



Parish Natter

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COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Welcome to the Winter issue of 'Parish Natter' we hope the information and articles included are of a general interest to parishioners.



Bonfire and Fireworks Display – A very successful and well supported event took place on 6 November. My thanks go to staff, stewards, security and members who assisted and ensured visitors enjoyed the occasion in safety. Also, I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to 'You' our parishioners for your incredible support.

Christmas Decorations – The Parish Council has once again provided Christmas lights around the Parish, which, along with the Nativity displays provide a festive look to the area. The Nativity display at Swallownest was the venue for this year's annual blessing organised by 'Aston Churches Together'. Thanks go to our employees who have worked hard to ensure provision of the displays.

Grit Bins – The grit bins provided by the Parish Council (green ones) in addition to those provided by the Borough Council (yellow ones) have now been put out ready for any inclement winter weather that comes our way. **PLEASE NOTE the salt in these bins is for use on the highway only and not for use on private driveways.**



Bin Collections – For re-scheduled refuse and recycling bin collection days over the Christmas and New Year period – see page 10.

Finally, on behalf of all Parish Councillors and staff, may I wish all the community of Aston-cum-Aughton a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

*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 David Knowles 0114 2879955

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Parish Council Office: Rosegarth Avenue, Aston, Sheffield S26 2DD Tel: 2879008
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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	Rosegarth Stores	Swallownest Miners Welfare
Black Bull Public House	Robin Hood Public House	TARA – Hepworth Drive Centre

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

SWALLOWNEST HEALTH CENTRE

Advanced Care Practitioner for Home Visits

Swallownest Health Centre would like to welcome a new Advanced Care Practitioner to our team.

We are pleased to inform you that Sarah will now be undertaking the majority of home visit requests, together with our other Advanced Nurse Practitioners Elin and Liz. This will allow GPs to deal more effectively with patients seen at the surgery.



Sarah is an experienced Advanced Care Practitioner who can diagnose, treat, prescribe, refer to hospital and give advice.

Home visits are strictly for housebound patients only. Please be mindful that several patients can be seen at the surgery in the time it takes to do one home visit and daily surgery emergency appointments are available.

If you feel a home visit is required, please call the surgery by 10.30am to allow us to try to assess your condition as promptly as possible.

Our receptionists will ask for a brief reason for the visit and contact details. You will then be contacted by our Nurse Triage team for further clinical information and advice. You may then be called back again by our visiting team if it's thought that another service may be more appropriate.

If a home visit is then required, this may now be anytime from 8.30am – 6.30pm. If your condition deteriorates in the meantime, please contact the surgery or if an emergency, dial 999.

Thank you.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL THE DOCTORS AND
STAFF AT THE HEALTH CENTRE**



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. Following allocation funding is still available, therefore:

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.



COUNCIL SURGERIES

Parish Council Surgeries will be 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 in 2020.

- 3 January
- 7 February
- 6 March



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 in 2020.

Labour Group Members - Fridays	Cllr M Elliott - Mondays
3 January	13 January
17 January	27January
7 February	10 February
21 February	24 February
6 March	9 March
20 March	23 March

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’

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Dark Nights Crime Prevention

When the longer winter nights arrive, take a fresh look at your home security and remind yourself of how to stay as safe as possible when out and about.

- Keep front and back doors locked at all times and keep keys and valuables out of sight and reach from cat flaps, letterboxes, and downstairs doors and windows.
- If you're out in the evening make sure you leave a light on and draw the curtains. If it's dark before you get home, use timer switches to turn on energy-saving lights.
- Light up your front door with dusk to dawn lighting – make sure it's visible from the street.
- Make sure your home is visible from the street by keeping bushes and fences less than one metre high at the front of your property.
- Don't forget about garages, sheds and outbuildings – make sure they're locked and secure too.
- Try not to leave your house in silent darkness. Just leaving a radio on could make a potential burglar think twice.
- Never leave a spare key outside your house, burglars know all the usual hiding spots.
- Keep bins away from windows when they're not being used as they can be used as a climbing aid for burglars.
- Burglars know that many households have new and often expensive items in their homes following the December holidays, especially new technology items such as tablets and laptops, mobile phones, music systems, televisions, cameras and other electronic equipment. In many cases, residents make it easy for burglars to figure out which homes to target by putting boxes that identify their new gifts in plain view with their other rubbish. Avoid becoming an easy target for post-holiday burglars by not leaving boxes for new electronics and other items outside your wheelie bin.



Contacts

Inspector Caroline Bakewell along with Police Sergeant Al Beever are the supervisors for Rotherham South NHP Team.

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

Police Officer and Local Community Support Officers

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

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.

Speed Operations

Various speed operations have taken place at random locations within the Parish at different times of the day. These included outside schools and on main roads. Data was collated and a number of advisories sent to drivers.

Remembrance Parade

A number of police representatives attended the Aston Remembrance Parade to show their respects and to ensure all members of the public were kept safe by regulating traffic flow.



COMMUNITY GROUPS

WILLIAM LAYNE READING ROOM



Aston-cum-Aughton 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 287 2102 or Ann Key on 0114 287 2610 – new members welcome.

Website: www.astonhistorygroup.co.uk

Email: info@astonhistorygroup.co.uk

The following talks are being held over the next three months:

Monday 20 January 2020 - 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Illustrated talk: “A railway journey from Sheffield to Cleethorpes by Stephen Gay.

Monday 17 February 2020 - 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Illustrated talk: Lady Mary Montague Wortley by Roger England.

Lady Mary lived in the 18th Century and excelled in writing, travelling and promoting the only deterrent to smallpox in Europe before vaccination was discovered.

Monday 16 March 2020 – 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Illustrated talk: The Fossdyke Canal.

Built by the Romans, one of Britain’s oldest canals. A watery tale of mystery and intrigue.

Wanted – Local Photographs – Aston History Group is collecting a pictorial history of the villages of Aston-cum-Aughton. If you have any photographs of people, places and events, we would love to copy them to our albums.

Visitors are welcome at our talks with a charge of £3.00 including refreshments.

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 on 0114 2874710**.

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

ASTON PARISH YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICES



HALF TERM DISCO

(Sponsored by the Parish Council)

Parish Hall – Rosegarth Avenue

Tuesday 18 February 2020

2.00 – 4.00 pm

Children aged 2 - 11 years

(must be accompanied by an adult)

£1.00 per child



RMBC - Christmas/New Year **BIN COLLECTIONS 2019/20**

Festive Period Collection Day Changes

Please Note: There is no collection service on 25th and 26th December 2019 and 1st January 2020 so please check your collection dates/days over the Christmas and New Year holiday period as they may have changed.



This could mean your collection is earlier or later than usual and may even be on a Saturday.

Usual Collection Day	Your Particular Bin - for collection Week:-	
	21st – 28th Dec '19 WILL be collected on:	30 Dec '19 – 4 Jan '20 WILL be collected on:
Monday	Saturday 21st December	Monday 30th December
Tuesday	Monday 23rd December	Tuesday 31st December
Wednesday	Tuesday 24th December	Thursday 2nd January
Thursday	Friday 27th December	Friday 3rd January
Friday	Saturday 28th December	Saturday 4th January

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH HALL - ROSEGARTH AVENUE

The ideal place for your celebration or meeting

WEDDINGS - BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES

FULLY LICENSED BAR
REASONABLE PRICES

To book ring 0114 2879008 or call
at the Parish Hall
Monday to Friday 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

LOCAL SCHOOLS

**News from
Aston All Saints
C of E Primary
School.....**



As the busy autumn term draws to a close, we look back at all the exciting activities the children have taken part in both in the school day and after school too.



In September the Year Five children visited Eden Camp as part of their study of World War Two. Along with their class work, the children have completed wonderful projects at home as part of their homework.



Year One visited Sherwood Pines to look at all the changes taking place in autumn. Giving the trees a hug was a very special way of getting to know them!



Here are some of the children at our after school “Messy Church” - lighting special candles reminding us that Jesus is the light of the world.



On a Saturday morning in October, some of our school families joined us to help tidy up the school garden and get it ready for winter. Lots of bulbs



were planted too so that we have something to look forward to in the spring. Even the pond got a good tidy up!



The festive season got off to a great start with our Christmas jumper day and Christmas Fair.



The children made lots of delicious things to sell and then served on the stalls too. There was a lovely Christmassy atmosphere with lots of parents visiting school during the afternoon.

From everyone at Aston All Saints - wishing Parish Natter readers all the very best for 2020

Happy New Year!

Sue Mellor

Head Teacher

Swallownest
Baptist
church

Good News
Bible The Word
Scripture Welcome
Teaching Friends
Ladies & Families
Everybody
Young People You at Awe Music Holy Spirit
Me Courage Worship Support on God's Love
Love Fellowship Endless
Forgiveness For you
Help Unconditional

VILLAGE CHURCHES

SWALLOWNEST BAPTIST CHURCH WORKSOP ROAD

Hi, I'm David, the newly appointed team leader at Swallownest Baptist Church. A very warm welcome to you all, as I write in this edition of the Parish Natter. My wife and I moved to the community of Aston and Swallownest in September. We are slowly getting to know the area and people, so please do stop me for a chat or to pray when you see me out and about!



There's lots happening at the moment. The shortest day will soon be upon us, bringing with it cold, wet, dark mornings and dark nights. However, we'll soon begin to see the days lengthening out and new plants will spring to life as the days become warmer.

2019 has been another hectic year for us all. So much has happened in a short space of time. As we continue to get to know the area we pray that God's love and light will continue to shine upon us all. Speaking of light, did you manage to get along to our annual Light Party in October? This is an alternative event to Halloween. There was food and fun and it was free!

This November saw hundreds of people from around the community gathered to pay our respects on Remembrance Day, led by the Aston Churches Together and the Parish Council. It can often be a painful time, as we remember the sacrifice and loss of so many lives. Our prayer is that we are embraced and comforted through God's love.

November also saw some terrible floods in our area. A huge relief effort continues to operate and we continue to pray for those affected. We also pray for a speedy recovery and give thanks to all of the services involved.

As we look towards Advent, we are filled with anticipation and excitement. For Christians around the world it is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The gift that keeps on giving; that came without ribbons, without tags, packages, boxes or bags! His love for us and love for one another cannot be forged or created, it is in our DNA. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son” (John 3:16)

Peace on earth and good will to all is possible because of His love. My prayer is that we share that love with one another, as Christ first loved us, as we celebrate this Advent – Immanuel – God with us.

On behalf of the leadership team at Swallownest Baptist Church, have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Don't forget to take a look at our notice board and website for the various services and events that are on throughout the Advent period.

David Skeet

Tel: (0114) 287 9197 or www.swallownestbaptist.org.uk



Swallownest Baptist Church



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