

# The Austrey News

## Aug-Sep 2018



### Austrey Scouts

For the first part of this term the Beavers learnt all about disabilities. They all had a go getting to grips with mobility scooters, crutches and wheel chairs. We did blind food tasting and also had a visit from the Guide Dogs. We also tried painting with our mouths and toes! We invested all our new Beavers into the group by signing our promise in BSL in order to complete our badge.



The second half of the term saw us join in with a sponsored blindfold walk in aid of group funds and the Guide Dogs that visited us. All the Beavers did extremely well in being blindfolded and walking round the village. We then moved onto our global issues badge where we've been learning about recycling and making our own magnets to help recycle more at home. We also learnt about endangered animals and Fairtrade. We've built water filters and made dirty water and we even carried water round the field to experience how children in foreign countries would have to carry the water from the well!

We are ending this term learning to light fires and doing the Beavers favourite activity ... eating!

The Cubs and Scouts had very exciting guests called Will and Bailey where they learnt about living with a visual impairment and the difference a Guide Dog makes. They also met Sally and Clover to understand the job of a puppy walker and how Guide Dogs are trained. After this they got to fuss the dogs and also used special glasses to experience different visual impairments.

Following on from the visit the whole of Austrey and Warton Scout troop held a sponsored walk to raise money for the Guide Dogs and the troop and over £700 was raised which was amazing! They all had great fun completing the walk which some of them did blindfolded in order to understand what it is like for a visually impaired person.

The cubs have also done backwoods cooking where they made brunch in a bag over an open fire (apparently it was all edible) and Scouts have been working hard towards planning their summer camp in order to ensure they complete the Global, Team Leader and Expedition challenge badges.



Sam Goldney



Do you have any ideas for street names for forthcoming developments in the village? Austrey Parish Council are looking for residents to come forward and suggest names which have local significance or historical context to Austrey.

All your suggestions should be emailed to Lynsey Treadwell, the Parish Clerk [clerk@austrey.co.uk](mailto:clerk@austrey.co.uk). Lynsey will then forward your ideas on to NWBC who are happy to receive all suggestions.

### Chairman's Update — by Tony Treadwell

Back in December I welcomed all our new residents to Austrey, and with the completion of more housing it seems appropriate to do so again. So, whether you're living in one of our new-builds or have recently moved into one of our other village houses, we wish you a warm welcome. Why not head over to our village website ([wixsite.com/apcwebsite](http://wixsite.com/apcwebsite)) where you can find out lots more about Austrey. There are also several facebook pages run by village organisations so, if you are a facebook user, try typing 'Austrey' into the search box and see what you can find.

It's been another difficult period since the last newsletter. One development is coming to a close at one end of the village (Maplevale) and another is getting into full swing at the other end of the village (The Homestead) with the problems that it's causing in the narrow area of The Green. Also at the top end of the village Morris Homes have applied for planning permission to build 40 new homes, so we will have development beginning here at some time in the future. This scheme, which is at Crisps Farm on Church Lane, was outlined in the Austrey Neighbourhood Plan. It will also include a communal children's play area and village green.

With respect to other planning matters, negotiations are still ongoing with HS2 with regards to the purchase of the playing field. There are public liaison meetings with HS2 coming up this month. Look out for these.

On a different note, the planters around the village are looking lovely but if you live near one, please give them some water, it's difficult in this period of extreme weather and it would be a shame if they shrivelled and died.

### Mayhem, Matriculation and Medals

Well, dear reader, I think I promised you an evening of ricochets, debauchery and low cunning at the annual Village Hall Skittles Evening. Okay, so 2 out of 3 isn't bad: we had ricochets, rebounds and some cunning game-play but as far as I'm aware the evening was a dead loss on the debauchery front. Unless, that is, you count mouth-watering pork rolls and toothsome crackling as items likely to lead the unwary from the paths of righteousness.

In all, 23 of our most stalwart citizens and 7 of their offspring partook in the ritual and, thanks to their enthusiastic generosity, the Village Hall's Funds were swelled by a welcome £223.50p. Competition was sharp, which is more than can be said for the scorer. Enthusiasm ran high as did Fiona who had the job of re-erecting the skittles and dodging the odd high ball! However, by the end of the evening the winners had decisively marked their opponents cards and 4 clear winners emerged - 'mental drum roll here' they were:

Men's winner and winner of the cup for highest score = Michael Martin.  
Ladies' winner = Rhona Oxford.  
Youth Competition = Lewis.  
and finally:  
Last "man" standing = Holly Martin.

So, "What next to part us from our money?" I hear you ask. Don't imagine we haven't a cunning plan, 'cus' we do. All being well, we plan to serve warming and very reasonably priced hot drinks at the Village Bonfire. Moreover, we also plan to repeat our musical evening on, or about, the 17 November. It being 2018 we are exploring a possible armistice theme, so look out for bully-beef, hard-tack and Stan Orton bringing round the Rum Ration before we send you all 'over the top' for a Blackadder IV -style last push at the Bosh!

### Stop press—An End to Musty Misery?

The Village Hall Committee think they have identified an affordable solution to the long-standing damp problem and hope to see roofing work start sometime in August 2018. If successful, this work will allow the committee to turn their mind to re-decoration and improvements to the look of this essential village asset.

Chris Wynne

### A Bit of Village Life ...

We're quite a bit bigger than we were in 1066, and getting bigger every day as new houses are built and we welcome new people.

Only a few years ago there were around 1000 adults (plus offspring!) living here, and approximately 400 houses. Within the next couple of years we'll have around 500 houses; quite an increase for a small village. Some things we hope will stay the same however, including our sense of village community.

One great thing about living in a village is we do our best to look after each other. There are lots of ways to do this: dropping in for coffee with your neighbour, saying a cheery hello to people you see when walking through the village, or joining in with and supporting one of our worthwhile village causes or groups.



We're proud of how our village looks, so please feel free to pick up any bit of litter you see and pop it in the nearest bin—hopefully there won't be much to collect. And don't forget when you're out and about with your dog to take your doggie waste bags with you.

Another concern that the Parish Council have become aware of is pavement parking. The Highway Code recommends drivers *should not* park on the pavement. Whilst therefore it is not actually illegal to park on the pavement (except in London), it *is* illegal to "leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road".

Parking on a pavement is sensible in some circumstances. E.g. parking wholly on a narrow road might stop other vehicles, particularly emergency vehicles, from getting through. Therefore on narrow roads it may be a good option to park partially on a pavement. However this is provided that a) there are no parking restrictions and b) you are not blocking a pedestrian, wheelchair user, service dog, or pram, from using the pavement. Dropped kerbs, giving access to or egress from the public pavement to the road should not be blocked either.



Inconsiderate pavement parking poses a real risk to pedestrians, who can be forced out into the road.

Your Parish Council is responsible for identifying issues which are important to the residents we represent. We work to improve the quality of life and the environment in Austrey through local projects, lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parishes and agencies. If there are aspects of village life you would like to bring to our attention please contact us via our Parish Clerk, Lynsey Treadwell ([clerk@austrey.co.uk](mailto:clerk@austrey.co.uk)), or why not attend one of the Parish Council meetings, held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

### Your Parish Council:

- Top (L-R)  
Tony Treadwell  
David Rowse  
Debbie Jenkins  
Mick Beeson  
Bottom (L-R)  
Pippa Smith  
Tristan Fraser  
Sam Goldney  
Lynsey Treadwell



### Austrey 1066

*TERRA NIGELLI DE ALBINGI.*  
Nobilis de Albini tenet de rege...  
In anno domini 1172...  
Abi...  
Oco...  
T.B.E.

- Taxable value** 5.8 geld units.  
Value to lord in 1066 £6.  
Value to lord in 1086 £3.  
**Households:** 12 villagers.  
8 smallholders. 1 priest.  
**Ploughland:** 10 ploughlands.  
2 lord's plough teams.  
5 men's plough teams.  
**Other resources:**  
Meadow 1x1 furlongs.  
**Lord in 1066:** Thanos, eight.  
**Tenant-in-chief and Lord in 1086:**  
Nigel of Aubigny.

# Community Timeline

Events and activities for your calendar



After a lovely summer break enjoying several trips, AGS will be back in the village hall at 7.30pm enjoying our monthly evening talks.

The speaker for 14th September will be John Page, who will talk about Contemporary Alpine Gardens. All are welcome, non-members only £2.

## Harvest Celebration

Do come and join us at Austrey Baptist Church as we give thanks for the abundance we enjoy on Sunday 30th September at 3pm. Worship will be brought by John & Gina Larkin from Starfish.

All food donations & offerings to be donated to Starfish.

Secretary – Anita Allsopp  
Tel: 830086



## “Cheeky Monkeys” Stay and Play

Do you have children aged 0-4 years? Are you looking for a friendly local playgroup?

**Cheeky Monkeys is a parent-led group. Why not join us?**

Chat and relax with other families, and enjoy interacting with your children in a safe, fun, stimulating and fun way. Your little ones can play with our toys, read, or get creative with painting, drawing, or craft activities.

We offer ‘snack time’ for the children, and tea or coffee for the adults, and end all our sessions with ‘story time’ and songs.

Wednesday 10.00 at Austrey Pre-School, St Nicholas Close, CV9 3EQ.  
Email: [info@austreypreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@austreypreschool.org.uk)

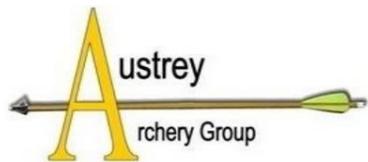


The Group is enjoying a good year. We took part in Warton Carnival on a gloriously sunny day in June and, unlike last year when there were fierce winds, our team did not have to hang onto the gazebo to prevent it from taking off. A record number of people came along to try their hand and eyes at this increasingly popular sport and, as a result, quite a few expressed an interest in joining the club. We therefore should be able to run a training course later in the year.

For the second time club members came together for an informal lunch in the restaurant at Newton Regis Garden Centre. The staff there looked after us so well, and it was good to meet up with some of the club’s social-only members. This clearly will become a regular event.

And so we look forward to a summer of sunshine and good shooting. If you are interested in archery, do leave a message for us on [austreyarcherygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:austreyarcherygroup@hotmail.co.uk), or better still, come along to see us on Austrey Playing Field on Saturday afternoon or Wednesday evening. We will be glad to talk to you and answer any questions.

Bob Patchett



Volunteer Driver  
Beeline Community Transport

Have you got a car? Can you spare a few hours a week? Do you want to meet new people and do something rewarding? Do you want to help your community?

You choose the hours and days you drive, as little or as much as you like. The client will pay you 45p per mile.

For details of the insurance cover we provide and to find out more about joining our happy team of volunteer drivers please call **01827 717074**.

## List Your Event With Us!

Let us know about your event(s) for our October / November edition.

## Austrey Women’s Institute (WI)

Firstly we would like to send a warm and friendly welcome to all new residents of the village. We hope you will be happy here. The village is a lovely place to live and we hope to see some of you at one of our events in due course.



Now in the words of Michael Caine, “Not a lot of people know that” (although apparently it wasn’t him, but Peter Sellers who said it first). Anyway Austrey WI is 85 years old this year and to celebrate this we have been very busy doing lots of things: theatre trips, amble rambles along the Ashby Canal with the obligatory stop off for lunch - to name just a few. This is in addition to our regular monthly meetings, held on the second Thursday of the month at Austrey Village Hall (on Main Road) at 7.30pm. We have a varied programme of speakers and what a lively friendly group we are!

We do not meet in August. At our next meeting on September 13th our speaker will be talking about Midlands Canals.

Up and coming trips planned: Emma Bridgewater factory, RSC Stratford-upon-Avon, theatre trip to Concordia Hinckley—and that’s just October!

Our monthly Coffee and Chat is held on the last Tuesday morning of the month from 10 ‘til 12 at the village hall and all are welcome. Unfortunately you’ll have missed our July ‘coffee morning’, a strawberries & cream extravaganza, by the time you read this and there will be no Coffee and Chat in August. So why not try and make it in September?

We hold a Christmas workshop at the beginning of December where we make and help others to make floral arrangements, table centrepieces, or holly wreaths, followed by lunch; always popular.

A little bird has told me that following the very successful production of ‘Allo, ‘Allo, ‘Allo Again! this year, plans are afoot for a production of a Hi De Hi style show with meal next year. This which might be called Chaplins as we love to make right Charlies of ourselves (sorry couldn’t resist the pun).

So as you can see we are a very active group and welcome visitors to join us; and if you like us you might wish to join our merry band. If you need further information please contact **Pat Lamb** our secretary on **01827 839153** or email her on [patricia.lamb01@btinternet.com](mailto:patricia.lamb01@btinternet.com)

Chris Minett

## Newton Regis Tennis Club

Wimbledon is in full swing and the lucky ticket winners of the annual draw last month had a fabulous time. Some of us were lucky enough to watch Kyle Edmund beat Alex Bolt, fingers crossed for his continued success.



Our very own mixed double team have also been very successful and are at the top of the league.

We are always looking for new players at all levels and have a fun day on the 1st Sunday of each month, between 3 and 5pm, where all members and potential members are welcome.

For more information contact **Angela Turner** Membership Secretary  
Tel: **07552785477** Email: [turnertingay@gmail.com](mailto:turnertingay@gmail.com)



It was touch and go for a while, but we are very pleased to confirm that Austrey Pre-School is remaining open! At the EGM on 22nd May, just enough parents stepped forward to volunteer as new committee members to govern the child care setting situated in the same grounds as our village school in St Nicholas Close.

As a registered charity, the Pre-School relies heavily on our local community and very much needs a steady flow of children to utilise its service. If you are looking for caring, friendly and educational childcare for 2, 3 and 4 year olds please get in touch and we would be happy to show you around our fantastic setting. In July 2017 Ofsted rated us “Good” and we have government funded places available. Tel: **01827 839 461** Web: [www.austreypreschool.org.uk](http://www.austreypreschool.org.uk).

## Afternoon Tea in support of Breast Cancer Care UK

I hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather we are experiencing at present. Whilst sitting out in my garden and reflecting on life, and how fortunate I am, a letter dropped through my door asking for help.

A charity called Breast Cancer Care, who offer support to people and their families who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, are encouraging people to hold an afternoon tea event to raise money for the charity.

I’m sure, like me, you get lots of these requests. As I reflected and thought about things, there are lots of people we all know who have been touched by breast cancer. Family members, friends, neighbours, or even the lady you speak to at the supermarket. I think I can safely say we all know someone who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Some have recovered or are recovering, some we have lost.

So an afternoon tea was held at Austrey Village hall on Saturday 7th July 2018 from 3pm till 5pm.



Despite the clash with the quarter finals of the World Cup (I think England might have been playing!) the event was very well attended. Together with a sumptuous afternoon tea with Prosecco everyone had a glorious time. We did have one gentleman attend—good on you Chris!

A total of £545 was raised a wonderful amount.

I would like to thank everyone who came, donated money and gave raffle prizes and all the helpers who make this a special day I was overwhelmed by everyone’s generosity. Thank you again.

Chris Minett

## Parish Council, Government and Austrey Village Contacts

The village contact list is available on [www.austrey.co.uk](http://www.austrey.co.uk), **or** you can pick up a printed paper copy from the village defibrillator / phone box on Main Road, **or** view the list on the noticeboard outside Austrey Stores, **or** contact the Parish Clerk by phone or email and ask for a paper copy to be hand-delivered to you.

## Parish Responsibilities

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