

# Parish Council Newsletter

Summer Edition 2015

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## *Astbury May Day 2015*



## Local News

### Astbury May Day 2015

The May Day this year raised over £6,000 and the money will go to Astbury St. Mary's School, the Church, Village Hall and other local groups like Astbury WI, Astbury Brownies and Rainbows, the Ladies Fellowship and the ATC who helped to marshal at the May Day.

The Committee would like to thank all of those members of the community who pulled together to make the day a huge success. Special thanks must go to

Robert and Lesley Lomas for allowing the May Day Committee free use of Glebe Farm paddock on May Day.

### Daffodils for the Village Green.

At the Parish Council meeting on 10th. July, the Parish Council was delighted to receive a cheque for £100 to renew the daffodils on the village green at Astbury. This money was raised at a tea party to welcome the new Rector of St. Mary's Church, Astbury, the Rev Dr Jeffrey Cuttell, on 28th. June. The parish council is very grateful to all those who contributed to the tea party, and welcomes Dr Cuttell's return to Astbury.

### Alcumlow Bridge.

Hopefully by the time you get this Newsletter, the bridge parapet over the brook on Brook Lane, Moreton cum Alcumlow will have been repaired, after an accident last Winter. Cheshire East Highways intend to carry out the repairs between July 27th and August 8th.

### Neighbourhood Plan Update:

As advised in the previous Newsletter, an open meeting for Parishioners was held at the Village Hall on the 10th June.

The Draft Policies of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, now adopted by the Parish Council, were displayed and explained. Much constructive dialogue followed all of which was noted for future reference and consideration.

An initial informal Review of the Draft Plan has now taken place with Cheshire East Council with generally supportive results enabling further adjustments to be made to the Draft Plan before Strategic Review and commencement of the wider consultation process.

### Website:

Don't forget- you can keep up to date with what's happening around the Parishes, by looking at our website: <http://astbury-parish.org.uk>

### NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

#### **VACANCY**

**FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR**

#### **NEWBOLD ASTBURY WARD**

AS THERE WERE ONLY EIGHT CANDIDATES PROPOSED AND ELECTED FOR THE NINE VACANT SEATS AT THE RECENT ELECTION, THERE IS A VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR TO REPRESENT THE NEWBOLD ASTBURY WARD OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

ANY SUITABLY QUALIFIED PERSON WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR CO-OPTION, SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL, MR CHARLIE POINTON, BY TELEPHONE 01782.858603, OR EMAIL [ASTCFP@TESCO.NET](mailto:ASTCFP@TESCO.NET) BEFORE AUGUST 3RD

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CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

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## ASTONBURY

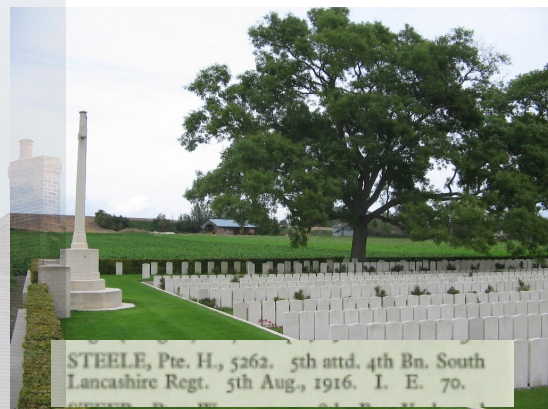
Hundreds of people flocked to the popular Astonbury Music and Beer Festival held at Glebe Farm on July 3rd and 4th.

Beer was provided by the Wincle Brewery and proved so popular that by the end of the two days practically all 12 barrels were drained dry by the enthusiastic beer drinkers.

On the Saturday, with the beer still flowing, the highlight was the music provided by Amanda Rose Hill, Tom Seals and the headline act, Groove Thing. By the end of a lovely summer's evening, hundreds of people were on their feet dancing to the music having enjoyed their picnics or having availed themselves of the BBQ provided.

Whilst the final figures aren't in yet (about £6000), it was clear that the event will be the best attended Astonbury so far and should raise thousands of pounds for the charities that are being supported this year by ACE - The Keystone Palliative Support Centre and the Biddulph Red Cross.

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

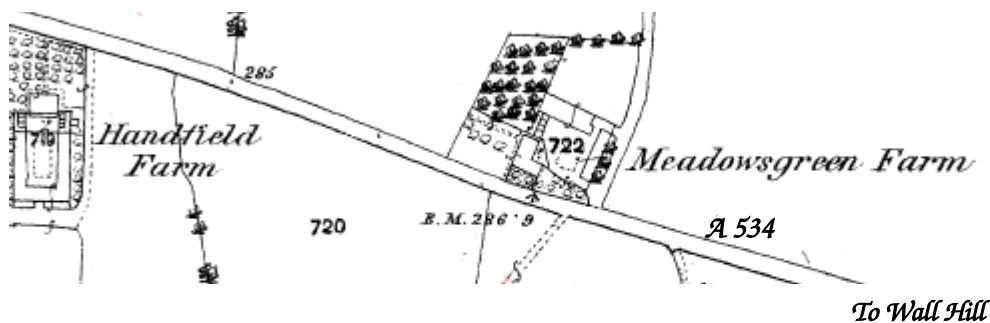


Harry Steele is the second name on the memorial. He appears to be (not confirmed) one of the twin sons of Joseph and Elizabeth Steele of Spen Moss, Smallwood. He is shown as a scholar aged 7 in the 1901 census (at Spen Moss) and a farm worker aged 17 on the 1911 census. On the 1911 census he is recorded as living at Meadows Green Farm, Brereton (which is now seems to be called Medhurst Green Farm)

He was Private 5262 of the 5th Battalion of the South Lancashire Regiment. He died from his wounds on the 5th August 1916 and was buried at the La Neuville British Cemetery at Corbie, near the Somme, France. The cemetery contains 866 Commonwealth burials from the First World War and 27 German graves.

1901 Census: Spen Green, Smallwood, Cheshire. (4 rooms.)					
Name	Relationship	Condition	age	Where born	Occupation
Joseph Steele	head	married	32	Sandbach, Cheshire	Bricklayers labourer
Elizabeth Steele	wife	married	38	Smallwood, Cheshire	
John Steele	son		13	Smallwood, Cheshire	scholar
Mary E Steele	Daughter		10	Smallwood, Cheshire	scholar
Harry Steele	son		7	Smallwood, Cheshire	scholar
James Steele	son		7	Smallwood, Cheshire	scholar
Arthur Steele	son		4	Smallwood, Cheshire	scholar
1911 Census: Meadows Green Farm, Brereton, Cheshire (9 rooms)					
Thomas Hill	head	widower	57	Astbury, Cheshire	farmer
There are 12 others living in the household employed as waggoner, domestic servant, cowman, nurse etc. including:					
Harry Steele	servant	single	17	Smallwood, Cheshire	farm worker

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Victorian map of the area

**Parish Council Meetings 2015:** August 12th/September. 9th./October 14th/November 12th.

**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)