

The Austrey News



November – December 2021

We're Back!

After months of lockdowns, social distancing and self isolation, the Austrey Newsletter team is delighted to bring you, news, views and information about our brilliant village!

If you are planning an event, are part of a group or society or have news or information that we all can share don't forget to get in touch.

Contact details and guidelines can be found overleaf.

Chairmans Report

We as a village have gone through a traumatic 18 plus months. But in true spirit we all pulled together and supported our vulnerable and needy when necessary with no moans and groans.

Things are now turning around with the village hall reopening and in particular the coffee mornings have restarted. The new access ramp meant it was open to all and the brilliant new kitchen proved its worth at the first coffee morning, when all proceeds went to MacMillan raising a staggering £333.00 Thanks to all the ladies concerned.

This year's bonfire was a spectacular success with well over 1000 people turning out. The fireworks were again brilliant. Our thoughts now turn to Xmas and in particular our lights switch on. I'm assured Santa will be paying a visit, possibly with a little gift for the children. Hopefully the school children will entertain us with Carols before and after Santa switches on our tree lights. The will be Mulled Wine and Mince Pies for the grown ups. Please try to assemble about 5-30 on Friday 3rd Dec for a light switch on at 6-00.

The road will be closed as usual to protect our safety.

Last year the whole village went to town with window decorations and lights, so let's go to town again and see 2021 out with high expectations for a better 2022.



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Austrey war memorial receives a funding boost from War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme.

Austrey's war memorial (the church clock) will benefit from a grant in 2021-22 of £2,960 from War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme supported by voluntary donations.

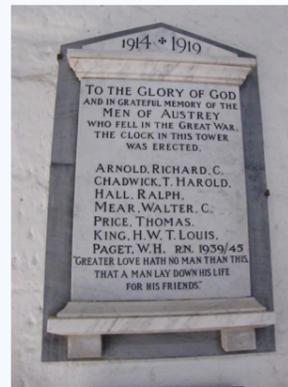
The clock was installed to Commemorate WWI and there also is a Roll of Honour plaque just inside the church listing the men of Austrey who lost their lives during the Great War.

The money will enable us to have the automatic winding units replaced and a regulator installed. The current mechanisms are no longer fit for purpose, which results in the clock regularly losing time and not always chiming – a sound that most of us miss hearing around the village!

Those involved in the project are Austrey Parish Council Chair Tony Treadwell, who applied for the grant, and Smiths of Derby who will be undertaking the work. Interestingly, it was Smiths who originally installed the clock around 100 years ago!



Frances Moreton, Director, War Memorials Trust said:



"War memorials are touchstones to our past. Preserving them maintains the link between those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and later generations who benefit from the freedoms for which they fought. War memorials also remind us of the full cost of war so we can hopefully learn the lessons which help us avoid conflict, and further loss, in future.

If anyone knows of any other war memorials in need of help, please contact us or, if you believe in the importance of our work, support us as we are a charity so can only give further grants if we raise enough money."

More details about the war memorial can be found @ <https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/memorial/191919/>

Lynsey Treadwell, November 2021

In Emergency

Where is your nearest Defibrillator?

Our village has 3 which can be found at these locations.



In the event of emergency follow these 2 simple steps (ensuring you have already dialled 999 and that someone stays with the patient)

1. Go to your nearest defibrillator box –TAKE YOUR PHONE WITH YOU.

2. Dial 999 and ask for the code to access the box.

Please advise all your household of your nearest box and these instructions. It really could save a life.

From the Vicarage

Christmas and New Year is often a time of reflection and planning. Thinking about the year gone by, and planning for the one to come. For me, this year saw our family move from Packington to be amongst you in the village of Austrey to live and serve across the wider All Souls Parish. We have been warmly welcomed as we get to know people and join in with Village life.

As church community we too will reflect on the past whilst looking to the future; valuing tradition yet at the same time seeking to find new ways to be there for you. There are lots of opportunities to join us for traditional and fun services over the Christmas season, it would be lovely to welcome you.

Maybe you too are reflecting and or planning. Wherever you are on your faith journey, whether you are a regular or not, St Nicholas is your Church. We are here for you, to support you every day or at key times with the joys and sorrows of life. If Christenings, Weddings, Blessings, or Memorials, feature in your plans for the future, give me a call or get in touch.

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Read us on line @ www.austrey.co.uk

Christmas Services - December 2021

Dec 5th : Soul Café @ Newton Regis School

Join us at 10.30 for an Advent adventure as we journey towards Christmas.

A café service for all the family, with crafts, puppets and story telling.

Dec 12th: Seckington Sings

Carols by Candlelight, 6pm at All Saints, Seckington

Dec 19th: Family Nativity @ Austrey

Come along to St Nicholas Church Austrey at 10.30am and be part of the story of Christmas

Dec 19th: carols by candlelight @ Holy Trinity, Warton 6pm

A traditional service of readings and carols

Christmas Eve

5pm : Christingle Fun @ Holy Trinity, Warton

6.15pm: Christingle Fun @ St Mary, Newton Regis

9pm : Readings, Carols, and Candles@ St Matthew, Shuttington

11.30pm : The first service of Christmas, St Nicholas, Austrey

Christmas Day

9am : Christmas Communion @ All Saints, Seckington

10am: Family Communion @ Holy Trinity, Warton

Bring a gift you have received as we celebrate God's generosity together.



Community Timeline

Events and activities for

Austrey Christmas Lights Night 2021

Friday 3rd December 2021, 5.30 – 7pm, ST Nicholas Close, Austrey.

Austrey Parish Council would like to invite all villagers to join us for our annual switch on of our Christmas lights on Friday, 03,12,21 around the Christmas tree at the bottom of St Nicholas Close where it joins Main Road at around 6pm. There will be a guest appearance from the man himself, Father Christmas, who will be joining us and the school choir will be there to entertain us with some beautiful Christmas songs. Refreshments will be provided and we'd love to see you there!

SHEEPY PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

CHARITY CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN

ROUTE 1 FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER 2021

ROUTE 2 SATURDAY 11th DECEMBER 2021

your local air ambulance
Dorsetshire, Lakeside, Rutland
Worcestershire, Northamptonshire

St Giles Hospice Care
Mary Ann Evans Hospice

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Austrey Christmas Fayre

Come join us
11th December 2021
2pm - 5pm
Austrey Village Hall

Christmas special pricing
Refreshments Available

Bath bombs, Handmade Coasters, Christmas Decorations, Jewellery, Cakes, Kids toys, Crafts & gifts, Body shop

Christmas Fayre
Austrey Village Hall
11 December 2-5pm
Gifts, Crafts, ,
Decorations,
Treats and more

News updates & Local information

Austrey Bonfire and Fireworks

A brilliant night was had by all on Saturday November 6th at Austrey Playing Fields where around 1500 villagers, young and old, all joined together to enjoy the annual firework display.

It was lovely to see so many of our new village residents who have joined the village since the last display in 2019 came out to support us as well as those that have supported us over the years.

Well done to Ellen, Tristan and the rest of the Hazel Meadow Allotments Committee as well as the other volunteers (including Emma and Paul from the shop) who worked so hard to produce such a fabulous display. Thanks too to the band who did a great job of entertaining us after the firework display.

It was wonderful to see the village come together again in our first village event as we move forward from the pandemic, Please keep an eye out on : [@Austrey Updates](https://www.facebook.com/austreyupdates) on Facebook, or the website, www.austrey.co.uk for future events.



Village Hall News

YAHOO! Let's have a big shout out for the return of the Village newsletter!

It's been a long time since I last sat down to write the news from the Village Hall due to COVID, but we used the shut downtime well and did lots of work in the Hall. After our on-line survey, we re-opened for real on September 21 and we haven't stopped since.

First, in September, there was the **Skittles Night**, followed in October by a **Trick or Treat Party**, but demand was so fantastic we had to do a sequel! They really went well! We were bursting at the seams with sugar-crazed children!

I can only apologise to the parents who then had to get them to bed!

We also have a new departure, the **Christmas Fayre on 11 Dec**. We already have exhibitors selling everything you need; from craft, jewellery, toiletries and CAKES! It's only £1 admission (children under 12 free).

There will also be tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies from our new kitchen. So, **if you want a table ring 01827 830716** to book .

In January/February we are planning **"The Village Feast"** If you are new to the village don't miss this, it's the premium ticket of the year! A gastronomically themed evening, surroundings with good company; lots to drink and a 6 or 7 course meal, all for a ridiculously small price.

I hear that in February/March we may also be hosting the Village Pantomime, possibly on the theme of a well known Torquay Hotel.

Also in Feb. we will be holding our AGM, it's a public event, so come along and have your say about the Hall.

Most of the usual clubs have reopened, all of them eager for new members, so why not give them a try, and we had an increase in the number of private hirings' for parties etc. Many of you may not know that, as part of the hire price you get the use of an extensive range of glasses, cutlery, crockery, tables and chairs etc. as well as use of our commercial 2 minute dishwasher (Yes really a 2min wash!). So why not take the stress out of partying and use our stuff, our heating and our space to entertain your guests?

Well "That's All Folks!" hopefully it won't be 20 months until I write again.

Follow us at: Facebook [@austreyvillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/austreyvillagehall) or

www.villagehallaustrey.wixsite.com/avhwebsite

Winter nights are drawing in, remember keep valuables out of sight and your homes and outbuildings secure.



Following reports of local crime and thefts -

Please be vigilant

Most domestic burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves looking for the easiest way of getting into your property without being seen.

Look at your home through the eyes of a burglar.

Here is a CCTV photo of one of two intruders in a back garden on Main Road 3am on Wednesday 4th November - they only left when the floodlights came on!



If you see anyone acting suspiciously, do not approach them but call the police on 101 or, in an emergency

BABY CLUB in Austrey

CHRISTMAS EDITION

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 1-3PM
AUSTREY VILLAGE HALL (CV9 3EB)

Special guest: Santa Claus
Festive photo booth
Christmas songs
Christmas outfits encouraged

ADMISSION: £3 (FREE TEA AND MINCE PIES)
PRE-BOOKING: [VILLAGEBABYCLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:villagebabyclub@gmail.com)
ORGANISATION: [VILLAGEBABYCLUB](https://www.facebook.com/villagebabyclub)

Parish Council, Government & Austrey Village Contacts

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

The Austrey News is prepared for the Parish Council. It aims is to keep you informed of anything that affects our community, or is otherwise of interest.

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