

Newbold Astbury cum Moreton

Parish Council Newsletter

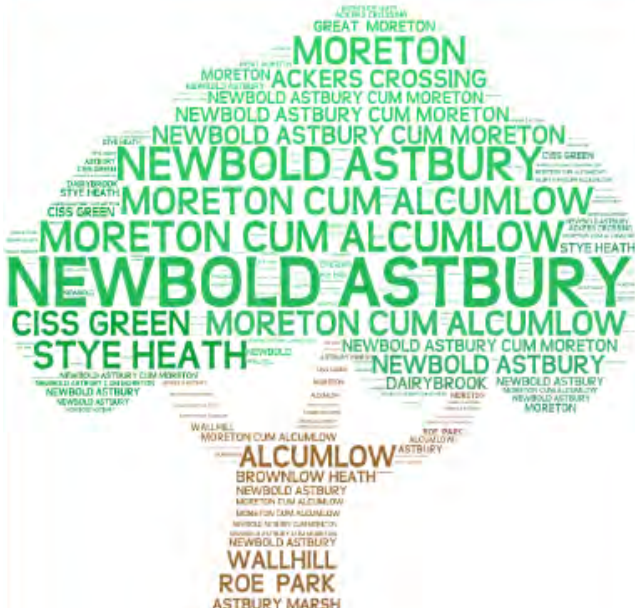
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Neighbourhood Plan Update/ May Day/
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Astbury May Day 2016. Photographs courtesy of the Congleton Chronicle.

A May Day Plea for Help!



We need help with sponsorship, advertising in the programme, donations of raffle prizes, setting up on the Thursday, Friday before May Day and May Day, particularly with marshalling on May Day. Any extra help would be great as the small team is very over stretched. We raised about £3,600 this year with the majority going to the school to help buy iPads and laptops and the rest will be donated to the church, WI, Ladies Fellowship, Junior church, Astbury Brownies and Rainbows etc. The church and Ladies Fellowship/WI have always offered us great support and there were quite a few 'old' Astbury parents who helped this year.

Clerk retires after 25 years in the job!

Charlie Pinton our Parish Clerk for approximately 25 years has decided to "hang up his boots." The Parish Council would like to say a big "Thank you" for all the hard work that he has put in over the years! The Parish Councillors presented him with garden vouchers as recognition of his service to the two Parishes. We all wish him well!

Our new Parish Clerk is Julie Mason, who may be contacted as shown at the end of this article. Julie has settled into her new role and is getting to grips with our Parishes.



Charlie receiving his vouchers from the Chairman of the Parish Council.

The new Parish Clerk, Julie Mason.



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Parish Boundary Signs.

Many of you will have noticed the new parish signs that appeared on the A34 at the beginning of July, and some may have wondered where the names came from. The area represented by Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council **actually comprises two civil parishes - Newbold Astbury and Moreton cum Alcumlow** - and it's these parishes that are named on the signs rather than Astbury village, Brownlow Heath, Ackers Crossing, Newbold or any of the other settlements in the two parishes.

The signs are on the A34, south of Congleton, north of Little Moreton Hall (for Moreton cum Alcumlow) and on the border between the two parishes near Moreton Cottages (with one name on either side).



The double sided sign being erected by the team from Nuneaton Signs.



Astonbury 2016



The 5th "Astonbury" music and beer festival took place at Glebe farm on July 1st and 2nd. Since it began this local event has been steadily building a reputation as a great fun, family day event. Despite the terrible weather affecting the number of people attending there were still many stoic fans who turned out to enjoy the great live music provided over two evenings - Friday was a more paired back live session by "Dead Ace Mates" and on Saturday, Phil Maddox, Tom Seals band and Groove Thing entertained the crowd with their varied performances.

Spirits were the only thing not dampened, however, picnicing festival goers were still able to enjoy the choice of 14 cask ales and 3 ciders supplied by the Titanic Brewery plus additional attractions such as wood-fired pizzas, a hog roast, home-made lemonade and the now traditional tombola stall.

Proceeds from a raffle, organized by the Rotary Club, as well as profits from the event, (about £3,000) go as usual, to local good causes which this year will include Blood Bikers, Becca's Wish to Walk Fund, Visyion and Keystones Palliative Care Unit. "Astonbury" is generously supported by local businesses, whose sponsorship makes the event possible. New sponsors are always welcome. The event is organized by ACE (Astbury Community Events) in partnership with the Rotary club of Biddulph. ACE is voluntary group whose aim is to promote local community-based events throughout the year. The next such event will be a tutored wine tasting evening with food matching, at Glebe Farm in the autumn. Date yet to be confirmed. This will be followed by the very popular livenativity, in Astbury, in December.

Ackers Crossing Phone Box.

The parish council has acquired the phone box at Ackers Crossing! We are looking for the best way to use the box to the benefit of the community in and around Ackers Crossing: if you have any ideas, either please let the Parish Clerk or let one of your Parish Councillors know. Check out this web page:

<http://www.clerksandcouncilsdirect.co.uk/content.asp?id=18>

to see how other communities have made use of their old phone boxes. Some are used as lending libraries, some for defibrillators, some are noticeboards. What do you think?

With the rise of the mobile phone, use of pay-phones has dropped dramatically, and BT have closed many - of which this is one - as uneconomic. BT offers these surplus boxes to local communities for the princely sum of £1.00 each. They remove all the telecoms equipment but leave an electricity supply enough to power a light.

We are also looking for someone to paint the box as we have paint and brushes for the job! Please let our clerk know if you are interested!

Neighbourhood Plan.

Development of the Neighbourhood is now proceeding to the Regulation 15 Stage the draft of which it is hoped will be completed by the end of September, the Policy document has been further enhanced consequent on feedback from the Regulation 14 Consultation Stage. Financial support to complete and publish the Neighbourhood Plan has been received by way of a Grant from the Groundwork Trust, this alleviating any charge on the Parish Precept.

After adoption by the Parish Council, the Plan will be issued to Cheshire East Council for assessment prior to inspection and ultimately a Referendum of all Parishioners.

More detailed information on the Neighbourhood Plan and its development can be found on the Parish Council website.



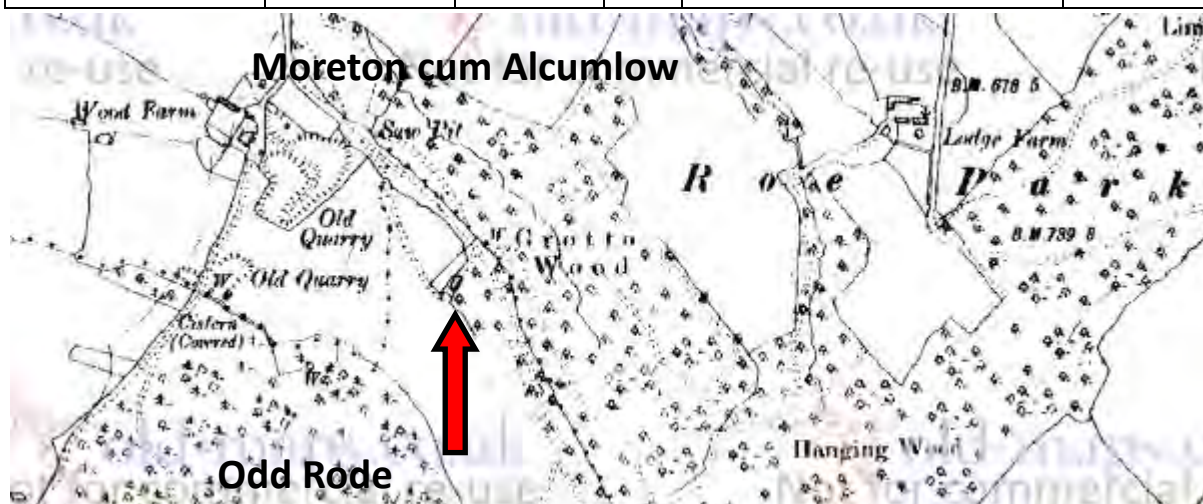
Continuing the remembrance of the men who laid down their lives for their country and whose names are on the War Memorial in Astbury Churchyard.

Harold Clarke is the fifth name on the memorial. He appears to be (not confirmed) the son of William and Jane Clarke (nee Proudlove, married at Odd Rode 30th. Dec. 1889) of Brownlow on the 1901 census. On the 1911 census he is shown as a farm labourer at Lower Withington, Cheshire lodging with the Newton's a farming family. Meanwhile his parents are living at Wood Cottage, Moreton (actually in Odd Rode) where he father is shown as a wood ranger working for George Holland Shakerley Ackers of Great Moreton Hall.

He was Private 290706 of the 10th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment. He was killed in action on Wednesday 1st. August 1917 during The Battle of Pilckem Ridge, 31 July - 2 August 1917, which was the opening attack of the main part of the Third Battle of Ypres in the First World War. The battle took place between British-French (Entente) and German armies in the Ypres Salient of the Western Front. Sadly, he has no known grave but is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium. The YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL now bears the names of 54,622 officers and men whose graves are not known. The memorial, designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield with sculpture by Sir William Reid-Dick, was unveiled by Lord Plumer on 24 July 1927. The site of the Menin Gate was chosen because of the hundreds of thousands of men who passed through it on their way to the battlefields.



1901 Census: Brownlow, Newbold Astbury, Cheshire.					
Name	Relationship	Condition	age	Where born	Occupation
Mark Clarke	head	Widower	53	Astbury	Gamekeeper
William Clarke	Son	Married	32	Astbury	Woodman
Jane Clarke	Daughter in law	married	32	Odd Rode	
George H Clarke	Grandson		8	Odd Rode	
Olive Clarke	Granddaur		5	Astbury	
Wilfred Clarke	Granddaur		2	Astbury	
Hilda Clarke	Granddaur		9mo	Astbury	



1913 Map

Wood Cottage
arrowed.

.....is the parish boundary

Parish Council Meetings 2016: September. 14th./October 12th/November 9th.

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

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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.

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. (pcritchlow@talk21.com)