



Parish Natter

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COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Welcome to the autumn issue of 'Parish Natter'. It is hoped you find the information and articles included interesting and informative.



Bonfire and Fireworks Display – A bonfire and fireworks display will be held as usual at the Parish Council's Burgoyne Park on Wednesday 6th November see advert page 6. Please come along and enjoy this event as this will be the 25th occasion a bonfire has been held on Burgoyne Park. It is one of the best supported events of the year – let's keep it that way.

Remembrance Weekend – Once again there will be two services held over the Remembrance weekend. The first organised by 'Aston Churches Together' will be held on Remembrance Sunday from 10.45 am around the War Memorial at Townend, Aston. The second will be held outside Aughton Early Years Centre around the Memorial Clock on Monday 11th November (Armistice Day) at 11.00 am.

Grants – Your Council continues to provide grants to local groups via its 'Small Grants Scheme'. The second round is now open for applications. The scheme is there to support 'not for profit' groups that benefit the community and I urge any such group to submit an application – see page 7.

Competitions 2019 – The usual Parish Council sponsored competitions have been held during the summer which were all well supported. They included: an open fishing match held at Aston Ponds on July 3rd, a junior cricket tournament held at Aston Hall Cricket Club on August 4th, and a bowling tournament at Centenary Bowling Green on Sunday August 25th organised by Swallownest Bowling Club. Results and photographs from these competitions are on pages 8 and 9.

Carnival 2019 – Once again, I must take this opportunity to thank members of the Carnival Committee, on behalf of the community, for all their efforts in making the 2019 Carnival a huge success. Many parishioners have indicated what an enjoyable event it was and how much they look forward to a similar event being held again in 2020 – see report on pages 13 and 14.

Cllr David Knowles - Parish Council Chairperson

EDITORIAL

A SINCERE WELCOME to ‘PARISH NATTER’ which is published four times each year. It is available **free of charge** from the locations listed below, all of whom kindly support its distribution. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome together with any items of interest within the Parish and these should be forwarded to the Clerk to the Council or any Parish Councillor at the contacts shown below.

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DISTRIBUTION OUTLETS

Anderson & Broadberry Dental	Co-op – Swallownest	Six AM Tackle & Bait
Aston Hall Cricket Club	Co-op – Petrol Station	Spend & Save – Lodge Lane
Aston Library/Health Centre	Dell’s Supermarket	Swallownest Comm. Centre
Aughton Top Shop	Hobson’s Nursery	Swallownest Court Hospital
Aughton Early Years	Ian Van Hoof – Opticians	Swallownest Miners Welfare
Aughton Post Office	Rosegarth Stores	TARA – Hepworth Drive Centre
Black Bull Public House	Robin Hood Public House	
McColl’s – Townend Aston	Roland Arms Public House	

Please note that not all of the views expressed are those of the Parish Council



Follow us on Social Media to keep up to date with the latest news!

You can now follow us on various social media platforms to keep up to date with the latest news, updates and health campaigns.

Facebook	@SwallownestHealthC
Twitter	@SwallownestC
Instagram	swallownest_health_centre

2019 Influenza Season

We are currently in the process of sending out invites for our Annual Flu jabs. We are trialling a new way of inviting patients which includes by text message or post. This year we are offering a selection of Walk In Sessions as well as appointments to book online. Please check for upcoming dates via our website

www.Swallownesthealthcentre.co.uk,

Facebook Page or posters within the Surgery.

If we are aware you are housebound you do not need to contact us, either the Practice Nurse or District Nurse will come to you in due course.

Did Not Attends (DNA's)

We would like to say THANK YOU to patients who DO cancel their appointments when no longer needed and ask our patients who DON'T cancel their appointments to do so in the future, as unused appointments is a waste of GP's, Nurses and Healthcare Assistants time and stops patients who need an appointment from being seen. The average cost of an appointment is £30, and our monthly average of appointments not attended is 322 equating to £9,660.00 of wasted NHS resource.

We do monitor and write to patients who are recorded as missing 3 appointments without cancelling, stating that they will be removed from the practice list should this continue. We hope that this will be taken on board and you will help us and yourself by making every effort to attend or cancelling for someone else to use. ***#Use it, don't abuse it!***

Evenings and Weekend Appointments

Extra appointments are available for all Rotherham patients and are designed to help people who struggle to attend their GP practice during the working week.

The appointments are routine which means they must be booked in advance and are not for urgent problems. You can book an appointment by contacting your usual GP Practice where you are registered, they will have access to all the available appointments.

The hubs will have appointments with any one or more of the following clinicians. GP, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Practice Nurse and Healthcare Assistant. Our Receptionists will help to direct you to the right appointment type. Any registered Rotherham patient can access routine appointments at the following practices:- Dinnington, Broom Lane, Kimberworth Park Surgery, Dalton Surgery.

COUNCIL SURGERIES

Parish Council Surgeries are held at Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall on a Friday evening each month. A Parish Councillor will be in attendance to discuss Parish issues from 6.00 – 7.00 pm on the following dates:-

- 4 October
- 1 November
- 6 December



Borough Council Surgeries will be held at Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall, on Mondays/Fridays from **6.00 – 7.00 pm**.

Councillors for the Holderness Ward will be in attendance to discuss Borough Council issues with parishioners on the following dates:-

Labour Group Members - Fridays	UKIP Member - Mondays
4 October	28 October
18 October	11 November
1 November	25 November
15 November	9 December
6 December	23 December
20 December	

WILLIAM LAYNE READING ROOM DIARY



History Group

The History Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month, from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Jeff Blades on 0114 2872102 or Ann Key on 0114 2872610 – new members welcome.

Craft Group

Do you like sewing, knitting, embroidery, making cards, jewellery etc.? We are a small friendly group who enjoy a number of crafts and have various levels of skill.

We meet every Wednesday at the William Layne Reading Room at Aston from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. We only pay a small fee which covers drinks, biscuits and rent of the room. There is lots of friendly chat and laughter.

New members are always welcome. Pop in and see us any Wednesday afternoon or phone:



Elaine - 0114 2874710
Carole - 0114 2872662



FOR HIRE

WILLIAM LAYNE READING ROOM – AUGHTON LANE ASTON



***The ideal place to hold
meetings/talks/presentations***

For availability and bookings ring 0114 2879008 or call at
Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall
Monday to Friday 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

BONFIRE NIGHT

STAYING SAFE OVER THE BONFIRE PERIOD

This is a fun time of year for communities, and the last thing anyone wants to see is someone getting injured as a result of careless or dangerous behaviour. Everyone is encouraged to have a great time but to always think about what they are doing to avoid any upset or injury. It is important that people show respect for their communities, and do not disrupt the lives of others. At home, you can stay safe by following these simple tips:

- Always buy fireworks that they conform to British Standards. This means that they should have BS 7114 written on the box.
- Don't buy fireworks from anywhere you're not sure about, such as the back of a van or from a temporary, unlicensed market stall.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Always supervise children around fireworks and bonfires.
- If any fireworks look as if they haven't gone off after at least half an hour, soak them in a bucket of water and ask the Fire Service for advice.
- Don't site a bonfire too near your display or firework storage area, or close to fences or trees.
- Never use flammable liquids like paraffin or petrol to get it going as this can result in uncontrolled spread of fire or explosion.
- Take great care at all times. Plan your display in advance, make sure you know which fireworks are going to be let off and in what order.
- Don't burn dangerous rubbish (e.g. aerosols, gas cylinders, paint tins, tyres and bottles).
- Make sure your bonfire is put out completely.

PARISH BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY



Wednesday 6 November 2019
from 6.00 pm at

BURGOYNE PARK
AUGHTON LANE
ASTON



FAIRGROUND RIDES
BONFIRE LIT 6.45 PM

FREE ADMISSION

GRANT FUNDING

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS **2019/2020**

The Parish Council earmarked funds in its budget for 2019/2020 to help groups/organisations that benefit the Community. Grants were made available to both established groups and specifically for new groups to assist them with start-up costs with a closing date of 31 August 2019 for the first round of applications.

The second round is now open for applications
Closing date 31 January 2020

The maximum grant is £200 although this may be varied in exceptional circumstances. The money is available to assist 'not for profit' groups/organisations, which benefit local parishioners, however large or small.

Only those groups that make a contribution to the improvement of their community may apply. Your group will need to have its own bank account as grants cannot be paid into personal accounts.

If you wish to apply for a grant, application forms are available from the Parish Council Office (Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 12.30 pm) to where they should be returned by 31 January 2020.

RECREATIONAL COMPETITIONS

(Sponsored by the Parish Council)

Fishing Match



The annual Fishing Match was held at Aston Ponds on Wednesday 3 July 2019 when parishioners of all ages took part.

Pictures show:

Butts Lake during the match



Cllr Mrs Pat Wade with the Winner – Graham Eblet (with a catch of 43lb 2oz)

along with runners up:-

2nd Jack Moore – 38lb 8oz

3rd Paul Todd - 33lb

Swallownest Bowling Club Bowls Tournament

The annual parish sponsored S26 bowling competition was held on 25 August and was well attended.



The final was played with determination and skill with the winner Carl Wakefield managing to beat his opponent Nigel Bradley in the last few minutes 21pts to 19pts. Carl on the right is shown receiving his trophy and cash prize from the club chairman David Pyle.

The best junior, Kian Bradley won £10 and a trophy and was very excited.

A mention should also be made of the semi-finalists who played exceptionally well.

Well done to everyone for making the day an extremely interesting day of bowling.



Junior Cricket Tournament

A Junior Cricket Tournament was held at Aston Hall Cricket Club on Sunday 4 August 2019. This had been sponsored by SJD Sports Coaching, who had also provided sporting activities for children during the school summer holiday period at various recreation grounds around the Parish.



The young people that played had a very enjoyable and competitive day. At the end of the Tournament all who had taken part were presented with a medal to mark the occasion.

Below are pictures showing those who took part along with Coaches.





Aughton Early Years Centre

A SureStart Children's Centre

We have had a busy summer spending time with lots of different families, enjoying a variety of planned activities such as picnics and sports days. Lots of families joined us for a fun play session at Playmania and our disco with 'Lets Party Disco George' at Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall was a huge success. Our annual trip to Cleethorpes was again well attended by our Aston families and the weather stayed fine, so families could enjoy the day on the beach.

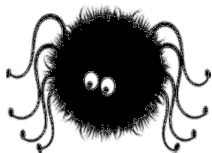
Thank you and Welcome...

All the staff would like to thank parents/carers for their many kind wishes and generous gifts as their children left the Centre during the summer. Our end of term coffee day raised £89.40, and the money raised was donated to CAJ (Carole's Aughton Journey), the charity set up in memory of our late Head teacher Carole Johnson by her family. We welcome many new families to the Centre and anyone who is unfamiliar with the Centre services can find out more from our website www.aughtoneyc.rotherham.sch.uk and our Face book page.

A Coffee Day was held on the 27th September, which raised £71.75 for MacMillan. We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations.



We are already starting to plan activities and trips for half term and Christmas. Please look at our Centre website and 'like' our Face book page for up to date information about Centre activities www.aughtoneyc.rotherham.sch.uk



COMMUNITY GROUPS



ASTON PARISH YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICES

(Sponsored by Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council)



DISCO

Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall

Tuesday 29 October 2019

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY



Children aged 2 – 11 years

£1.00 per child

Available from Aughton Early Years Centre or

Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall (10.00 am – 12.30 pm)

Fancy Dress Competition

Tuck Shop



MARKET

On Saturday 30th November 2019
Swallownest Bowling Club
will host their **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall
10.00am - 4.00pm

Stalls will be selling festive fayre, including rustic decorations, traditional decorations, jewellery, crafts, cakes, honey and beeswax products, ceramics and fashion items. For the children there will be face painting and Santa's Grotto.

Throughout the day refreshments will be available.

Should a local group be interested in taking a table to make the community aware of their interests, these are available at a cost of £12.

For any further details contact Club Secretary, Ian Oxley, on oxleyian@hotmail.co.uk

ASTON PARISH HALL



Eyes Down 7.30 pm

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY

Doors Open 7.00 pm



Good Jackpot



Report on Aston Carnival 2019

Once again the sun shone on Aston Carnival, apart from one year when we were completely rained off, we have been very fortunate with the weather, and as far as the organising group are concerned, yet another huge success in achieving its main aim in promoting a free social gathering for families and friends from around Aston-cum-Aughton to an afternoon's entertainment.

Every year the organisers have some complication in planning the event. This year's major problem came at nearly the last minute; with just a couple of weeks to go we were informed that the police were not available to close the roads for the parade which should have started at Swallownest J & I School. Previously they have controlled the roads at the bottom of Swallownest, Wesley Ave and Worksop Road. Therefore a new plan for the parade had to be drawn up with the immediate thoughts of cancelling, especially as it was reported in last year's Natter that the parade was getting smaller.

NOT to be put off with minor details and because a parade sets the scene for the start of the event, we got permission to start from the Church of England School, and as we timed the start to coincide with any buses on Lodge Lane, the parade got under way and was clear of the road in 10 minutes.

We were very grateful to all the people who lined the route and helped to control traffic until we were off the road and on our way down Fairview Drive.

Those taking part in the parade thought it had worked better than starting at Swallownest. Mums and dads said it was a lot better for small children as the previous parades were 'a bit too far'. The band thought it better as they didn't get out of puff playing up the hill from the bottom of Swallownest. So it seems to have been improvement all round and the right decision. So watch this space.

THE ENTERTAINMENT - The organisers would like to thank all the dance groups and other performers who entertained us and this year we managed to keep nearer to the planned programme even though we had one group drop out at the last minute.

We are always on the lookout for different entertainment and as Knights in Battle who had been for the last couple of years couldn't make it this year we managed to get a Maypole organised by Derek and Enid Bailey.

Even though we were in August, not May, the Pole went down a real treat because after Janet Mitchell's dancers, who had danced around it before, it was the mums and dads.
CHECK OUT THE PHOTOGRAPHS ON OUR WEBSITE.

MAYPOLE dancing is a DYING ART and needs new blood to learn the routines. Derek and Enid are keen to teach anyone who would like to take up the challenge

Dinnington Colliery Brass Band who play in the parade always enjoy the afternoon, as when they have regained their wind, they play a spot at the edge of the arena which is always enjoyed by those who like to sit awhile after walking around the stalls. Please note the band is always on the lookout for new members.

Stall Holders - The organisers hope the stall holders raising money for charities or their groups funds had a successful day and will wish to join us again next year. We are very grateful for the grants we receive and the support given by all the stall holders.

Finances - The cost of last year's (2018) carnival was in excess of £2,500.00 with over £1,500.00 for statutory insurance, medical cover, the road closure costs to conform with the Highways Acts, and the various licences needed. Plus the fees for some of the performers in the arena.

The remainder goes on printing the programme and advertising posters. Although we receive fees from adverts and some grant income, we still have to raise money through the stall holders.

The carnival finances do not usually get finalised until the end of the year but the overall forecasted cost is roughly the same as the last year. Any surplus generated from the event will be passed on to local charities the committee supports on behalf of our community.

The committee wish to thank Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council for its help; all the businesses that placed an advert in the programme (who now have links on our website), and all those who acted as marshals in the parade or helped to set out the field.

Finally you, the community at large, for all your support which we hope will continue for next year's Carnival on **Saturday 1st August 2020.**

Next year's Carnival falls on Yorkshire Day which we would like to make as the theme for the day so please come up with any ideas and contact the organisers on 01142 873718 or through our Facebook page.

W Mawson

Carnival Organiser

Website – astoncarnival.org

VILLAGE CHURCHES

All Saints Church Aston



We are currently looking for an assistant musician and choir members as follows:

All Saints Aston C of E Church seeks an Assistant Musician to cover occasional Sunday services and help support Thursday evening choir rehearsals on a voluntary basis. There will also be the occasional wedding, funeral or festival service where a fee will be paid. This may suit a musician wanting to help out in the area or someone who would like to gain experience in accompanying and conducting a 4 part choir. Organ and piano skills required if possible but do contact if you are interested



and have skills in just one of these instruments.

Please contact our Director of Music

Mr Ian Watts on 01159637647/07950753429

or email ianctms@gmail.com www.allsaintsaston.com

All Saints Aston C of E Church are looking for members to join our 4 part choir. The choir meet to rehearse every Thursday evening at 7pm - 8:30pm at the church, please just turn up and give it a go, no audition necessary. We sing a mixture of modern and ancient church music and are a friendly bunch of around twenty people of all ages, male and female. We sing 3 of 4 Sunday mornings per month at 10:30am plus a monthly evensong at 6:30pm and the odd paid wedding. Please contact our Director of Music Mr Ian Watts for further information on 01159637647/07950753429

or email ianctms@gmail.com www.allsaintsaston.com





ACTION POINT



OPEN EVERY WEEKDAY

Have you a query regarding a Rotherham Borough Council service/issue including housing repairs?

Are you unsure who to contact regarding an issue or a problem?

Would you like a Rothercard?

If the answer is YES to any of the above

VISIT YOUR LOCAL ACTION POINT

At the Parish Hall Rosegarth Avenue



Parish Council Staff are available to provide information/assistance between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm Monday to Friday at the Parish Hall, Rosegarth Avenue.

If you have a query, visit this local office where staff have access to information and can readily contact Rotherham Borough Council staff to ensure advice is available.

ROTHERCARD ISSUING POINT

(If you receive Housing/Council Tax or any of the Social Security benefits, or are over the age of 60 years, you and your family may qualify for a FREE Rothercard and save money on leisure activities and shopping in Rotherham. It's your FREE card and it's easy to apply)

Visit the Action Point for further details