

ASFORDBY 1863

ASFORDBY, a village, consisting chiefly of one street, with several neat houses, on the North side of the navigable river Wreake, 3 miles West of Melton Mowbray has in its Parish 485 inhabitants, and 1483A, 3R, 13P of land, generally having a clayey soil and a flat surface.

The Rev. Frederick Geo. Burnaby B.A., is the Lord of the Manor and patron of the Rectory, valued in K.B. at £15.1s.7d, and now at £475. The Rev. John Martmell, M.A. is the incumbent and has a good residence, built in 1808, and 260 acres of glebe mostly allotted in lieu of tithes, at the enclosure, in 1761.

The Church (All Saints) has a tower, spire and five bells and was renovated in 1830. The north aisle was paved in 1827 at the expense of the late rector. Mrs. Burnaby has an estate here, and resides at Asfordby Hall, a large and handsome mansion, built in 1840, at a cost of about £4000, in the Italian style, of brick, cemented in imitation of stone. Wm Inett Esq, Mr Daniel Hall, Mr. Henry Houghton, Mrs. Stower and some smaller proprietors, have land in the parish.

The National School was built by the late Rector, in 1843, at a cost of £300; and a house for the master was built near it in 1859, by Miss C.C. Barnaby, at a cost of £250. The master has the dividends of £172.0s.10d, three-per-cent console, purchased with £100 left by Morris Cam in 1769; and the interest of £200 left by the late Rector, the Rev. Andrew Burnaby in 1857. The poor have the interest of £40 left by one Humberstone; and of £20 left by the Rev. Andrew Burnaby in 1776. The Wesleyans and Primitive Methodists have small chapels here, the latter built in 1840, and former in 1838.

There were 3 Inns - The Blue Bell, the Crown and The Horseshoes. Letters arrived from Melton at 8.30 am and were collected at 5.00 pm (Extract from History, Gazetteer and Directory of the Counties of Leicestershire and Rutland, published in 1863)

It's Your Parish

Written by Mr. John Bullimore, Chairman of Asfordby Parish Council

As I lay on my back looking up at a beautiful blue sky complete with a temperature that was just about perfect I thought to myself could life get any worse. I'd recently reached an age which I had always thought well beyond my expectation and yet still I wasn't particularly happy, it had made me realise that I was old, also what wasn't helping me very much was that the wooden steps that I'd been standing on only a second before had just collapsed, also due to old age. I lay there on my driveway with warm water from the bucket that I had been holding at the time trickling up one of my trouser legs, I wasn't sure what was trickling down the other one. While laying there unable to get up, but not wanting to be accused of doing nothing I decided to do something constructive, as men do, I watched the planes that were flying overhead going to Nottingham East Midlands Airport (NEMA) that, according to the Airport Authorities Consultation maps, indicated should have been passing over somewhere between Thrussington and Rotherby over Ragdale Hall and then turning left before they get to Old Dalby, into NEMA, but by flying over Asfordby which, now at times seems to be the norm; means no flying over Ragdale Hall and turn left over Old Dalby. I'm beginning to wonder if someone at that expensive health spa has friends in high places, perhaps the control tower at the airport. Just a thought! Late night freight flights seem particularly loud in the early hours of the morning and admitted to by the Airport Authorities as "teething problems". They are well below the 3000 feet that all flights should be at our distances from the airport, they often feel and sound so low when they pass over my house that I half expect to hear an explosion when they crash. None of this is good enough and we will try and find out why our air space is being violated. Will someone please come and help me up. I'm still here and she has just stepped over me again.

The Valley Flood Alleviation Scheme is now completed and as far as flood water from the Brook is concerned I'm sure that it will do the job. What we do need to be sure about now is that the old, and I do mean old, sewage system will be adequate although we have been assured by Severn

Trent that all will be well, to even get a reply from them is quite an achievement, so fingers crossed. I'd like to thank Melton Borough Council's Land Drainage Officer Sadia Moeed for overseeing this project and for always being prepared to keep the Parish Council informed and to even ask us questions if she thought our input would help, this doesn't happen very often. David Murray and Matthew O'Callaghan both worked hard at the time the flooding took place and without them having a big input to gaining grant aid, this project, like some of the other town ones, might never have been started, let alone finished. Also a big thank you to the contractors G.F. Tomlinsons who were also prepared to involve the Parish Council and ask for our opinions and for finishing on time. Finally a reminder to Valley Residents no more traffic cones in the brook please, 10 were removed during construction, and it is for your own benefit not ours, so the ball is in your court, NOT the brook, please!!

Council Taxes will undoubtedly have to rise again in the coming year and in the main this will nearly all be down to the mindless vandalism that has been taking place in the past few weeks, by the few that most communities seem to be afflicted with and generally those whose parents could not care less where they are or what they are doing and are, very often, the only ones who don't know or aren't prepared to admit that their offspring need sorting out. One week, late July, I was in touch with the police HQ at Enderby, you can't get in touch with Melton, the 0116 2222222 people every day of the week over vandalism that was taking place at the Parish Hall. Double glazed windows being smashed, guttering ripped down, the Ball Stop fence behind one of the goals being systematically destroyed, one of our garage roofs smashed, waste bins in the Country Park fired (these will not be replaced). All in all £3000 worth of damage that you are going to be asked to pay for. We have had young adults, not youngsters, on the roof at the Parish Hall and IT Centre at midnight, most of this taking place with the visit of a white 106 Peugeot car, complete with occupants, some from Melton, some local, up to 9 at times. We have also had problems with 3 irresponsible 'L' Plate Scooter drivers performing what they see as death defying driving feats in Riverside Walk, one of these damaging one of the residents property. Keep your eyes open, because if we give way to this type of behaviour we might as well give up altogether.

Report anything you find unacceptable to the police on 0116 222222. I've been helped an awful lot by local parishioners over a lot of these problems who have done just that, we might not get much of a response from the police but its a reported crime or concern and in the very long run builds up even to them a problem that needs to be tackled.

Have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas from everyone at the Parish Council.

THE PARISH FIELD PAVILION

Asfordby Village F.C. will this season be returning to play on the village playing field, because of the state of the parish pavilion they have had to play wherever they could get a pitch, this turned out to be a Melton Town Estate pitch on Morleys Hill but now due to a Melton team wishing to play there, they have been asked to leave, so despite seemingly not being eligible for any grant aid it was decided to refurbish the pavilion. It had become so run down, vandalised outside and, at one stage, inside windows smashed, some by golf balls, that the team were told that it was in such a bad state that they would not be allowed to compete in their chosen league. The rating department in Leicester thought that it was in such a state that they might consider not charging any rates for it but, of course, they did, they were that bad, although the planning officers at Melton Borough Council insist, without even seeing them, that our facilities are adequate but for what? Now after a lot of hard work and some of it voluntary the pavilion looks something to be proud of both inside and out and even envied by some of the teams coming here to play, that in itself will be a first. Knowing some of the team as I do I can see some might consider moving in permanently, although I'll be interested to see what state its left in after not just the first wet match, but the first of any type of weather. I think we should ask Melton Borough Council again if it is prepared to make a contribution from our only and ever developer contribution, what a farce they are. Still Santa Claus might just bring a brown paper envelope, he might not, of course. But whatever now they are back in the village come and support them.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

A week of united praise and thanksgiving for Harvest begins:

Sunday 25 September 2005 at 10.45 am Asfordby Methodist Church

United Harvest Communion

Sunday 2 October 2005 at 10.30 am All Saints' Church

United Harvest Service

The **Parent and Toddler Group that meets in Church on Monday and Wednesday mornings** continues to go from strength to strength and I know new people are always welcome. Further information is available from the Rectory (813130) and there are posters in the Church porch. **Our group for primary school aged children, formerly 5 -10 Club**, will begin to meet again to celebrate the major Christian festivals beginning with Harvest. The first meeting will be **Saturday, 1 October 2005 at Noon** in the Church. Our very first assignment being to choose a new name for the group. We turn no one away; under 5s are welcome if they bring an adult who is willing to stay and play with us and we are very grateful for any over 11s who would like to come and help. For further information please contact the Rector or myself (813994)

It seems strange to be thinking of Christmas on a beautiful late summer morning but Christmas cards are appearing in the shops, so here are our Christmas services:

Sunday 27 November	6.00 pm	Advent Procession
Sunday 4 December	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 6 December	6.00 pm	United Carol Singing around the village
Sunday 11 December	8.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 December	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	10.30 am	Morning Worship

In addition we are hoping to hold a Carol Service on Wednesday 28 December at 4.00 pm. This and further information will appear near the time. May we at All Saints' be among the first to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas.

BLACK BINS AT PARISH HALL

The bins located outside the Parish Hall are not for the use by the general public and should not be used as such. Some residents from the east end of the village look on them as for public use. One resident when recently approached after being seen doing this was generally rude. How would they like it if we started filling their black boxes up after we had a particularly large anniversary party or wedding in the Parish Hall. The bins are for precisely that purpose. The Parish Council have recently had to enter into a contract with a private waste contractor, the cost of which is passed onto those who hire the Parish Hall.

HERITAGE WARDEN SCHEME

Are you interested in local heritage and want to become a Community Heritage Warden? Asfordby Parish Council are looking to appoint a Heritage Warden as part of the County Council's Community Heritage Initiative. Heritage Wardens are community volunteers who act as a contact point for working to record and promote the protection of all aspects of the County's countryside heritage. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

COUNTY AIR AMBULANCE CLOTHING RECYCLING BANKS

The Parish Council have recently agreed, on a trial basis, to site a clothing and shoe recycling bank at the Parish Hall recycling centre. The bank will be supplied and emptied by Staffordshire Textiles. The aim is to raise funds for the work of the County Air Ambulance Service. The Service has been in operation for 14 years and during that time have completed 19166 missions within the 11 midland counties. They need to raise approximately £2.4million each year to continue to run the service. So if you have any old clothes or shoes just pop along to the Parish Hall and drop them into the appropriate receptacles.

PROPOSED VILLAGE ENVELOPE

With this edition of the Parish Newsletter you will have received a copy of the proposed new Asfordby village envelope. This will be used to determine possible new development when the new Melton Local Development Framework determines how planning decisions are made. It is important that you read and make a decision on your interpretation of the consequences of any proposed changes. The reply sheet should be returned to the Parish Council Office, 24 Main Street, Asfordby. **DO NOT** send it to Melton Borough Council as they will have to return it to the Parish. If you have any queries or concerns please ring the Parish Clerk on 01664 812177.

If you do not read it and make comment, don't complain if it allows development that you disapprove of.

Monthly Surgeries

Meet your Borough Councillors, John Robinson and Mal Sheldon to discuss any matters that concern you on the following Saturdays at Asfordby Parish Hall between 10 am and 11 am. No appointment necessary.

1 October 2005

5 November 2005

3 December 2005

Football Bowls Pool Darts Rifle Range Dominoes Whist

HOLWELL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB – THE STUTE

**Warm, friendly members' club open to all
Open 7 days a week – Entertainment every Saturday night
2 large function rooms available for hire**

WANT TO JOIN? CALL IN FOR A MEMBERSHIP FORM
Welby Road, Asfordby Hill

ASFORDBY GARDEN CLUB

Members and friends had a lovely sunny day for their August visit to the Shropshire Gardens at Wollerton Hall and Hodnet Hall.

Our monthly meetings held at Captains Close School, 7.00 to 9.00 pm are:

10 October 2005 - Third A.G.M

14 November 2005 - Dinner at Melton Bowls Club

5 December 2005 - "Rose Journey" - a welcome return of Ann Bird, president of the Historic Rose Society

You are welcome to attend any of our meetings. For further details please telephone 812513 or 813127.

ASFORDBY METHODIST CHURCH

United Harvest services, at the Chapel on 25 September 2005 at 10.45 am and at All Saints on 2 October 2005 at 10.30 am are a part of the week of harvest celebrations to be held in the village this year.

Monthly coffee mornings will be from 9.30 to 11.00 am on 8 October, 12 November and 10 December 2005.

Make a note of our Christmas Far date - 26 November 2005 - 10.00 am to 12 Noon

We would love you to share our Carol Service at 6.15 pm on 18 December 2005.

BERNARD CHAPMAN HONARARY ALDERMAN FOR COUNTY COUNCIL

For the first time in its history, Leicestershire County Council have appointed Honary Aldermen. Four former County Councillors which included Bernard Chapman, were appointed at a special meeting of the County Council on 13 July 2005. The title Honorary Alderman is only conferred on someone who, in the opinion of the Council, had provided eminent service as a past Member of that Council.

Bernard Chapman was first elected to the County Council for the Asfordby Division on 4 May 1989 and served on the County Council until May 2005. He was the Conservative Group Spokesman on the Arts Libraries and Museums Committee from 1995 to 1999 and the Community Services Scrutiny Committee from 2003 to 2005. He also served as the Conservative Whip from 1993 to 1995.

Congratulations Bernard, it is well deserved.



REMEMBERANCE DAY SERVICE

The ALL faith Rememberance Day Service will once again be held in the Parish Hall on the Sunday 13 November 2005 at 3.00 pm.

Although every year is one of special significance, this one is just that little bit more so because it celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the end of the war in Japan, VJ Day, on the 15 August 1945. This was the final end of conflict in the Second World War and one which to those involved appeared to come and go without the recognition that their suffering inflicted upon them by a particularly cruel enemy deserved, but one which played no less a part or importance than VE day.

I believe that on this day we should also remember those of all faiths who were massacred in London on 7 July this year. They were, in the eyes of those whose twisted reasoning and justification for this atrocity the enemy and make us feel that we are under attack from an enemy within, who wear no uniform of recognition. We should all be praying that this will not escalate into another long and bloody conflict as others have and some still ongoing.

Rememberance Day is no longer just about its original concept, it is about all conflict wherever death is the result, for people who give their lives to fight for what is considered to be, and not always by them, a just cause. We should never forget any of them, by remembering it might in some way help prevent it happening all over again.

So please give just an hour of your time on SUNDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 3.00 PM

THE BOROUGH YOUTH PLAY SCHEME

This was held for the first time in Asfordby. In 2004 the scheme was funded and organised by Borough Councillor Frank Moore-Coltman. This year it was for 1 week of afternoons and funded by the Borough and once again it was enjoyed very much by those who attended. There was, as last year, a shortage of girls although there was an occasional visit from a couple of mothers who joined in. Although the event was highlighted in the last issue of the Parish Magazine, more youngsters were expected. Those who did attend will, we are sure, be back again new year.

MINI RECYCLING STATION

The Mini Recycling Station has been removed from Bradgate Lane Car Park because it was considered that, in view of the Borough's new Recycling Scheme, there was no need for public recycling banks. We now have green and grey boxes that take all that was being banked at the Bradgate Lane site. The recycling bins were certainly not being emptied on a regular basis by Melton Borough Council and on the day the bank was removed it was overflowing and a general Health and Safety hazard. Anyone seen leaving rubbish at the site will be flytipping and prosecuted.

NEW BOROUGH RECYCLING SCHEME

The new Borough Recycling Scheme now seems generally to be working reasonably well and we would like to say well done and thank you to the people who cover Asfordby, they do take more than they should and we hope that they continue to remain so flexible. They are certainly more flexible than some of the officers at Melton Borough Council and it is very much appreciated. We as customers also have responsibilities not to take advantage of this flexibility. Unfortunately the bins outside the shops are not emptied often enough and this makes them a health hazard and the shop area very untidy.

BROOKSBY/MELTON COURSES

After the October half-term we are looking at putting a Computer Taster course. If you are interested please ring Course Information to register your interest.

We can offer the following courses at Asfordby:

Flower Arranging (£31)

Massage (£31)

Aromatherapy (£31)

Reflexology (£31)

Computing (FREE)

Variety of crafts (£31)

If you are interested in any of these register your interest with Course Information and when we have enough people interested we will contact you to arrange the time and date.

Course Information 01664 855444

ASFORDBY PRE-SCHOOL

Asfordby Pre-School are looking for someone to join their friendly and enthusiastic team for two sessions per week. The sessions are for three and a half hours each and would be paid at minimum wage if so relevant qualifications are held. The main criteria are that the person enjoys working with young children and has a commitment to providing good quality childcare.

A volunteer is also required to help look after the outdoor play area, mainly planting boxes, a small grassy area and generally just to help with the upkeep. Any advice on planting flowers and vegetables would be gratefully received.

If you are interested in any of the above positions and would like more information, please contact either Kim Price on 01664 812630 or Jennifer Hurst on 01664 812240.

**FRIENDS OF ASFORDBY CAPTAINS CLOSE
FIREWORK DISPLAY AT
ASFORDBY PARISH HALL
FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER - 5.30 TO 8.00 PM
DISPLAY STARTS AT 6.30 PM**

Tickets in Advance	On the Gate	
£12 per family	£13 per family	(2 Adults, 3 Children)
£4.00	£4.50	Per Adult
£3.00	£3.50	Per Child
		Under 3's go free

**Tickets are available from 01664 812427 or
Captains Close School 01664 812630**

PRESCRIPTIVE FITNESS/EXERCISE

Stressed, too much to do and no time? Did you know stress depletes the body of energy? Learn how relax, de-stress unwind and restore the body with Yoga, whilst improving your posture, balance, strength and flexibility.

Bad back? Learn how to alleviate back pain, become more aware of your posture and improve flexibility. Find out what Pilates can offer you.

For more details call Julie Williamson on 0781 1793660

AUTOGRAPH SCHOOL OF DANCE

Dance Classes for children aged 3 years and upwards are taking place every Thursday at Asfordby Parish Hall.

Subjects taught include Tap, Ballet, Modern and Acrobatics.

For more information please contact me on either 0116 2640588 or 0773 2650051.

Sarah Streetly

Member of British Theatre Dance Association.

Articles for the next issue of the Parish Magazine must be received by Monday 5 December 2005.