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A plea from St. Mary's Church, Astbury

Astbury church is well known and loved far beyond the boundaries of the village. Local people still refer to it as "our church" even if they rarely set foot inside. It is always there when needed, to baptise their babies, marry their young and bury their dead.

It holds out a welcome to everyone, as it has done for the past thousand years.

Consider the village without its iconic centrepiece, surrounded as it is at present with daffodils. Could it ever become neglected, boarded up with an overgrown graveyard full of litter? This is already the fate of some churches.

The small congregation that loves and cares for the church is no longer able to bear the onerous task of preserving St. Mary's church, Astbury, for future generations, without help.

Are you aware there is no statutory funding for churches. We have to pay £51,000 per year, as our parish share, as well as a good part of the wedding and funeral fees to Chester Diocese, this is required to fund clergy salaries, housing etc.

Additionally we have to find money for heating, lighting, water etc. and have had to replace our ancient boiler last autumn at a cost of £22,000.

Maintaining a Grade 1 listed building such as ours, demands higher standards of skilled workmanship, resulting in increased expenditure.

To continue enjoying the beautiful conservation area of Astbury village, with St. Mary's as its iconic landmark, will you play your part in preserving it and help it to have a place in the lives of future generations?

PLEASE SEND A DONATION TO.....

The Treasurer, Astbury Parochial Church Council,

Astbury House, 65, Moss Road, Mossley, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 3BN

With thanks and blessings,

Rev. Jeff Cuttell and Brenda Cook, churchwarden

(tel. 01260 290194 for further information)

Historical Notes.



The minute books for Newbold Astbury Parish Council (Local Government Act 1894) beginning with the first meeting held in the Girls Schoolroom, Astbury Tuesday December 4th. 1894 at 7 o'clock pm, were deposited at Chester Record Office earlier this year. The minutes for the combined parishes of Newbold Astbury and Moreton cum Alcumlow from c mid 1970's were also deposited.

Sadly the records of Moreton cum Alcumlow (from 1894—mid 1970's) were thrown into a skip during a house clearance, some time ago, so unfortunately will not be available for consultation at Chester Record Office.

TRAFFIC CONSULTATION: FOLLOWING THE PARISHES MEETING IN MAY, THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO APPOINT VTC TO LOOK AT THE HIGHWAY ISSUES AROUND THE TWO PARISHES. WE WILL REPORT BACK ON THE RESULTS LATER.



News/Photos

1. Ward Councillors Liz Wardlaw and Rhoda Bailey (who both took part and finished!) at the start of the "Killer Mile!" at Mow Cop.
2. The Parish Council has arranged for the Cheshire Railings to be repaired and painted at Brownlow crossroads as part of parish improvements.
3. The parish councils daffodil planting efforts in bloom at Brownlow crossroads in April.
4. The parish councils daffodil planting efforts in bloom at Ackers' Crossing in April.

Astbury W.I meet Monthly on the 1st Wednesday in the Month at Astbury Village Hall. We welcome Old and New members and so we ask them to either turn up at our meetings or give Kate Burrow a call on 07769933887

Margaret Pearson our President Welcomed us all to the July meeting.

Thanks to the following: Mary Booth for providing the Table Flowers for the President's Table. Cath Cunliffe did the Birthday Buttonholes which were beautiful as usual and as we had 2 months of Buttonholes to give out for August and July there were quite a number of ladies with summer birthdays. Margaret Hollinshead was thanked as she played the Piano as we all sang Jerusalem. After which the meeting got in full swing. Last months minutes were taken as read and Catherine Pedley went through the Treasures Report giving a details of funds coming in and out going through what we had collected from Raffles, Sales tables etc. Lisa Spencer, Secretary went through Correspondence going through invitations from other Wi's such as Macclesfield & Dist. WI holding a Fashion Show at New Life Church 2/10 at 7 or 7.30 tickets £5.00, 24th September Cheshire Federation Scrabble Tournament and Dominoes Tournament on the same night to be held in Tarvin Community Centre.

13th October Cheshire Federation Craft & Art Sub Committee are running a workshop for embroidery to learn the Bayeux Stitch all at New Life Church 10-4 all materials will be provided but bring your own packed lunch!

29th July at Congleton United Reformed Church at Antrobus Street.. an Afternoon Tea has been organised between 2-4. A report was given by Mrs Carole Goodwin who is on the Committee for the Astbury Village Hall which has just been newly decorated with new Stage Curtains. The Hanging baskets outside are absolutely stunning.

Kate Burrow updated all members on how her visit to the AGM in Cardiff went. Kate was a chosen delegate to represent the three WI's in Congleton Area, Smallwood, Mossley & Astbury to attend the Conference and Vote on the Resolution about "Mental Health Matters as much as Physical Health" and the importance of the support for these issues the vote was carried by a 98% Majority. Over 6000 WI Members attended the meeting. Famous Speakers also gave talks Dame Stella Rimington the first female Director General of MI5 and also Huw Edwards the well-known journalist and BBC television presenter.

The main speaker of the evening was David Taylor who gave a superb talk and showed a slide show of "Great British Summer". He talked about his Farm and that he had 52 Acres and 60 to 70 Cows and that as a business had to diversify and then went into Fruit which he did for about 15 years After that he dug out a field and made it into a Lake and he put Trout in it. The fishing got busy and he decided in 1994 to make another Lake and now 30 years later there's an abundance of Wildlife. David showed us lots of slides showing the different Birds he has photographed over the years which were absolutely stunning.

The raffle was held and the Competition entries were judges. The Next meeting will be held on the 5th September and the speaker will be Julie Hargreaves, "Police Dog Demo & Talk: The retired police Dog Fund."

Competition is to bring a photo of a much loved Pet.

Some interesting information has come to light over recent months. The group who are updating the War Memorial in Congleton have discovered that there are thirteen soldiers missing from the Astbury War Memorial: 11 from WW1 and 2 from WW2. The missing names are: Denis Barton, Frank Brammer, Harry Roger Moody Burgess, Harry Davenport, Wilfred Hassall, Harold Hocknell, Allen Pemberton, Thomas Frederick Shaw, Herbert Tunstall, Harold Thompson, James Hedley Oultram and Edward John Squibb. It is unclear at the moment why these names were not recorded.

The Parish Council has decided to try and get the names added to our War Memorial.

The name of the last soldier recorded on our war memorial at present, is George William Painter. He died on the 4th. June 1919 and was buried on the 3rd. July in Astbury churchyard Aged 24 and was of Smallwood. His parents erected the super stone shown below right, in the churchyard in his memory. George William Painter signed up for the duration of the war at Chester on 27/11/1914. He was assigned to the Army Service Corps. Service No. TS/1859. He was 19 years and 6 months old, of Astbury, a shoeing smith. He was discharged on 22/8/1918 as "no longer physically fit for war service." On sign up he was 5 feet 6½ inches tall and weighed 123 pounds, (8stones, 11 pounds) eyes brown, hair brown, religion Wesleyan. It looks like he was discharged as he was suffering badly from 80% Tuberculosis of the lungs.

George William Painter was born on 14th. May 1895 and baptised at St. James, Congleton on 7th. July the same year. He was the son of Arthur and Harrietta Painter of Brownlow, a labourer. They had married by Banns at St. James' church on the 8th. February 1892. Arthur was 20, a farm labourer, living in Elizabeth Street, Congleton, his father being George, a labourer. Harrietta Birtles was 22 a spinster of Elizabeth Street, father Joseph (deceased) a joiner. Arthur was born in 1893, followed by Geo Wm (above) in 1895, Harry 1896, Thomas 1899, Alfred Hayes 1905, and Grace 1909. They possibly had 2 more children, Ellen May 1913 and John 1915.

Arthur was buried in Astbury churchyard on the 19th. December 1932 aged 60, of Holly Bush Farm, Smallwood. Harrietta was buried in Astbury on the 14th. July 1951 aged 81 and she was from Astbury Marsh.

1901 Census: Timberyard, Brownlow. (nr. Wesleyan Chapel)

Name	Relation-ship	Condition	age	Where born	Occupation
Arthur Painter	Head	Married	29	CHESH. Sand-	Ordinary farm labourer
Harrietta Painter	Wife	married	31	LANCS. Rainhill	
Arthur Painter	Son		8	CHESH. Astbury	Scholar
William Painter	Son		5	CHESH. Astbury	Scholar
Harry Painter	Son		4	CHESH. Astbury	
Thomas Painter	son		1	CHESH. Astbury	

1911 Census: Brownlow, Astbury, Nr. Congleton, Cheshire.

Arthur	head	Married	39	CHESH. Small-wood	Road man Congleton Rural Dist. Council
Harrietta	Wife	Married (19years, 6 children born and alive 0)	41	CHESH. Congle-ton	
George William	son	single	15	CHESH. Astbury	Blacksmiths apprentice
Tom	Son		11	CHESH. Astbury	School
Alfred Hayes	Son		5	CHESH. Astbury	school
Grace	daur		1	CHESH. Astbury	

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

August 8th./September 12th./October 10th./November 14th.

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)

