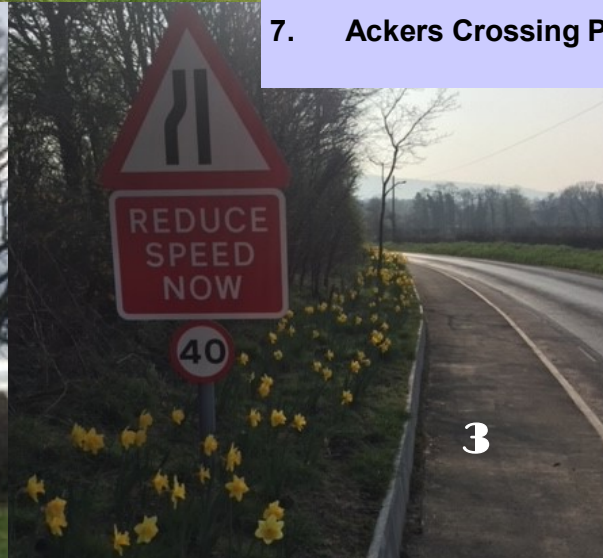
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Views from around the parishes that you may have missed, during the Spring/Summer 2022

1. Steam engine Duchess of Sutherland at Ackers Crossing.
2. Daffodils on Wall Hill Lane.
- 3/4 Daffodils along Brownlow Heath Lane.
- 5 Hot Air Balloon in the skies over Brownlow Heath.
6. Astbury Postbox
7. Ackers Crossing Postbox.

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Update on the common land at Brownlow Heath

The working party visited the common land on 1/09/22 and were amazed at the extent of the nettles which have virtually taken over, even encroaching on the wood-chipped pathways. Working to reduce these is considered a priority, while avoiding established wildflowers as far as possible. Planting with a mixture of wildflower seeds appropriate for the conditions should then follow this autumn, as well as native daffodil bulbs and English blue-bells being scattered around the site. The hedge saplings planted this year down the left hand boundary have taken well, despite the hot weather, and only one new tree seems to have been affected.

These proposals will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting, currently postponed because of the late Queen's mourning period. Please check the website and notice boards for this date.

Update on the War Memorial

Work continues on research into the men who laid down their lives and who are entitled to be added to our War Memorial. Thirteen men have been approved so far.

Roll of Honour

John Carter HEASON unfortunately seems not to have any surviving military records. The Heasom/Easom family appear to have lived in the Astbury area for some time. His great grandfather Peter Heasom/Easom was born around 1790 and according to the censuses was born in Astbury. He was buried in Astbury 2/1/1878 aged 89. His grandfather Thomas was born in 1830 in Astbury, marrying Emma Crawford in Astbury 22/8/1858. Daniel, their son (John's father) was born and baptised in Astbury 3/3/1867, marrying Mary E Carter 26/3/1894 again at Astbury. Their son **John Carter Heason** was baptised 31/5/1896 at Backford near Chester. John is subsequently found on the 1901 census aged 4 living with grandparents Thomas and Emma near to Dubthorne. On the 1911 census he is aged 14 and a farm labourer still living with his widowed grandmother Emma, but now in Astbury Marsh. After the War he shows up in 1922/23 on Electoral Rolls as a gardener near to Bodmin in Cornwall, by 1924 he is in Cold Overton, Leicestershire, in 1925 he married Elsie May Hulme in the Hereford area, and on the outbreak of War in 1939 he is living in Chigwell, Essex with his wife and is still gardening. He died 15/10/1963 in Leytonstone, Essex.

Edward DODD. Edward was the son of Annie (Hannah) Dodd, of Bank Farm, Dodd's Lane, baptised at Astbury church 11/10/1898. On the 1901 census he is still living at Bank Farm with his mother, a dairy maid, born Bunbury, and grandfather Job a farm bailiff born in Tattenhall. By 1911 Edward is still at Bank Farm, now aged 12 and still at school. His mother is not residing there any more but he still lives with his grandfather, now described as a farmer, widowed aged 69. I can find no trace of any Military records so far, and have been unable to trace him after the war.

If you have any information about either of these two men please contact us. Thank you.

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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: Please check the website.

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)

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