



# Parish Natter

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## COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Welcome to the Spring issue of 'Parish Natter'. It is hoped you find articles interesting and informative. We try to cover Parish Council actions and events along with those of other organisations serving our community.



**Council Tax** – Your Parish Council has now determined its budget for the next financial year. In setting the budget we decided to ensure all current provision continued to be funded so that our services to you, our community, were not reduced.

Rotherham Borough Council is still suffering severe government cuts which continue to increase the detrimental effect on service provision. However, your Parish Council has, once again, decided to continue its policy of the last few years which is to protect all that it provides for the benefit of its parishioners, in return for a small increase in its portion of Council Tax. This means that during the 4 years since the current Council came into office, the average increase for Band A - D properties (92% of all households) has been less than 3p per week. A small sum for well received provision.

**Grants** – During the past 12 months, your Parish Council, through its small grants scheme, has provided financial assistance to 15 groups/organisations to help continue their activities. Again in 2019/20 the Parish Council has earmarked funding to provide small grants to local groups that benefit the community (see page 10 for details).

**Parish Fishing Match** – This the first of several Parish Council sponsored competitions of the summer and is scheduled to be held Wednesday 3 July 2019 (see page 4 for details).

**Centenary Bowling Green** – I am pleased to report that Swallownest Bowling Club is once again preparing for a new season at the Parish Council owned Centenary Bowling Green, King Street, Swallownest.

Membership continues to grow, new members are always welcome, and improvements to the facility have been made during the winter period (see article page 12).

*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.

### **HOW TO FIND US (All correspondence to Parish Council Office) CHAIRPERSON – CLLR D KNOWLES 0114 2879955**

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#### **ADMINISTRATION** (For all correspondence and enquiries)

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**Clerk to the Council: ALAN J HODKIN**  
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### **DISTRIBUTION OUTLETS**

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

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

# **SWALLOWNEST HEALTH CENTRE**



## **Care Navigation**

As you may be aware, we will now ask for a brief outline of your problem when you call to make an appointment at the practice. This isn't because our reception staff are nosey, but it's a new approach known as Care Navigation.

Through specialist training, we can now offer more choice on who to see in the community and help you get to the right health professional fast. Our receptionists never offer clinical advice or triage; this is about offering you the choice to see other specialists in our community if they have the expertise to deal with your problem; often quicker and without the need to see the GP each time.

For example, we often get calls that can be dealt with by a physiotherapist, pharmacist, sometimes even the secretaries, which you may not be aware of if you haven't visited the practice in a while.

By working this way, it helps us to free up time for GPs to care for our patients with complex or serious health conditions. More importantly though, it means you are seen by the clinician that is best placed to deal with your problem each time you visit us. The choice is up to you.

Agencies involved are:

- Self-Care Via Pharmacy
- IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies)
- Midwifery    Physiotherapy
- Stop Smoking via [www.gethealthyrotherham.co.uk](http://www.gethealthyrotherham.co.uk)
- Sexual Health

It would help the team to help you if you were to inform the receptionist why you need an appointment to see a GP.



## Useful information

Swallownest Health Centre Staff want to ensure we continue to provide the best care for our patients and communicate changes effectively. Up to date information is available on our web site but we wish to ensure all our patients are aware of some key changes listed below.

As you are all aware the NHS including General Practice is under increasing workload, this is what you can do to help.

- Our 2 Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) can see and treat a wide variety of minor infections and illnesses.
- Continuing to see your usual doctor will enable the doctor and the practice to ensure you have continuity of care. If it is for a minor illness that is not related, it may be more appropriate to see an ANP or another doctor but for management of an ongoing illness your usual GP may understand your ongoing needs better. However please be aware that waiting times may be increased for this.
- Please ensure we have up to date mobile numbers and details to make contact easier - this can be done either via reception or online.
- Registering for online services which includes ordering of repeat prescriptions, booking and cancelling appointments, can save you time and help the surgery.
- Home visits are for patients who are housebound; these will be assessed by the triage nurse in the first instance. Wherever possible if requiring a home visit please ring the surgery early in the day (ideally before 10.30).

**Thank you for your help.**



**Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council**  
**PARISH FISHING MATCH**  
**Wednesday 3 July 2019**



9 Cash Prizes  
**£100-1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

**ASTON PONDS**  
**'BUTTS LAKE'**



Entry Fee - £5.00

Draw 5.00 pm

Fishing 6.00 – 9.00 pm

Tickets available from:

Waterside Café, Aston Ponds and Parish Council Office

## **PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES**

Parish Council Surgeries will be held at Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall. A Parish Councillor will be in attendance on the following Fridays from **6.00 pm – 7.00 pm**:-

### **2019**

- 5 April
- 3 May
- 7 June
- 5 July



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## **BOROUGH COUNCIL SURGERIES 2019**

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

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

<b>UKIP Member Mondays</b>	<b>Labour Group Members Fridays</b>
8 April	5 April
13 May	3 May
10 June	17 May
24 June	7 June
8 July	21 June
22 July	5 July
	19 July

# **SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

## **Your Local Contacts**

Police Sergeants Mark Worrall & Pete Longthorne along with Inspector Caroline Bakewell. You can follow on Twitter @RothSouthNHP and Facebook at Rotherham South NHP.

Visit South Yorkshire Police's web site for more information or to report non-emergency crime online: [www.southyorks.police.uk](http://www.southyorks.police.uk)

Call 999 if it is an emergency

Call 101 for general enquiries or to report a crime in non-emergency

Call Crimestoppers to give your information anonymously on 0800 555 111

**Sign up for SYP Alerts** to get messages, updates, information about your area  
[www.sypalerts.co.uk](http://www.sypalerts.co.uk)

## **Your Local Police Community Support Officers**

PCSO's Sarah Kelk and Clare Ahern

Areas of responsibility – Aston, Aughton, Swallownest, Fence and Orgreave

## **Come and see us**

South Yorkshire Police have established a number of weekly 'drop in' sessions across the South of Rotherham where you can meet with team members and discuss the issues that are important to you. The local one is at **Aston Service Centre** – Worksop Road, Aston S26 4WD every Wednesday 11.00 am – 12.00 noon.

## **Information from South Yorkshire Police – Neighbourhood Alerts**

### **Stopping for Emergency Vehicles**

If you hear or see an emergency vehicle approaching you displaying flashing lights and/or sounding sirens, do not panic. Consider the route it is taking and take appropriate action to let it pass, while complying with traffic signs. If necessary, pull to the side of the road and stop but try to avoid stopping before the brow of a hill, a bend or narrow section of road. Do not endanger yourself, other road users or pedestrians and avoid mounting the kerb. Do not brake harshly on the approach to a junction or roundabout, as a following vehicle may not have the same view as you.



**ARTS FESTIVAL  
IN ULLEY COUNTRY PARK  
29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**A WEEKEND OF MUSIC, CRAFTS, ART  
CIRCUS SKILLS, POETRY AND POTTERY  
A LITERATURE TRAIL  
MINATURE GARDEN COMPETITION  
PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL SCHOOLS  
DETAILS ON THE FRIENDS WEBSITE  
[friendsofulley.com](http://friendsofulley.com)**

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**ASTON PARISH YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICES**  
(Sponsored by Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council)

**EASTER DISCO**

**Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall  
Thursday 18 April - 2.00 – 4.00 pm**

**Children up to 13 years welcome  
accompanied by an Adult £1.00 per child**

**Easter Bonnet Parade  
Prizes to be Won**

***Sweets and Drinks on Sale***

**Thanks go to our partners  
at Aughton Early Years Centre**



## **South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive** **Community Transport Services in South Yorkshire**

### **What is community Transport?**

Community Transport (CT) services are available for people who may find it difficult to access standard public transport due to disability, age and frailty or geographic isolation: people who would otherwise be unable to travel, or who would struggle getting to a bus stop. For a small charge the services pick people up at their door and take them to a pre-booked destination, using accessible minibuses.

### **How are the services funded?**

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTE) currently supports CT services at a cost of £1,657,215 revenue funding per year. Some vehicles are also provided to the operators by SYPTE for use on Door2Door services, in addition to the operators' own fleets.

### **Who operates the services?**

Services are delivered under the 'Door2Door' brand through the lead operator - Sheffield Community Transport (SCT) – who subcontract some of the delivery out to other operators to provide cover across the county. All Door2Door drivers are Disclosure and Barring Service checked and trained to MiDas or equivalent standard.

The operators providing CT cover across the county are:

- Barnsley Dial-a-Ride (BDaR)
- Doncaster Community Transport (DCT)
- Rotherham Community Transport (RCT)
- Sheffield Community Transport (SCT)
- Manor Community Transport (MCT)
- Transport 17 (T17)

All the operators have non-profit status.

### **What services are available?**

The larger operators – SCT, BDaR, DCT and RCT – all offer three journey types:

- ShopperBus - picks people up from home on a predetermined day and takes them to and from a shopping location for a flat rate of £2.50 return.
- Dial-a-Ride – picks people up from a location and transports them to a destination of their choice. Fares start from £2.50 for up to a mile.
- Group Travel – journeys booked by groups, using their own or a CT driver; can consist of a whole eligible group going on a trip, or individuals picked up separately to go to one destination, e.g. a pensioners' lunch club. Costs vary according to whether organisations provide their own driver, how long the hire is for and how far the journey is.



MCT and T17 offer group travel in specific areas in the Manor and S17 areas and are not available city wide.

### **What other services are available?**

The CT operators provide other Door2Door services outside of our SLA. These include volunteer car schemes in some districts and a ‘Dial-a-Ride+’ type offer which for a higher fare will offer guaranteed bookings, guaranteed timeslots and daily or weekly repeat bookings, e.g. for regular health appointments or day centre visits.

### **How can members of the public contact Community Transport providers?**

To use the services, people must pre-register (for free) as members and must also pre-book their journey up to six or at least a day in advance of travel on a ‘first come’ basis, and on average registered users travel twice a week. Journeys are not eligible for concessionary travel (ENCTS Elderly or Disabled passes) and passengers pay different fares according to the type/distance of journey.

To register for Community Transport services people should contact their local operator:  
Barnsley Dial-a-Ride – 01226 632 096

- Doncaster Community Transport – 01302 343 400
- Rotherham Community Transport – 01709 517 100
- Sheffield Community Transport – 0114 285 9906
- Manor Community Transport – 0114 265 4275
- Transport 17 – 0114 236 2962

Fares are reviewed periodically, but as the services are subsidised, are always kept below the cost of equivalent taxi journeys. As the vehicles are fully wheelchair accessible they also fill an unmet need in some districts (not all four councils have accessible Hackney carriage fleets).

All the vehicles have powered rear lifts: Drivers help users to board and alight, and unload walking aids and wheelchairs etc. Where passengers have shopping, drivers will help them to their door with this. The vehicles carry assistance dogs at no cost (but not other dogs at all) and carers/friends can travel with the person booking but are also charged a fare.

Further information and contact details for the Community Transport providers is available at [travelsouthyorkshire.com/accessibility-door2door/](https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/accessibility-door2door/).

# GRANT FUNDING

## ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON

### PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

2019/2020

Once again the Parish Council has earmarked funds in its budget to help groups/organisations that benefit the Community.

There is a maximum £3500 available from which grants will be awarded by the Parish Council's General Purposes Committee for established groups and for new groups (to assist them with start-up costs).

The usual maximum grant awarded 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 in quality of life for parishioners 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).

Applications for start-up grants will be considered on an ongoing basis from  
**1 April 2019**

The first closing date for applications from established groups is  
**31 August 2019**

# **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 (except bank holidays). If you are interested in joining this group please contact Jeff Blades on 0114 2872102 or Ann Key on 0114 2872610 – new members welcome.

Website: [www.astonhistorygroup.co.uk](http://www.astonhistorygroup.co.uk)

Email: [info@astonhistorygroup.co.uk](mailto:info@astonhistorygroup.co.uk)

## **Craft Group**

The Craft Group continues to meet informally doing crafts such as patchwork, embroidery, soft toy making, knitting, crotchet etc.

Members can bring along their own work, come to learn new crafts or pass on their skills to others. Any new ideas would be welcome. Meetings are held on Wednesdays 2.00 – 4.00 pm at the William Layne Reading Room, Aughton Lane, Aston. There is a nominal fee to cover running costs (room hire and coffee). Open to all.

For further information please contact:-



**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



## **SWALLOWNEST BOWLING CLUB**

### **Bowling for Good Health and Keep Fit**

Spring is now upon us and the Crown Green Bowling Clubs in the area are preparing for the forthcoming season when members will take part in competitive league games or just play socially; one of those being Swallownest Bowling Club.

Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council has its own green at the Centenary Bowling Green which is situated at the head of King Street, Swallownest, behind Swallownest Social Club. On behalf of the Parish Council the green is successfully operated by Swallownest Bowling Club who reformed in 2012.



The Club has over 80 members and in the 2019 season will have 11 teams covering the Sheffield, Rotherham and Maltby Leagues. The competitions generally run from the beginning of April through to September. The youngest player is in his early teens and the eldest is a very fit 86 year old. Swallownest Bowling Club is probably the largest adult community based activity club in the S26 area.

The green is one of the most challenging in the County and last year hosted a junior merit competition on behalf of the South Yorkshire Crown Green Association, several cup competitions, and a number of well attended invitation competitions with a large number of spectators enjoying the matches.

In the winter of 2014/15 the Club widened its access and provided a ramp for disabled users together with building disabled facilities. In the winter of 2015/16 the Club converted existing buildings to provide for a kitchen and office, together with building an eight metre long pavilion to provide more sheltered seating. In the winter of 2016/17 the paths around the green were upgraded with additional seating and flower planters. In the winter of 2018/19 the surrounding areas were further enhanced by more paved areas with planters.

The Club actively encourages members to join and to bring other members of the community to the Club. Bowls is a sport which can be played at any level and enjoyed by anyone of any age, gender and physical ability. However, only wheelchairs with specially adapted tyres can be allowed onto their green.

The Club seeks to improve the facilities for sport and recreation in the Swallownest and surrounding area and improve health by regular exercise in the form of bowling. Bowling can improve the quality of life of people in the Parish, many of whom are not working, by encouraging them to play or watch a game of bowls. This enables them to enjoy the sport in fresh air in pleasant surroundings with friendly club members.

The green is open for public bowling as follows:-

- 10.00 am – 12 noon each morning
- 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Wednesday and Friday
- Evenings when there is no match on the green



League matches are played throughout the remainder of the week and members of the public are encouraged to spectate free of charge. Refreshments are available.

The green is open from 24 March 2019 (subject to weather conditions).

Any member of the public can have a go and the first session is free. Thereafter it is £2.50 per hour.

For any further information call at the green where your visit will be welcome or contact the **Secretary – Ian Oxley – 01142 877594**.

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## **ASTON PARISH HALL**



COMMUNITY  
**BINGO**  
EVERY FRIDAY



**Eyes Down 7.30 pm**

**Doors Open 7.00 pm**

**Good Jackpot**

**All Welcome**

***‘Come and Play – It could make your Day’***

## **HATS FOR CHARITY**

Val Jones, for ten years the manager of two of the *Annie's* charity shops in Aston, now runs a knitting group at Bethesda Church. Val was inspired to start the group when a midwife at Jessop's came into *Annie's* looking for woollen hats for new-borns. Apparently, lots of people knit for premature babies but not for the new-borns who need hats just as much.



The group has now been knitting since February 2017 and to date has produced more than 4000 hats for new-borns and over 700 hats for the homeless. Each baby hat has a removable label, which states 'Promise for the rainbow.' Parents can keep the hats and many babies go home in them. "It's a real privilege to knit for these babies," says Val, "and to have turned a hobby into a blessing for others."

If you like to knit, enjoy good company and drinking tea from proper china cups come and join the Bethesda Knitting Group. Held on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) between 13.00 and 15.00 and 19.30 and 21.00 at 13 Mansfield Road, Swallownest you can be assured of a friendly welcome whether you are a beginner or an expert. There is no charge to join or take part and Val provides the wool, the needles and refreshments, of course.



**You can get in touch with Val on [heartofknitting@gmail.com](mailto:heartofknitting@gmail.com) or on 07748561520**

# VILLAGE CHURCHES

## *Bethesda Church*

I've started to write this piece many times. I've thought of how best to say this and bring balance. The world seems to be more fractured and divided than ever.

I will not mention the "B" word here as that isn't what I want to talk about.

Media, social, news, society seems to be more polarized than ever before. Or so it would seem. As I look around this community that we belong to I see people getting along, living together, helping one another, being friends.



As you flick through the pages of "the Natter" there are many things going on around us that you can get involved with and join in with.

We, at Bethesda, run many groups and activities to reach out and make people's lives better. I will tell you of two.

We run a community café on Thursdays between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. It's there for people to come along, have a drink, food, meet people and feel welcomed. Some come every week as it's a major part of their social time.

We also have a knitting group. It was started up to knit hats for premature babies and to allow for people to get together and chat and have time sharing life. We started with a couple of "knitters" now we have over 20 each week and have knitted 4900 hats for babies and over 900 hats for homeless people (see page opposite).

Throughout our community there are groups and organisations there to support each other. As we come up to Easter, we remember that Jesus came to bring everyone who wants to into God's family. There will be many things happening in all the churches in the community. I'm sure there will always a warm welcome to you. Why not go along and meet with others from our community?

***Iain Somerville*** – Bethesda Church, Mansfield Road, Swallownest



# 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 or Council Tax benefit or any of the Social Security benefits, 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