

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

**Remembrance Day** this year will be held on 11 November 2007 at 3.00 pm. The Service is an ALL FAITH service held in the Parish Hall. Last year's service was one of the best attended for many years and it is hoped that the excellent turnout can be replicated for this year. Once again I hope we can welcome representatives of the Asfordby Brownie and Guide groups.

This service gives all residents the opportunity to pay their respects to those who fought and died, not only during the First and Second World Wars, but also in the Falklands, Bosnia, Iraq and Afganastan to name but a few.

### - WAR -

#### WAR WHAT WAS IT MEANT FOR?

Only hurt sore then poor that's for sure  
People, torn familys no more all because of War.  
Fighting hatred evil.  
Again all because of War.  
If only we could close the door on War  
And open it to one God?



Poem by  
Tony Corley

## PRIORY WATER WILDFOWL PROJECT

This is a very rare opportunity to find out what's been going on at Priory Water nature reserve. We have put together a very professional looking bound book with glossy covers and pictures!

The book describes the Flora Fauna of Priory Water nature reserve from the day when the Leicestershire Wildfowlers Association first took it over and how they developed the reserve over 20 years since. The book contains all the Species that have been recorded on the site including Birds, Butterflies, Moths, Dragonflies, Fish, Plants, Trees and Reptiles. It also includes other species that have been observed on the reserve.

The book is called "Priory Water Wildfowl Project - The Establishment and Development of a Nature Reserve". All money raised from the sale of the book will go back directly to benefit the reserve. It is in A4 format, contains 50 pages with colour photo's and is an absolute bargain at £8.00 plus Postage and Packing.

Contact Mark Rossell at 22 Klondyke Way, Asfordby. LE14 3TW or telephone 01664 812850 or email [mark-rossell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mark-rossell@tiscali.co.uk).

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### **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

# It's Your Parish

By Don Tempest, Chairman

If you were around Asfordby Main Street or Jubilee park on 8 August you will have seen a large number of young lads, conspicuous by their numbers, and were curious (as I was) as to what was bringing them to Asfordby, they were, in fact, part of the total of 150 who were carrying out an organised two week hike around Leicestershire. These lads are all from the inner city areas of London, Manchester and Preston and were to rendezvous at Asfordby where they were to be picked up by a coach and taken on to Leicester.

It must be said that these lads, who all came from a Jewish Organisation, were, whilst in Asfordby, very well behaved, respectful and courteous. Unfortunately, it was found to be necessary to obtain a strong police presence due to the appearance of a small number of local youths both male and female who were threatening confrontation. However, the Police presence quickly defused the situation.

When the Jewish party finally left, having had a meal of shepherd's pie, taking in the Parish carpark, I was pleasantly surprised to see that they were so well organised that there was no litter left.

Perhaps the lesson to be learned is that with the right leadership, youngsters can be good citizens.



## **VALLEY FLOOD DEFENCES**

In June this year after the heavy rainfall I was particularly concerned as to how the flood defences put in place after the 1999 flooding problems were working for Asfordby Valley.

I am pleased to report that all is well. The culvert under the road which has had the special grill installed preventing debris washing downstream from the wooded area and blocking the culvert, worked well, aided by the prompt attendance and action by the Environment team which prevented the brook from breaching the defence wall.



## **MONTHLY SURGERIES**

Meet your Borough Councillors Michael Dean and Mal Sheldon to discuss any matters that concern you on the following Saturdays at Bradgate Flats, Hall between 10 am and 11 am. No appointment necessary.

6 October

3 November

1 December

## **JELSON APPLICATION**

Jelson Estates have applied for Planning Permission to build 66 dwellings on the meadow on the outskirts of Asfordby Valley.

The facts, for those of you who may not be fully aware of the implications of this application should it be permitted are:

The development site lies just outside the village envelope which is the boundary of the village and outside the area where development of this nature is normally allowed. The Parish Council will continue to uphold the sanctity of the village envelope although at the time of writing, the Borough Planning Committee have not yet met to determine the application.

Please contact the Parish Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors for what will be an ongoing situation for some time.

### **ASFORDBY TODDLER GROUP**

Parents and carers come along and enjoy a family friendly safe environment. We offer drinks and snacks for children and adults. Come and enjoy lots of interactive play with messy time and quiet time at:

**Pre-School Mobile  
Captains Close Primary School  
Saxelby Road  
Asfordby  
Tel: 01664 812630  
on Mondays between 1.30 and 3.00 pm**

For further details please contact:  
Teresa Angrave on 01664 812771 or  
Linda Hardman on 01664 812670

## MEMORIES OF ASFORDBY METHODIST CHURCH

First let me say how grateful I am to Melvyn Hudson for sending me interesting news over the past years. I appreciate that, due to the high cost of repair and insurance, the Asfordby Methodist Chapel will have to close. I am sorry about this and understand the difficulties the congregations will have in keeping together for worship without the Chapel.

My husband, Frank, was appointed Minister of the Melton Methodist Circuit in 1953 and we came with our children, Margaret and Ian and stayed until 1957. It was a happy time and I still remember the names of the Chapel members. Phyl Carter and I still correspond and, even though she is older than I, she still enjoys life and keeps me in touch with what is going on. I remember Hebb Bailey and the sterling work he did in running a very successful Boys Brigade Company and the wonderful events he organised with the help of his nephew, David Shilham, and other members of the Shilham family, who lived next door and were wonderful neighbours.

I also think with affection of dear Mrs. Edie Garner and how she kept the Women's Bright Meeting together. She was a warm hearted person, who did a lot of good. She and I would retreat to the kitchen during the annual Garden Party to do the washing up. We used to keep the windows wide open so we could see all that went on. Another person I valued was her daughter-in-law, Mary Garner, who was another faithful member of the Ladies' Meeting. I am pleased to hear that she is still involved in the meetings now. The Sarson family always looked after visiting preachers when we were privileged to get them for the Chapel Anniversary. There was also the Smith family, Ken and his wife Kath and his sister Dorothy, who was Sunday School Superintendent for quite some time. Mrs Ella Frier, another sister of Ken and Dorothy, would play the organ when needed. There was also Mr & Mrs Cave, cousins of the Smiths, who were faithful members of the

congregation. I remember Doris Bottomley, who helped in the Sunday School.

A great highlight of the year was the Sunday School Anniversary. My children, Margaret and Ian, say they never knew any other Chapel holding such an enjoyable occasion. A platform was put together by the men of the Chapel and there would be up to 100 children on it. They were trained by a member of the church, Mr Herbert Frier, to sing various songs and hymns. The church would be filled for the event and I remember once my husband, Frank arrived late for an Anniversary and had to stay outside with other latecomers and listen from outside.

In our congregation was Ralph and Mabel Toon, their children, Terry, who played the organ from a young age, his brother Ken, who married the Sunday School teacher Maureen Harbin, Bruce, who married Doris Bottomley and Joy, who is now Mrs Portess of Melton.

My husband, Frank, died in 1988 and we had 47 good years together. I am now in an Abbeyfield Old People's Home and I am 90 years old. My sight is a bit of a problem but I am lucky as my son, Ian, and his family live quite near and I see them often. Margaret lives in Middlesbrough but she visits me from time to time. She is now 62 and Ian is 59. My very best wishes to all my old friends.

**Sunday School Anniversary c1962**



## **THE MOUNT HILL GROUP**

In June this year, the Parish Council gave a grant of £50 to Matthew Jacques of Asfordby Hill to assist him to take part in the National Championships riding for the disabled being held in Gloucester on the 14/15 July.

Matthew is 15 years old and who suffers from Downs Syndrome He rides with The Mount Group, riding for the disabled, based at Owston Equestrian Centre at Burrough on the Hill.

Matthew came 4th in a walk in the country category and 6th in the combined. He and his team mates, as part of the North Midlands Group, came 1st and they were presented with a small trophy and rosettes.

### **WELL DONE TO YOU MATTHEW AND ALL YOUR TEAM MATES.**

Matthew is now undertaking a new and challenging project. He hopes to help the Mount Hill Group raise money towards the cost of a new horse, estimated to cost between £4000 and £5000 pounds. If you would like to help Matthew by making a donation towards this project please write to Master Matthew Jacques, 28 Melton Road, Asfordby Hill, Leicestershire. LE14 3QX.

For further information on the Mount Hill Group please telephone 01664 454520.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE  
IN THIS MAGAZINE PLEASE  
CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK**

## POLICE VOICE

My last page concentrated on anti-social behaviour (ASB) and underage drinking. Since then, I have made some progress....

I've increased patrols around Riverside Walk and the Parish Hall and have continued to seize alcohol from underage drinkers and returned them to their parents. The past couple of weeks have been noticeably quieter although there have been a couple of reports of minor damage around the village. These have been caused by small groups of teenage youths - 2 arrests have been recently made following damage to play equipment at the Parish Hall.

As in my last page, parents are ultimately responsible for their children and should therefore inform me if their child returns home drunk so I can gather information from them and target the suppliers. We all need to work together to reduce the future amount of drunkenness and ASB.

Other crimes in the area remains low; however crime will occur in towns and villages all over the world. ***Please remain vigilant and report all suspicious persons or vehicles in the area immediately. Recent calls have led to some very good arrests.***

As your local Beat Officer, I am always impressed with the high amount of information I get from the Asfordby community and your continued support and encouragement is very much appreciated. Asfordby is a great place to work and you should all be proud of your village.

Would you like to help me set up a "neighbourhood watch" in your street? Please contact me directly. Don't leave it thinking "someone else will do it".

The next dates for the police surgeries at the Parish Hall are:

Wednesday 26 September - 7.00 to 9.00 pm

Monday 15 October - 7.00 to 9.00 pm

Friday 2 November - 7.00 to 9.00 pm

Thursday 22 November - 7.00 to 9.00 pm

You can contact me in the following ways:

1. By voicemail on 0116 2222222, id 1235
2. By email at [martin.taylor@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:martin.taylor@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)
3. By dropping me a note into the Melton Police Station.

Thanks for listening.

PC1235 Martin Taylor.

## **SUMMER SPORTS SCHEME**

This year's summer sports scheme was once again a very successful and enjoyable time for those who attended. Although the weather could have been better I don't think the young people who were having such fun minded the odd bit of rain.

The Parish Council and Melton Borough Council are now in discussions about how to enhance this already very successful and popular scheme for next year. Options are being investigated that include running the scheme throughout the six week summer holiday and running it all day for a two week period.

If you have any views about how you would like to see the scheme provided, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Once again we would like to be amongst the first to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas. We will, we hope, be sending you all leaflets giving details of our Christmas services later in the year. However, prior to this, we would like to draw your attention particularly to the following services:

Sunday 30 September	10.30 am - United Harvest Communion
Sunday 4 November	Remembrances of All Souls - If anyone wishes to submit names could they please contact Revd Mike on 813130 or in person.
Sunday 11 November	3.00 pm - Remembrance Day Service in Asfordby Parish Hall
Christmas Eve	11.30 pm - Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10.30 am - Christmas Praise

Our usual pattern of services can be found on the Asfordby Parish Website [www.asfordbypc.org.uk](http://www.asfordbypc.org.uk).

## ASFORDBY GARDEN CLUB

A very good outing to Trentham Gardens and an entertaining talk "Our friendly garden Robin" by David Tideswell, coupled with strong winds and far too much rain sum up our summer gardening months.

We hold our AGM on October 8th followed by social time and light refreshments. On November 12th Stuart Dixon pays a return visit showing his slides of the "Four Seasons". We will have our Christmas meal at Melton Bowls Club on December 3rd.

If you want to know more about the Garden Club please ring 812513 or just turn up at Asfordby Captains Close school at 7.00 pm on the night.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Asfordby ICT Centre is seeking volunteers to act as staff support at the Centre during the winter months, from October to March. The Centre is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4.00-8.00pm, and Friday and Saturday from 9.00am-12 noon. A volunteer is required for each of the evening sessions to provide staff support when needed.

If you are 18 or over, can spare one evening a week, have a calm, helpful and friendly disposition, and would be interested in developing your own computer skills, and assisting others with theirs, this may be the right opportunity for you.

For an informal chat about the role, please contact Brenda Clare, Library Manager, on 01664 560161

Please note that it is now standard procedure for the Library Service to take up references and carry out CRB checks on potential volunteers.

## **ASFORDBY WILDFLOWER MEADOW**

On Saturday 1 September 2007, approximately 30 volunteers assisted the Parish Council and its Project Manager, James Gamble, to plant 2000 wildflower plugs for the Wildflower Meadow on Hoby Road, Asfordby.

Project Manager, James, has assisted the Parish Council in securing funding for the project and he is looking to set up a volunteer conservation programme that would allow residents to come along once a month to help manage the site.

Anyone interested in getting involved should contact James Gamble on 01530 264111.

## **ASFORDBY METHODIST CHURCH**

After meetings in June and July, Members decided that the cost of repairs needed to our building used since 1884 was sadly well beyond our reach, and voted by a substantial majority to seek permission from the Methodist Circuit and District to close.

However a visit later in July by Methodist Insurance representative Philip Dunseath resulted in the building being closed immediately as it was deemed to be unsafe.

The warden and residents of Bradgate Flats and Rev Mike Shepherd and the congregation of All Saints have offered use of the Parish Church and Bradgate flats community room for Methodist services and there will be occasions for joining with our Anglican friends. We are most grateful for all the support we are receiving at this sad time.

There will be a notice on the Chapel board showing our service times and meeting places and they are always on the parish website, [www.asfordbypc.org.uk](http://www.asfordbypc.org.uk).

For those who have enjoyed our traditional Carol Services - this year's will be at 6.15 pm in All Saints Church on December 23rd.

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**

For details of the church services for October and November please turn to page 14.

## **METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

### **OCTOBER**

7 October 2007	10.45 am	Bradgate Flats
14 October 2007	10.30 am	Hoby
28 October 2007	10.45 am	All Saints

### **NOVEMBER**

4 November	10.45 am	Bradgate Flats
11 November	3.00 pm	Parish Hall
18 November	10.30 am	Sage Cross Street
24 November	10.45 am	Bradgate Flats

## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

**The Parish Council take this opportunity to wish all of its residents and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**