

The Austrey News

Feb—Mar 19



Heart of the Village Award

Austrey Parish Council has long recognised that one village resident regularly goes the extra mile for her community and after discussions at several meetings throughout 2018, it was decided unanimously that her efforts be formally recognised.

Step forward Ellen Beaty!

Ellen regularly litter picks, mows communal green areas and is always willing to host Halloween events and the Christmas switch on night from her drive. She has been part of the driving force behind the co-ordination of all Austrey Street Parties in recent years, as well as organising commemorative gifts for children in the village. Ellen regularly attends Parish Council meetings to provide updates and advice and is on the village bonfire committee.

The Chair of the council was honoured to award Ellen with a bottle of wine and a commemorative plaque in recognition of her efforts in helping to make Austrey a great place to live.

Although not necessarily an annual award, it is hoped that this will become a regular accolade for Austrey residents.



Ellen Beaty receives her award from Tony Treadwell, Parish Council Chair

Lynsey Treadwell

Village Hall Update — Going Live in Austrey

At our meeting with the Live & Local Arts Project co-ordinator, we agreed in principle that the Village Hall will apply to become a Live and Local venue and will seek to arrange a live entertainment event in the autumn.

The downside is that, per event, the County Council charge an arrangement fee of £250-£350. They also take 70% of profit (after expenses) and we get the remainder. So let's be quite clear; this is about the Village Hall providing a service to the village, not some get-rich-quick scheme. For that reason, we need your support. If we are to bring regular, live entertainment to Austrey and clear our costs we will need to fill the Hall every time.

So before we bid for acts we need some feedback. Every person in your household, of whatever age, is free to vote for the acts they would like to be staged at the Village Hall—things they would come and pay to see.

Is it to be Drama? Dance? Poetry? Movies? Family entertainment? Classical music? Folk? Pop? Punk!

We need to your views by **15th March**. There are two simple ways to do this:

1/ Ring **01827 830716** to speak to **Chris** about what you and your family would all like to see at the Village Hall

2/ Fill in our 5 minute online questionnaire. This can be found at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/vlfZw60aNzTFCf4m2>

Yes ... we know it's a bit of a mouthful! So if you would prefer not to have to type it in and you're a computer user, why not visit our new facebook page. Search for "**Austrey Village Hall**" on **facebook**, find our post about Live & Local, then follow the link from there.

Chris Wynne



Notes from the Village Hall — New Year, New Leaf

Those of you with memories un-besmirched by the so called season-of-goodwill might remember that I, Ebenezer Scrooge, promised great things for 2019 whilst under the influence of spectral powers. Well, like my good friend Donald Trump, I have now seen the light! Bob Scratchit is back on a zero hours contract and tiny Tim is an indentured servant on a Jamaican sugar plantation. Rules based liberal democracy - Phaaaaah!

Unfortunately, before I saw the light, I allowed 40 well meaning choristers to entertain the populous of Austrey to a musical evening. They had the audacity to do so to the complete satisfaction of all present and as a result swelled the coffers of the Village Hall by £236.



Such ill-judged munificence only serves to enthuse those encourage-able wretches who manage the Hall and, despite the treatment dealt out to Tiny Tim, they wished to celebrate our colonial burden by staging a Caribbean based repast on the 2 Feb 2019. They propose to deck the Hall with all manner of tropical gee-gaws and serve a feast of such exotic splendour as has never before been seen in this community. Free welcome drinks! tropical canapés! and a 7 course feast of gargantuan proportions! all for a mere £20! The populous will I am sure beat down the doors in their enthusiasm to avail themselves of such a generous and ill-considered opportunity. Mark my words! I, Ebenezer Scrooge, tell you, no good will come of this licentious feast! The stable order will be over-turned and the mob will run amok in our fine Village! However, there will be raffle and a strange event called bagbolla (?), so it is possible that some benefit will again accrue to the Village Hall.

The dangerous liberals charged with the preservation of your Hall are also envisioning clandestine meetings with a purveyor of subsidised licentiousness at the Village Hall to possibly enable the provision of Live Entertainment in this fine upstanding village. If you have an interest in promoting or denying such wicked practices, please feel express your view regarding Live and Local - subsidised live entertainment for rural locations (for details, see our sister article on the front page).

Chris Wynne

Austrey's Local Policing Team

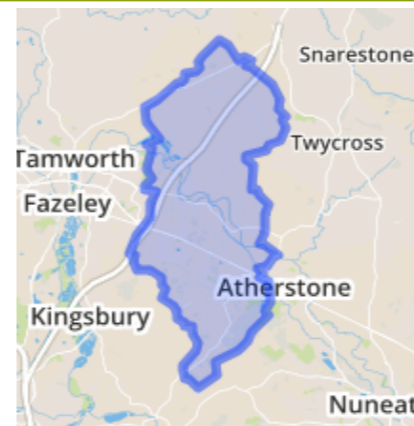
Your local beat officers are:

PC 1024 Dave Tew, PCSO 6098 Simeon Hodson, PCSO 6262 Sarah Fretter and RCO 5911 Carol Cotterill.

All crimes must be called into 101 or 999.

For non-urgent matters, messages can be left on our answer-machine on 01827 719297 or emailed to the team at nwn.snt@warwickshire.police.uk.

Carol Cotterill



Austrey Christmas Tree Light Night

Our third annual Christmas Tree Light Night was a roaring success once again! Well attended and with the rain staying away, a festive community night was had by all who attended.

Thanks to Austrey Primary School Choir who kicked off the celebrations with Christmas Carols and to Ellen for serving the warming mulled wine and delicious mince pies from her house once again. We got though nearly 13 dozen mince pies (all baked and donated by residents) and 27 bottles of mulled wine - well it was rather cold!

Father Christmas then made a timely appearance to switch on the tree lights, talk to the children and hand out sweets.

This year, after the festivities, the Parish Council decided to recycle the tree with St Giles Hospice for a small donation to the charity.

Volunteers or ideas for this year's event are very welcome!

Lynsey Treadwell



Tree-cycling with St Giles Hospice

Have YOU ever considered becoming a Parish Councillor?

Don't know what it entails? Feel like you might not be qualified? Not sure if you can spare the time? Why not come along to our introductory session, which is FREE to anyone interested in becoming a Councillor.

When: **Thursday 28 February 2019 6.30 pm—8.30 pm**

Where: **The Council House Atherstone South St, CV9 1DE**

Speakers: the County Officer of the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC), experienced local clerks, local Parish Councillors, and the Chair of WALC.

- **Come along and find out if you are eligible to stand as a Councillor**
- **Learn about the code of conduct and the training available**
- **Find out what your Council can do for your communities and how you can influence that**
- **Find out about a councillor's role in looking after public money and spending it wisely**
- **Identify the council's responsibilities as the employer of a clerk**
- **Get first hand knowledge of why people become councillors and what fulfilment they get.**

More info: <https://www.walc.org.uk/information/become-a-councillor>
Registration: <https://www.walc.org.uk/prospective-councillor-briefings>

Austrey Archery Group

The group continues to grow from strength to strength. We attract members from experienced archers who have moved into the area, as well as from our own training courses. Archery is a perfectly safe sport, but not one you can practise in the average back garden. Instead you need to join a club where you will find completely safe conditions, help to improve your skill, and good company. Austrey Archery Group is a small club where you will straightway be welcomed and treated as a friend.

You must however attend a short course of training which teaches you what equipment you need for your particular ability, how to shoot accurately and, most important, how to act safely. All equipment is provided for the course and for a period after until you acquire your own kit. Some people just want to acquire the skill, but most finish up joining a club. As a member of a local club you automatically are enrolled as a member of the national body, Archery GB, and as such are fully insured.

Our club welcomes you regardless of age or physical ability, and whether you wish to become an Olympic Gold or just someone who wants a bit of physical and mental exercise and enjoyment. Contact us for details of membership and training course on austreyarcherygroup@hotmail.co.uk.

Bob Patchett



Community Timeline

Events and activities for your calendar



The ROMEO Club is a monthly Luncheon Club for RETIRED OLD MEN (EATING OUT) which meets on the last Friday of each month.

The meetings are a mixture of outside events and lunch meetings at the Appleby Inn, Appleby Magna.. Recent outside meetings have visited RAF Cosford, Donnington Park Motor Museum, Leicester Space Museum and Coventry Transport museum

New members are most welcome. Contact **John Daley** on 830538 or email Johnmdaley2016@gmail.com

List Your Event With Us!

Let us know about your event(s) for our April / May edition.

The Coffee and Chat Christmas party was very well attended A buffet was provided to thank people for supporting us in 2018 An interesting game of bingo with some prizes (mostly in liquid form) was also well received. The raffle in aid of the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal raised £127 on and was topped up to £150.

Coffee and Chat is held on the last Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise advertised) at Austrey Village Hall from 10 till 12 midday. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see some new faces this year and welcome back our regulars.

Chris Minett

News from Newton Regis Tennis Club

We are very excited to announce that we have a new Coach joining us. Lucy Slater and her family have been enthusiastic members of the club since 2012 and Lucy has just passed her Level 1 Coaching qualification. Congratulations and well deserved! She will be working alongside our hard working Darren Scutt, who has been coaching Lucy for many years. Lucy is an excellent player and is a member of our very successful mixed doubles team.

Happily the club will be increasing Junior and Adult lessons, details will be announced soon on our website newtonregistennisclub.co.uk

As always we welcome new members young and old, or if you just wish to get fit join Darren for Cardio Tennis on Monday evening at 7pm, where a fun time is had, **Darren** is also available for private lessons, mobile no. 07513 555798.

NRTC would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Angela Turner

Austrey WI

A very happy New Year from all at Austrey WI.

Are you new to the village? Or someone who would like to see what we do? Well, look no further. We are a group of ladies who meet on the second Thursday of each month (apart from August) at Austrey village hall on Main Road from 7.30pm. We have a varied repertoire of speakers and social evenings and also do lots of trip and fun activities; including our infamous annual Panto which is a highlight of the village calendar (more on that later).

Guests are made very welcome to our meeting. With us "you can try before you buy" so to speak. There is no obligation to join but we're sure you might like to after you've made that first meeting or two. So, to wet your appetite, here's what's going on for the next few months at our meetings:

★ Feb 14th, "Garden Birds – I didn't know they did that!", speaker Chris Edwards ★ Mar 14th, "Social History of a Travelling artist/pedlar" (in costume), speaker Mo Emmans ★ April 11th, "Scandalous Women of the 19th Century", speaker Dr Janis Lomas

Refreshments are taken after the speaker. Why not pop along, you will find a friendly atmosphere and smiling faces to welcome you. Meet new people, or renew old acquaintances.

Chris Minett

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Austrey Gardening Society

2018 was a very busy year for the gardening society with a total of 8 speakers and 4 outings, as well as organising the Village Show and the annual Quiz evening. This year looks as though it will be equally busy with a full programme of meetings and visits arranged.

The speaker on Friday February 8th will be talking about 'Snowdrops and Hellebores' whilst at the meeting on Friday March 8th there will be a light hearted talk about 'Reluctant Gardening'.

If either of these topics appeal to you then do come along as a visitor to our meetings which are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors only have to pay £2 and as this also includes refreshments it's a real bargain – and we'd love to see you



Jane Hodgkinson

Sustainability Assessment with Regard to Planning

Application GFL-1666

A "Horrible Histories" take on the HS2 planning process

Thomas Farriner wants to build and operate a bakery in Pudding Lane, near London Bridge. Thomas tells us that:

- the bakery will be constructed from well seasoned timber
- the bakery will have raised wooden decking (there are problems when the river floods)
- the building will have a wooden frame plus a wood framed roof
- the building's roof will be thatched
- the bakery will have an open hearth fired, oven

Thomas says he will be lighting the fire for the oven in the early hours. He freely admits that:



- the fire he sets in the hearth could conceivably fall out onto the wooden decking
- that hot fire kindling and coals could set alight the wooden decking
- the burning wooden decking could set the wooden frame of the building alight
- this in turn could lead to the roof frame and thatch becoming enflamed

Thomas refuses to admit the possibility that this small conflagration could harm any of his neighbour's property or their persons. He adamantly, arrogantly, and (only having regard for his own business prospects) blithely dismisses any suggestion that a local fire getting beyond the ability of fire-fighters, might spread and cause a great fire with subsequent and consequent suffering as well as a wide ranging wholesale destruction in his greater area.

The Council after due consideration (a fifteen minute tea break and an even shorter period considering this application) have, therefore, granted Thomas Farriner permission to build a bakery in Pudding lane.

The panel of experts from whom the council sought advice are council appointed employees and are well schooled in the art of providing documents that, though explicitly truthful can be completely misleading and obfuscatory; being filled, nay, stuffed with a plethora of unnecessary and unusable garbage/verbiage/information.

Thomas Farriner is also a council employee; being employed to bake bread for His Majesty and for the people in his area, i.e. Londoners. Thomas Farriner also provides butter when required, to ease the worries and anxieties of the population in the greater area.

The very wealthy will be able to have jam with their bread.

For "Thomas Farriner", "council" and "greater area", read HS2, Parliament and England/UK,

Brian Grix



Villagers in Speen set fire to an effigy of HS2

Warwickshire Library Services



The Mobile Library visits Austrey once every three weeks.

The dates for 2019 are: January 8, 29 February 19 March 12 April 2, 23 May 14 June 4, 25 July 16 August 6, 27 September 17 October 8, 29 November 19 December 10.

On each of these dates, the Hamlet bus will be at the Layby on Main Road from 10:20 to 10:50 and at the Bird in Hand from 11:05 to 11:20

Phone 01926 851 031 for more information about the routes or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries.

A free Home Library Service is also offered by Warwickshire County Council across the whole of Warwickshire. It is available to those who are unable to visit or use their local library or Mobile Library due to ill health or infirmity. Books are delivered to people in their homes once every four weeks, based on their personal preferences. A video about this service can be seen at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice. You can also email the service at or email mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

Don't forget that your library card also gives access to free Ebooks, EAudio, ENewspapers and EMagazines and much more! Books can be renewed by phoning 01926 851 031, or by visiting Warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries.

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Do you have a spare room? Could you relate to young people aged 16 - 25? Could you help them with budgeting, cooking and other independence skills? Could you encourage them in education, employment or training?

Why not make the most of your spare room and become a Supported Lodgings (SL) Provider? SLs provide young people leaving care with safe supported places to live in the homes of local people.

SL Providers receive approximately £150 per week to support a young person on their journey to independence. Barnardo's will offer you on-going support and supervision, full training and opportunities to develop your skills working with young people

To find out more about Barnardo's (Midlands) Supported Lodgings call 024 7637 2596 or email: BSLmidlands@barnardos.org.uk

Parish Council, Government and Austrey Village Contacts

The village contact list is available on 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

Bus shelter; bye laws; public clocks; drainage of ditches and ponds; general spending—parish councils can spend a limited amount of money on anything they deem of benefit to the community; a parish council may accept gifts; litter bin provision and support for any anti-litter campaign; planning—parish councils must be notified of and display for residents any planning applications in the area.

Job Advertisement: Lengthsman required for maintenance jobs around the village. For more details, and to apply, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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