



Parish Natter

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COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



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



Parish Council Chairperson – At the Annual Parish Council meeting in May, I was once again elected Chairperson for the ensuing year. My thanks go to my colleagues in electing me once again. Cllr Mrs Lyndsay Pitchley was also re-elected to serve as Vice Chairperson.

Aston Carnival – This year's Carnival will be held at Lodge Lane Recreation Ground on Saturday 3 August. The event will be officially opened by Jenny Andrews, the Mayor of Rotherham, following arrival of the Street Parade which leaves Aston C Of E School, Lodge Lane, at 11.00 am.

Circus – A non-animal circus was again held on Burgoyne Park over Spring Bank holiday weekend and was well attended and very successful. Positive feedback has been received and I am pleased to announce the circus will return again in 2020, giving local families entertainment opportunity without the need to travel.

Children's Summer Holiday Activities – Once again your Parish Council is working with SJD Sports Coaching and sponsoring sports activities during the school holidays. A full programme is included on page 8.

Summer Competitions – The annual Parish Council sponsored recreational competitions are being held once again during the summer period. By the time you read this the Parish Fishing Match will have taken place at Aston Ponds. However, the Junior Cricket Tournament is being held at Aston Hall CC on Sunday 4 August and a Crown Green Bowling Competition (open to all age groups) will take place at the Parish Council's Centenary Bowling Green, King Street, Swallownest, on Sunday 25 August.

Please contact the Parish Council office for any further details.

*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

SWALLOWNEST HEALTH CENTRE



Online appointments

From 1st July 2019 we have improved access to the Health Centre by offering more appointments online. It is your responsibility to ensure that you book the correct type of appointment e.g. The Minor Ailments clinics are run by **Advanced Nurse Practitioners** who are only able to see specific

issues which are listed under the section shown on the appointments page on our website. Please note when booking these appointments you should include the reason for your visit.

You can now book directly with our **Healthcare Assistants** for blood test or Blood Pressure only. Please note your blood test must have been requested by your doctor. If you book an appointment with our Healthcare Assistant and it is not for a blood test or blood pressure you will be asked to rebook appropriately.

Please note that **GP appointments** are 10 minutes and usually to deal with a single medical problem. Please do not allow multiple medical problems to build up and then ask the GP to sort them all out within these 10 minutes; there will not be enough time and the GP ideally would like to resolve the problem fully. If you require additional time we recommend you book a double appointment either over the telephone or at reception as these are not available online.

If you wish to sign up to the online system, please come to reception with photo ID and proof of your address, we can then provide you with details to access this service.

Please make sure you book an appropriate appointment otherwise this will be wasting your time as well as that of our clinicians and admin staff.

Doctors – Goodbye and hello!

We were very sad to say goodbye to Dr Oxnard in April, who has left us to travel. We are pleased however to welcome a new GP Dr Edmonds (female) to the Health Centre in August.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

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

The next scheduled Surgeries are as follows:-

- 5 July
- Please note there will be no surgery in August.
- 6 September



BOROUGH COUNCIL SURGERIES

Borough Council Surgeries will be held at Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall on Mondays/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:-

UKIP Member Mondays	Labour Group Members Fridays
8 July	5 July
22 July	19 July
9 September	6 September
23 September	20 September

Please note there are no Surgeries in August

COMMUNITY SAFETY



Police Changes

Supervisors for the Rotherham South NHP team: -

- Police Sergeants Al Beever and temporary Sergeant Angela Rollett
- Inspector Caroline Bakewell

Local Community Support Officers and Police Officer:-

- PCSOs – Clare Ahern and Simone Stacey
- PC Jamie Kerr

Simone has taken over from PCSO Sarah Kelk who has moved onto training to become a Police Officer. Simone has worked within the Rotherham South NHP for over 11 years as a PCSO Supervisor/PCSO covering the Dinnington area. She is looking forward to working in the community to tackle issues raised.

Information

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

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

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 drop in session is at **Aston Service Centre** – Worksop Road, Aston S26 4WD every Wednesday 11.00 am – 12.00 noon.

CRIME PREVENTION

Don't leave your home vulnerable to sneak in burglars

Now Summer is here and the weather improved most of us may well look to spend more time outdoors in our garden. Or if we stay indoors we might choose to leave windows and doors open to get a cooler breeze blowing through the house. Given our propensity to do both of the afore mentioned at this time of year, it might come as no surprise to hear that sneak in burglaries often increase in number in the Summer months.



Listed below are some points to consider, which if followed may reduce the chances of you falling foul of sneak in burglars.

- If you are going into the garden and leaving no-one in the house, close and secure all the windows, and then secure the house doors before entering the garden.
- If you are in the house, don't leave windows or external doors open in rooms that are unoccupied. Before leaving a room, ensure that you secure the windows therein.
- When you are in the house, consider dropping the latch on the door or securing the door with the door chain. Either of these suggestions will allow you easy egress from the house in an emergency, but will also deny offenders easy access to the house. Fitting a battery operated door chime to your door, will give you an audible warning if the door is opened, and this noise will also startle would be offenders.
- Don't leave valuable items, such as laptops, smartphones, tablets, car keys, cash or handbags, on open display in unoccupied rooms.
- Be a good neighbour. Report persons acting suspiciously around neighbours' homes, to the Police, as soon as possible.

Also remember to take time and prepare for going on your well-earned summer holiday – it's not just about sun cream or foreign currency you need to think about securing your home when you leave, cancelling deliveries and installing time switches on lights.



Drivers Targeted with Fake Fines

What you need to know

We have received notification that there has been an increase in reports and intelligence where elderly victims are being targeted by individuals purporting to be police officers or traffic wardens. The victims are being approached whilst parked in a car park and are told by the suspect that they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and a photo has been taken of their car for 'evidence'.

Victims are advised that they will face a substantial penalty fine unless they pay a smaller upfront fee immediately. Victims, who opt for paying the smaller penalty, will be directed to a parking meter and asked to enter their card and PIN. These parking meters have been tampered with by the suspect in order to retain the card.

Once the victim inserts their card and are asked for their PIN, the victims are shoulder surfed for their PIN by the suspect. Once victims input their PIN, the card is retained by the machine and victims are told by the suspect to seek help from the company who operates the parking meter or their bank.

What you need to do

- If you are suspicious about the authenticity of the fine, do not pay it until you have verified it with your local council.
- Always shield your PIN from view when using an ATM machine, and never share your PIN with anyone.
- If your bank card is retained by an ATM machine, contact your bank immediately to inform them.

ASTON PARISH HALL – COMMUNITY BINGO



**ALL WELCOME
EVERY FRIDAY**



**Eyes Down 7.30 pm
Doors Open 7.00 pm Good Jackpot**

'Come and Play – It could make your Day'

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON

SUMMER SPORTS MANIA 2019

ABOUT ?

Sports Mania offers children and young people the opportunity to experience a variety of different sports in a fun and safe environment with qualified and experienced sports coaches. They will love it!!!

WHEN ?

ASTON	ASTON	AUGHTON	AUGHTON	ASTON	ASTON
22 nd July	29 th July	5 th August	12 th August	19 th August	Bank Holiday
23 rd July	30 th July	6 th August	13 th August	20 th August	27 th August
24 th July	31 st July	7 th August	14 th August	21 st August	28 th August
25 th July	1 st August	8 th August	15 th August	22 nd August	29 th August
26 th July	2 nd August	9 th August	16 th August	23 rd August	30 th August

WHERE ?

Aston Recreation Ground
Lodge Lane, Fair View Drive
(Follow Lane next to shop)
S26 2BB

Aughton Recreation Ground
Leonard Kyte, West Lane
(From Oceans Fish Shop, follow signs)
S26 3UT

Aston Recreation Ground
Lodge Lane, Fair View Drive
(Follow Lane next to shop)
S26 2BB

TIME ?

9:00am - 3:00pm (Registration from 8:50am)

COST ?

£10.00 Per Day, £45.00 Five Days
(25% Siblings Discount)

AGE ?

Children from 4 Years Welcome

INFO

Contact SJD Sports Coaching LTD

Email: sjdsportscoaching@mail.com / Mobile: 07401 447947

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Heritage Open Days 2019

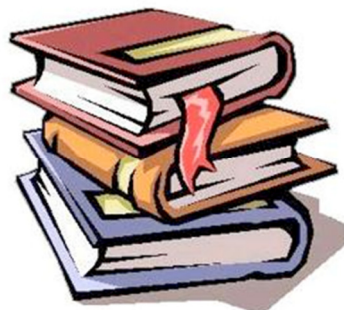
William Layne Reading Room - Aughton Lane Aston

Friday 13 September 2019 – 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Saturday 14 September – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

This year is the 25th anniversary of Heritage Open Days (www.heritageopendays.org.uk). It has been an annual event, held in September, when local groups and individuals opened buildings that are not generally open to the public. Last year, for the first time, open days were held over two long weekends. This proved to be a popular decision and will be repeated this year, from Thursday 13th September to Sunday 22nd September 2019.

Every year since 2006, Aston-cum-Aughton History Group has opened the William Layne Reading Room and once again it will be open on Friday 13th September from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm and Saturday 14th September from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Visitors can browse their albums of photographs showing the changes over the years in Aston, Aughton, Fence, Swallownest and Ulley. Also on view will be old maps of the area showing how the Parish has grown, especially since the opening of coal mines in Fence and Aston in the 1800s. Also available are albums of information about local men who died in the two World Wars.



The gravestones in the churchyard have been photographed and recorded and this information will be on view, as well as a copy of all marriages held in Aston Church from 1560 to 1938. Local history books published by the History Group will also be on sale.

Please come along, everyone is welcome to visit the Reading Room, which was the first school built in Aston in 1734 by the Rector at the time, Revd. Francis Lockyer. It is an important part of the heritage of our Parish. At the same time you can view local history documents and old photographs, have a cup of tea and reminisce about old times. If you have any old documents, maps or photographs of people and places, please bring them along. The History Group would like to copy them and make them part of our history. The originals will be returned to you.

This year, Aston All Saints Church will be open on Sunday 15th September from 12.30 pm until 3.30 p.m. Vestments, artefacts, archives and silver etc. will be on display and it is hoped to do tower tours as well. At 3.00 pm there will be a short talk on the history of the church in Aston.

WILLIAM LAYNE READING ROOM DIARY

(Aughton Lane, Aston)



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.

Website: www.astonhistorygroup.co.uk

Email: 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



LODGE LANE RECREATION
GROUND
SATURDAY 3 AUGUST 2019
11.00 am – 5.00 pm

Once again we are into the Carnival season and our local one is not long away. Our local Carnival Princess, Pia Woods, along with two attendants, selected from the Janet Mitchell Dance Academy will be in the parade leaving **Aston CofE School at 11.00 am.**

This year our Princess will be crowned Queen on arrival at Lodge Lane Recreation Ground by Councillor Jenny Andrews, the Mayor of Rotherham.



We welcome all and aim to promote a free social gathering of families and friends from people of the communities of Aston-cum-Aughton and its surrounding districts, who can come together and catch up with their last year's news and if they so wish can join in with the parade.

The Carnival Committee, as always, wish to thank the Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council for its continued support as well as all the local traders who advertise in the Carnival programme, which provides a small financial support towards the running cost of the event.

The stalls around the arena give local charities and good causes a chance to show themselves off, whilst raising funds to support their needs. It also gives them a chance to recruit new members to their organisations.

Please support your local event and flock to the ASTON CARNIVAL for A WORTHWHILE AFTERNOON'S ENTERTAINMENT

Bill Mawson – Event Organiser

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



Aughton Early Years Centre

A SureStart Children's Centre



Our Outreach Workers have been busy organising the delivery of a number of sports sessions in some of the local primary schools for FS1 and FS2 children. These sessions have been run by SJD Sports and we would like to thank Simon and Katie for their enthusiastic delivery.

We would also like to thank Aughton Primary, Aston C of E, Springwood Junior Academy, Swallownest Primary, Aston Lodge, Aston Hall and Aston Fence Primary Schools for their warm

welcome. We are hoping to visit the new FS1 & FS2 children at these schools sometime in the autumn term.

We have many events/activities planned over the coming weeks and our summer timetable will be available soon, visit our Centre website and Facebook page for more information and to book places. www.aughtoneyc.rotherham.sch.uk

Some activities to look out for.....

Playmania at Handsworth

Come along for a fun play session on 24th July or 6th August 9.30am – 11.30am. Children must be accompanied by an adult, must have a child under 5 and be registered with the centre. We have been lucky enough to get some funding from the Big Lottery so are able to offer these sessions at a reduced rate of £2 for over 1's and £1 for under 1's. Places must be pre booked so please contact us on Face book or 0114 2872530. Everyone is welcome.

Disco at Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Hall

Join us on Thursday 25th July 1.30pm – 3.00pm to dance and play party games with DJ George. Children must be accompanied by an adult, must have an under 5 and be registered with the centre, £1 per child. Places must be pre booked so please contact us on Facebook or 0114 2872530. Everyone is welcome.

Baby Sling Library

Our next Baby Sling Library with BCarried is on Monday 5th August, 10.00am until 12.00noon here at the Centre. This is an opportunity to try different slings or bring your own for help and advice. Please feel free to drop in for a chat with Kate.

Coffee Day

The Centre is holding a Coffee and Cake Day on Friday 19th July, between 10am to 2pm. Please feel free to drop in for a chat and enjoy a cake or two! Donations taken on the day will go towards CAJ, which is the charity set up by her family, in memory of our late Head teacher Carole Johnson.

Lastly

If you have a new baby or know someone who has a new baby and may not have already registered at the Children's Centre, please contact us and an Outreach Worker will arrange a visit. This is an opportunity to find out about the activities and services we offer here at the Centre. Please ring us on 0114 2872530.



SWALLOWNEST BOWLING CLUB

Crown Green Bowling is a sport for all ages and will help you get fit.

If you are in need of exercise, enjoy socialising and making new friends, then come along to the Green at King Street (off Alexandra Road), Swallownest.

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.

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.**

VILLAGE CHURCHES

Central Methodist Church, Lodge Lane

As the Summer seems to be upon us many people go off camping. I must admit, camping, has never One of my favourite verses in scripture is Luke 2:19 – “Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart”.

The definition of ‘treasure up’ is to ‘to hold or keep as precious, to cherish, or to collect and store up (something of value) for future use. To ‘ponder’ is to think about something carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.



I believe we are called as followers of Jesus to do this in life, with life. Surely only then will we have life in all its fullness. We won't have missed – or misunderstood, or misinterpreted, or misled. We will treasure up the present and ponder the riches of this life as we move forward. How we have ‘treasured up’ and how much we have ‘pondered’ perhaps enables us to move forward gracefully. How we do this may well influence our journey through life – is it a trudge, a plod, a run... or a dance?

We can miss so much. Another year, another birthday, another school term.... and life.. can pass us by.

Perhaps we all need to pause more. To contemplate more. To bend down and smell the flower, to count the ladybird's spots or to rescue the trapped bee. To stroke the dog, to put the baby bird back in its nest, to feed the hedgehog.

Perhaps we need to spend more time in the garden, or in the park or by the river.

My prayer is that the Summer of 2019 is one where every moment is treasured up – and we ponder these things: - the breeze, the fields, the laughter, the rain, the sunshine – and we treasure up and ponder with those we are blessed to share them with. And may we dance towards Autumn rather than plod or trudge, knowing He is with us in it all. He invites us to the Summer dance.

Reverend Joanne Archer-Siddall



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