

# Newbold Astbury cum Moreton

## Parish Council Newsletter

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Neighbourhood Plan Success/Notes from Astbury School/Astonbury Brilliance/The Horseshoe Mega Charity Auction/The Live Nativity/Ackers Crossing Defibrillator/Astbury Village Hall News



**It's a Resounding  
"YES" for the  
Neighbourhood Plan!**



The Successful Neighbourhood Plan Team/At "The Count!"/The Counting Room and Returning Officer

As Parishioners may have seen in the local press the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum took place on the 17th August with resounding positive support from the Electorate.

On a turnout of 38%, 221 votes were cast, 203 in favour and 18 against - ie a 92% "Yes" vote.

The Parish Council and its Neighbourhood Plan Group are grateful and take the opportunity to thank all those Parishioners who voted, either in person or by post/proxy and who responded to the various surveys and attended Public Meetings during the course of the plan's preparation. We are also grateful to those Parishioners who volunteered their assistance in the early stages of the Neighbourhood Plan, whether or not you were called upon to help.

The Plan has now been adopted by Cheshire East Council and will have equal status to the Local Plan in determining Planning Policy and applications in the Parishes between now and 2030.

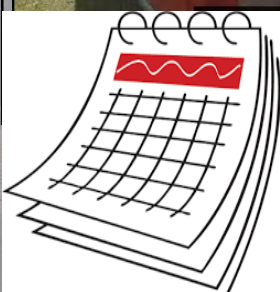
Full details of development of the Plan and its final adopted form can be found on the PC Website at [astbury-parish.org.uk](http://astbury-parish.org.uk).



We're pleased to announce that the defibrillator in the old phone box at Ackers Crossing is now up and running and is accessible 24 hours a day. "Telephone" has been replaced with "Defibrillator" too!  
 There will be a training session to be held at Glebe Farm Coffee Shop on Wednesday the 29th. November between 7 and 9 pm. All parishioners are invited to attend. You could learn how to help to save someone's life!



Sunflowers growing in a field off New Road, Moreton cum Alcumlow September 2017



Calendar 2019

Parish Councillor, Andy Banks is looking for some photographs, taken by parishioners to go in a 2019 Calendar hopefully to be on sale at the end of 2018. He would like photographs, especially of the daffodils on the village green, or any other interesting shots from around the Parishes. You can email them to him or contact him for more information at:  
[Andy.AB.Banks@mini.co.uk](mailto:Andy.AB.Banks@mini.co.uk)

News from Astbury Village Hall

Since being on the Astbury Village Hall committee from 2013 Lisa Barber has raised in excess of £7,000 for the Village Hall Funds. Lisa's late Mother in law Lilly Barber was a great fund raiser the village and Lisa has enjoyed taking on this family tradition. Like a lot of communities we are always looking for new ideas for fundraising. Lisa has successfully put on events such as Band Nights, Curry and Quiz evenings and Afternoon Teas, however the Annual Christmas Lunch is by far the most popular event of the year. A traditional Christmas Lunch cooked with all fresh local ingredients where family and friends can gather enjoy the traditional fayre and enjoy an afternoon of old fashioned Christmas Party games and entertainment. If all the children and grown ups too have been very good Santa comes with a gift for all children. It's a great day for all, lots of fun and laughter.

See Poster on the next page for details!

Grand Charity Auction at The Horseshoe raises an astonishing £10,000!

This was due to the very generous donations for the auction and the very generous bidding too! All proceeds to the East Cheshire Hospice.



### Astbury School News

We hope you enjoy reading the news from our school and that you can learn something about us as you read! The school year started in church as we held our annual welcome service to welcome all the new children and staff. We love the village of Astbury and children in years five and six are taking part in a souling project. They have thought about all the things that they love in the village and are writing a folk song about them. Learning the song and adding some musical accompaniment, supported by two composers who are leading the project, is exciting.

Secrets of Success This half term we are continuing to learn how to be successful. Our focus is 'try new things'. The children have been trying many new things and their attitudes and approaches to learning have been improving as they learn how to be a successful learner. In worship, the year six children led their team in discussion about the new things children have tried that were successful. This discussion followed on from learning about Ruth in the Old Testament, she went to a new country and tried many new things. God honoured her faithfulness and she became the great grandmother to King David, in the family line of Jesus.



Standon Bowers Many children from years three and four have been away on their residential to Standon Bowers. This was a fantastic opportunity to build friendships, try new things and have fun together. The first challenge was to put a pillow and duvet inside their covers and make their bed! Amongst other challenges were caving, bouldering, team building and low ropes. The children had an amazing time, Arthur said it was 'stupendous!' The staff were really proud of all the children who overcame their fears and were resilient, not giving up and trying to complete tasks. The staff at Standon Bowers gave our children many compliments on their exemplary behaviour, especially in the dinner hall.

Gist lorry The children were excited to see the cab from a lorry in the playground when they arrived at school. Tracy and Paul from Gist gave an interactive presentation to the children and took them outside in smaller groups to learn about road safety and be reminded about how to stay safe. They played a great game called 'hide the children' as the teacher sat in the driver's seat and the children stood in front of the cab. They managed to hide a whole class and the children learned an important safety message about the visibility of the driver in a lorry. The children also estimated how far it would take the lorry to stop at 30mph. There were cones out on the playground and they learnt that it would take 25m. Each child was able to ask questions and many climbed into the cab and tried out the springy seat and bed!

### More Local News

An amazing £5,000 was raised at Astonbury (with Rotary of Biddulph) this year at Glebe Farm! The proceeds will be shared between the following charities:

- Alderhay Childrens' Hospital Haematology ward at The Royal Stoke
- Keystone Palliative Day Care Centre
- Christies
- Air Ambulance
- Biddulph First Responders

### Advance Notice!

The Live Nativity will be held on the 18th. And 19th. of December this year, starting at 6.30 inside the church.

Tickets will be available from Glebe Farm nearer the time. Any volunteers to take part or help on the nights would be greatly appreciated!



## A Magical Christmas Sunday lunch

At Astbury Village Hall

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November*

12.30 pm until 4.15h

Gather your family or meet up with friends a fully stocked bar will be available, and after lunch there will be lots of fun with **family games** and a visit from **Father Christmas** and an **entertainer**.

All freshly cooked, using local produce.

### Menu

Roast Turkey and all the trimmings  
Vegetarian Option available (pre booked only)  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Roasted potatoes

Christmas Pudding and Brandy Cream  
Meringue Roulade  
Profiteroles

Mince pies and coffee

£12.50 per head over 16's  
£6.50 children under 16  
Children Under 4 free

Early booking is recommended

Tickets are available from

**Lisa Barber Tel: 07976 909 150**

In Memory of  
Private

## Ernest Henry Davenport

49478, 1st/6th Bn., Cheshire Regiment who died on 20 September 1917 Age 26

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Davenport, of 29, Lion St., Congleton, Cheshire.

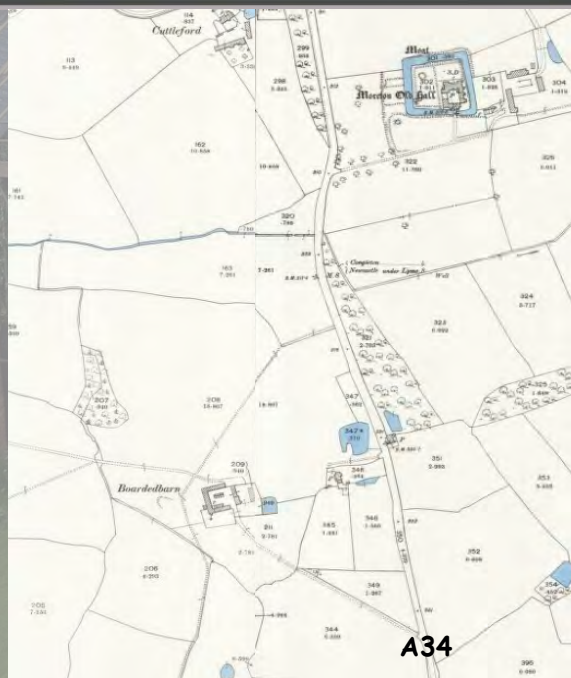
Remembered with Honour  
Tyne Cot Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Beginning on the 31st July 1917 and ending on 10th. November 1917, the Third Battle of Ypres comprised of 8 phases. Sadly **Ernest Henry Davenport**, Private 49478 of the 1st/6th Battalion Cheshire Regiment was never found after the terrible bombardment of the 3rd Phase, known as The Battle of Menin Road Bridge. His war record states "Missing on or since Thursday 20/9/1917, presumed dead." How his parents felt when they received this news cannot be imagined.

Ernest Henry was one of twelve children born to Joel and Florence Davenport. Joel was living with his parents Henry (born in Astbury 1833 and Mary born in Odd Rode 1833) at Boarded Barn on the 1891 census, prior to his marriage to Florence Stonehewer at Odd Rode Church on 29th July 1891. He was a labourer of Odd Rode, she was a spinster of Odd Rode. Five months later they were back in the church for Ernest's baptism on December 30th. 1891! There followed Amelia (1892), Joel (1894- died 1895), Harriet (1896), Miriam Ethel (1898), George (1900), Beatrice (1903), Horace (1905), Joel (1907), Allen (1909), Ada Ellen (1910) and Annie Elizabeth (1913). The family were living at **Boarded Barn** near Little Moreton Hall on the 1901 census (when Joel is an agricultural labourer and Ernest is a schoolboy), spent some time in the Potteries between 1901 and 1911, when the census shows them living on Spring Bank, Scholar Green. Joel is now a general labourer at a chemical works. Ernest Henry is away from home and is a cattle labourer working on a dairy farm run by a Will Kirkham at Scholar Green. No papers have survived to show when and where he joined up, or where he was living when he attested. (he must have been in Moreton cum Alcumlow or Newbold Astbury) After his death any payments or monies owed to him were forwarded to his mother Florence, then residing at 29, Lion Street, Congleton. His mother passed away in 1938 aged 68, and his father Joel was still living at 29 Lion Street at the outbreak of the Second World War, in 1939 and he sadly passed away in 1944 aged 78.



**Parish Council Meetings 2017/2018:** October 12th./November 8th./January 10th./February 14th./March 14th.

**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)