

The Austrey News

Jun—Jul 19



ANNUAL AUSTREY CHARITY DAY

In honour of David Smith

Saturday 8th June 2019



Football match: kick-off at Austrey Playing Fields, 2pm.

Food provided at the Bird in Hand after the game from 5pm.

All proceeds to nominated charities.

RAFFLE 6.30pm
AUCTION 7.00pm
Free jukebox all evening!

AUCTION PRIZES INCLUDE...

- Whirlpool & Hotpoint goods to the value of £600
- UK getaway for two
- Signed, framed, authenticated Joe Root bat
- Signed, authenticated England team rugby shirt

- Signed, authenticated Anthony Watson and Jonathan Joseph England rugby shirt
- Signed George Kruis rugby ball
- Tobogganing at Tamworth Snowdome
- Plus many, many more...

All proceeds donated to:

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT



CANCER RESEARCH UK

OVER £15,000 RAISED OVER 5 YEARS

We have raised in excess of £15,000 over the past 5 years doing this event and would love to see some fresh faces coming together for a great cause.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Austrey Women's Institute

Hello from Austrey Women's Institute (WI). We are an active, funny, loving group who meet every 2nd Thursday of each month at Austrey Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome at our meetings. Our programme of speakers is varied and we have several outings and trips throughout the year.

We have just had another successful annual 'panto', a sellout (apologies to those who were unable to get tickets). For two nights the Village Hall was transformed into Chaplin's Holiday Camps Hawaiian Ballroom. Fun, frolics and food were had by all as the cast entertained the campers to the glamorous granny, bonny baby, and knobbly knees competitions.

Gladys didn't get her man, no matter how hard she tried, and she was a trier! Peggy got her chance to be a yellow coat; her "Dead wood stage" rendition will be remembered for many a year. 'Shirley Bassey'; well what can I say, outstanding! And as for Carmen Miranda she went wild with her maracas. Yvonne's beehive was a sight to behold; how she managed to do a cha cha cha and keep the wig on, with her poor hubby Barry in tow, was a miracle.

Thank you to everyone for their wonderful compliments on the success of the night and a big thank you to cast and crew members and helpers for making it such a great production.

WI members recently went to Tutbury Castle to be entertained by Leslie Smith who portrayed Queen Elizabeth I, and enjoyed a lovely lunch. Our next outing is to see My Fair Lady at the Concordia Theatre later in May. At our 13th June meeting the guest speaker will be Audrey Hall as Shirley Valentine. On July 11th a change; we are holding an afternoon of strawberries and fizz.

Guests/visitors will be made very welcome. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings. For more information call Lynn Wynne on 830716.

Chris Minett

Win £5 in the WI Panto Caption Competition!

Would you like to win a fiver? Have some fun whilst doing it? Well here's your chance! What is Peggy saying? (She's the one with her mouth gaping open.)

Please send your entries to cmminett@btinternet.com by the **1st of July**.



The winning entry will be published in the next Austrey Newsletter (Aug/Sep). Good Luck, Hi De Hi, and a big thank you to Sandra Duggan for the photo.

Thistle Bowls Club, Newton Regis

Our green is now open at Newton Regis for our summer season, which we always look forward to after the winter playing short mat indoors.

Our club day is **Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm** and you are most welcome to come along and have a go. It's fun and a nice relaxed way of keeping fit. Bowls will be provided for you, just bring flat shoes.

We are also looking for volunteers that enjoy gardening and could help us around the green on Tuesday morning for an hour or so.

For more information contact **Colin** on **01827 57528** or **07973 480682**.

We hope to see you soon!

Colin Dorsett



Beeline Community Transport helps people who live in or who are registered with a surgery in the Borough with transport to and from hospitals, doctors' and dentists' surgeries, opticians, and chiropodists.

Beeline is a member of Warwickshire Voluntary Transport, a partnership of the five community schemes in Warwickshire who work together to resolve funding issues and to provide a better service for the client.

To book transport simply phone us on **01827 717074**. The line is operational between 9 am and 1 pm Monday to Friday (answer phone at all other times).

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Can you help? Have you got a car? Can you spare a few hours a week? Do you want to meet new people and do something rewarding? Do you want to help your community? You choose the hours and days you drive, as little or as much as you like. The client will pay you 45p per mile.

For details of the insurance cover we provide and to find out more about joining our happy team of volunteer drivers please telephone **01827 717074**

Or call in to see us at the office at **The Partnership Centre, Coleshill Road, Atherstone CV9 1BN**

Village Hall News

A relatively quiet time for the Village Hall during March and April, apart that is from hosting the WI's annual pantomime. Those of you who attended will know that this was a hoot and was well received by the audience, as was the accompanying fish and chip supper.

Looking ahead, we have an equally mouth watering culinary event planned for July: the **Hot Pork Roll Supper** that accompanies the annual **Skittles Evening**. Those who have attended this event before will know that this is an evening of no-holds-barred sporting contests aimed at all generations but especially suitable for the younger family members who can compete for prizes. Details of the evening are as follows:

- **Friday 5 July**, under 12s £3.
- Doors open at 6:30PM
- Game starts & balls fly from 7pm.
- Tickets include Hot Pork Supper
- Ticket price - Adults £6,
- Tickets from **Joan** on **830658** or **Chris** on **830302**
- Licensed bar & raffle.

Looking even further ahead, we asked you in a questionnaire at the start of the year what kind of live act you would like to see in the Village Hall. You answered with a overwhelming preference for **Folk/Pop/Jazz bands**. So, we have made a formal bid to Live and Local for a live performance on the weekend of **11 of 12 October**. We won't know if we have been successful until the end of May. Look out for our publicity material during the Summer and keep the dates free.

Chris Wynne

Community Timeline

Events and activities for your calendar



Your local Catholic Church is at Haunton; St Michael and St James. A warm welcome is extended to new and current villagers.



We are beginning an update of our parishioners registration details and if you would like more details and/or information please contact Deacon **Tony Rigby 01827 912529** or **Beryl Grix** (Austrey parishioner) **01827 830363** or **Michael Hession 01827 373241**

Monthly Mass is held each **first Saturday** of the month at **12.15pm**. All very welcome.

Our monthly Community Coffee and Chat runs on the last Tuesday of the month unless advertised otherwise. The next one will be on **June 25th** from **10am till 12noon** at **Austrey Village Hall**. Come along: meet old friends and make new ones, we're very friendly and informal.

The start of a new season at Hazel Meadow Allotments shows promise, with all allotments being worked on and crops being harvested. No sign of rabbits (yet) is encouraging us all.

We are keeping the perimeter as clear as possible to enable easy maintenance of the fence. This year we hope to develop a communal "swap area" for excess plants.

With two new allotment holders, who are enthusiastic and working hard, all our plots are now filled. However if you are interested in a plot please contact us to enter your name on our waiting list.

Austrey Archery Group members have now finished their indoor activities and moved outside to enjoy the weather and do some real distance shooting.

However, English weather, even in summer, can spoil a session, therefore the club has moved its whole operation to Shuttington and Alvecote Village Hall.

This has a spacious sports ground, but can also accommodate shooting indoors if the weather is bad.

The timing has also changed. Shooting will take place on **Saturday mornings from 10.00am until 12.30pm**, and on **Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm** until, well, until we can no longer see the targets!

A number of new members have joined our club recently, and we are hoping that some of the people on our latest training course will decide to become members, so, all in all, Austrey Archery Group has all it needs for a good season of shooting.

And it is not just about shooting arrows. We are a small, sociable bunch who have social events from time to time – skittle evenings, informal lunch gatherings and so on.

If you might be interested in joining us, just turn up at one of our regular shoots, or contact us: **austreyarcherygroup@hotmail.co.uk**. You will be most welcome.



Bob Patchett

Newton Regis Tennis Club

Newton Regis Cennis club held its first social Sunday on April 28th at 3pm. A great afternoon was had with members and potential members, young and old, enjoying a selection of homemade cakes and savouries.

Everyone played 'it's a knockout' where complete beginners got a chance to play with the very successful NRTC teams' top players.

Visit our website **www.newtonregistennisclub.co.uk** for dates of future social events, where everyone is welcome to come along and have a taste of what our club has to offer.

Angela Turner

Exploring Potential Locations for Fire Stations



The Fire & Rescue Service are currently engaging with our communities on our plan to explore potential locations for fire stations in Nuneaton and North Warwickshire.

Your views are important to us. If you wish to take part please fill in the survey **before 16th June** by visiting our website at **www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask**

To request a paper version of this survey please either call us on **01926 423231**, email us at **wfsirmp@warwickshire.gov.uk**, or write to us at:

Service Improvement Team Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service
Headquarters Warwick St Leamington CV32 5LH

Alternative formats and languages can be made available on request

Missing, Feared Lost Forever

Did you know that there are around 1000 residents in our village, the vast majority of whom are adults?

Did you also know that this year the school won't be running a Summer Fair, that Open Gardens has been cancelled, and that the Austrey Festival won't be taking place? So — why is this?

The village relies on a small pool of seemingly tireless volunteers who are extremely generous with their time (and other resources) to organise and run events for the community. Many of these people are involved in multiple events, or help the village in other ways. And it's often the same names cropping up time and time again.



Unfortunately when work, family commitments, or sheer exhaustion, finally overtake these people and they can no longer help out, the events too fall by the wayside. This is a great shame, because the events (like the week-long Arts Festival, and the long gone but fondly remembered Austrey Summer Fair & Carnival Floats) were not only enjoyed by Austrey residents and other local people, but also raised money for charity and community projects.

The old adage "many hands make light work" has never been more apposite.

The sad thing is that the Parish Council holds an unused funding account for big events like the Summer Festival—a sum of money currently standing at £1,690. So if anyone would like to pick up the baton and organise a Super Summer 'Something' in Austrey in 2020, please put a proposal together and contact the Parish Council—**clerk@austrey.co.uk**—to discuss.

We are of course incredibly grateful to the wonderful volunteers who year, on year, on year, bring us the Austrey Bonfire and Fireworks and organise events such as the Dave Smith memorial Charity Day. There are also other unsung heroes, including the committee members of our various village clubs and societies, and those who mow grass, plant bulbs, organise and run smaller events and community meetings throughout the year.



"Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

talking to other residents but, more importantly, you need to have the concerns and best interests of the parish as a whole at heart. Councillors are community leaders and represent the aspirations of the public that they serve.

There is no need for previous experience of local government, and training and support is available for those who would like to develop their knowledge and/or need help. **For more information, contact the Parish Clerk** who will be happy to talk over the role of Parish Councillor with you.

On a similar, but different, note your Parish Council also needs you to volunteer as there are currently open positions on the Parish Council.

As a Parish Councillor you will be a voice for your community and be involved in real change. It helps if you're a "people person" who enjoys

Singing for the Joy of It!

If you love singing when you're on your own but have never thought of joining a choir, here's your chance! The a cappella women's choir based just down the road in Newton Regis has already welcomed a number of Austrey women to its ranks, and they report that it's a great way to socialise, make new friends and enjoy singing for fun.

Studies certainly show consistently that singing is one of the best ways to improve your mental and physical health – it short, it makes you feel good. This is partly because singing releases endorphins, the feel-good chemicals in the brain, but also because it's an aerobic activity and a natural stress-reducer. Choir members also tend to get a boost from the social connection and working together to achieve a great sound, as Editor of the Austrey News Emma Fish has found out for herself.

She said, "I joined the choir about three months ago and was a bit apprehensive about the difficulty level I might encounter, but it's turned out to be a fantastic experience. The women are really friendly and the rehearsals of full of laughter – it's really good fun. No one sings on their own and it's all set up so that you can learn the music from special teaching tracks at home. This means everyone has plenty of time to get to grips with their parts and there's further help from the director if you need it. Then when we all get together, we can concentrate on singing and enjoying ourselves!"



The choir is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. It specialises in singing four-part harmony in the barbershop style and offers to perform for free at events raising money for good causes. If you would like to find out more, just contact **Lyn** on **01827 830274** or go along to a **Thursday night rehearsal at 7.30pm** in **Newton Regis Village Hall**. **www.barberama.org.uk**

Lyn Kesterton

Parish Council, Government and Austrey Village Contacts

Details of village groups and societies can be found on **www.austrey.co.uk**. Please contact the Parish Clerk for details if you can't access the internet.

Parish Responsibilities

Bus shelter; bye laws; public clocks; drainage of ditches and ponds; general spending—parish councils can spend a limited amount of money on anything they deem of benefit to the community; a parish council may accept gifts; litter bin provision and support for any anti-litter campaign; planning—parish councils must be notified of and display for residents any planning applications in the area.

Job Advertisement: Lengthsman required for maintenance jobs around the village. For more details, and to apply, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Editorial Policy

The Austrey News is prepared for the Parish Council. Its aim is to keep everyone informed of anything that affects our community, or is otherwise of interest to villagers. It is produced bi-monthly and delivered to all houses within the parish, and can also be downloaded from **www.austrey.co.uk**.

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