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Your local MP is

Mr Dan Byles

whose office is at:

4 King Street
Bedworth
CV12 8HY

Tel: 024 76 315233

Surgeries are held every 3 weeks on a Friday and Saturday in different locations each time.

Contact his office for further information.

Astley Village Newsletter

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*Wishing you all a Very Merry
Christmas and a Happy and
Prosperous New Year*

Following the recent successful weekend of Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Care in October when £2569 was raised, the following Christmas Event has been organised:

LITTLEHURST NURSERY AND GARDEN CENTRE

Bennett's Road North, Corley, CV7 8BG
are proud to once again support and host the

MACMILLAN CANCER CARE & COVENTRY MYTON HOSPICE FUNDRAISING WEEKEND



Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th December 2012,
10.00am – 4.00pm

HOT BAGS & CRAFTS FROM *THE HOT BAG TEAM*, RAFFLE, MINCE PIES & HOT DRINKS

Proceeds from the above will be divided between Macmillan Cancer Support & Coventry Myton Hospice

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A VARIETY OF STALLS OFFERING CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL

including

CRAFTS, JEWELLERY, WATCHES, HANDMADE FUDGE & CHOCOLATE & GIFT BASKETS

CHRISTMAS TREES, WREATHS, LIGHTS & DECORATIONS also on sale

A warm welcome is guaranteed

REMINDER - AREA FORUM SOUTH

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th December 2012 at 7.00 pm, at Arley Community Centre, Gun Hill, Arley. The Police Surgery will be held before the meeting at 6.30 pm. Please feel free to come along and talk to the Police, your Borough and County Councilors. All welcome.

Astley Parish Council

Will meet again on

Monday

**7th January
2013**

at 7.00 pm

In the Reading Room

All Welcome

For items that you would like put on the Agenda, please ring one of your Councillors or the clerk on 02476 396523 by Wednesday 2nd January 2013

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St Mary the Virgin

Carol Service by Candlelight

with the Bulkington Silver Band
Friday 21st December 2012
at 7.30pm



The Holy Communion service on Christmas Day will be at 9.00am

What does Christmas mean to you? Is it a time to celebrate and invite friends and family around? Is it a time to enjoy good food, relax away from work, play games with the children and generally enjoy life? Or is it the opportunity to give a present to a loved one that excites you?

Christmas can be a time of great joy when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, but sometimes it can also be a time of real sorrow and pain. Some members of our community will be alone over the Christmas period, just like they are most of the year. Others will be missing loved ones who have died or are away from home, maybe serving with our armed forces in Afghanistan. Perhaps you will be trying to keep the peace between members of the family, or struggling just to have enough food to feed them. Maybe you are threatened with redundancy or having your home repossessed. The economic climate is starting to affect lots of people in many different ways. But we can still have HOPE!

Whatever you are doing this Christmas, I pray that you will have the opportunity to reflect on why we celebrate Christmas. Many Christmas cards have a picture of Jesus as a baby in a stable. God came and lived among us - he experienced what our lives are like. He grew up, had friends - and enemies; he celebrated at parties - and was deserted by his closest friends; he healed the sick - and he wept when a close friend died; he suffered rejection and an agonising death.

Whatever we go through, even if we think that we are only hanging on by a thread, Jesus understands and he can help us through our troubles. Jesus came and lived among us because God loves us so much. Jesus is God's gift to you. And he is not just for Christmas. Jesus himself said: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." God wants us to love him and to love our neighbours, just like Jesus did. If we do that then we will know real peace.

Life is not about how much we own or earn. It is about how much we love God and each other. Jesus gives us hope not just for life after death but also for peace in this life. As we come closer to God then we discover his peace - a peace that passes all understanding. We invite you to come and join us at Church anytime you wish. If you would like to know more about how much God loves you, or if you would like to discuss baptism, wedding or funeral services, please contact me. May God bless you this Christmas time.

Frank
(Reverend Frank Seldon, Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, Astley)
The Vicarage, Coventry Road, Nuneaton CV11 4NJ Tel: 02476 346413
E-mail: frank@allsaintscoton.org

Sunday Service starts at 3.30pm which is a traditional Evening Prayer delivered .
On the fourth Sunday of every month the service is replaced with Holy Communion.
Everyone welcome.

Christmas Cards

....of our beautiful Church are once again available and can be purchased from any of the Church Wardens or from Anthony Proctor at Astley Social Group by telephoning 01676 540338



Please make cheques payable to Astley PCC.

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WINTER SERVICE AND SNOW WARDEN SCHEME 2012/13

The grit bins in the parish have been filled by the Highways team in readiness, however as always we hope for a mild winter, except for Christmas Day when a light dusting is usually always welcome.

GOVERNMENT SNOW CODE

There is no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public space.

If an accident did happen, it's highly unlikely that you would be sued as long as you:

- ◇ are careful,
- ◇ use common sense to make sure that you don't make the pavement or pathway clearly more dangerous than before.

ASTLEY READING ROOM SOCIAL GROUP

The group has gone from strength to strength this year and in general meetings and functions have been very well supported. BIG thanks from Jean Allen and myself to anyone who has helped with our many and varied events.

On January 8th at 2pm the first gathering of the year will be an informal planning meeting in the Reading Room to plan and get ideas from everyone for meetings and events for the coming year. This will as usual be followed by tea and cakes!

On February 12th at 2pm our guest speaker will be David Bolton who will be giving a talk entitled "Help my leg has fallen off"!

We hope the group will continue to flourish in 2013 and look forward to welcoming old and hopefully new members to our gatherings throughout the year.

Many thanks

Anthony Proctor

BEING A SNOW WARDEN

The functions of the volunteer snow warden are:

- * To provide information to the County Highways Team on the local situation during the period of severe weather conditions.
- * To look at local needs and request necessary actions e.g. more grit required, snow clearance in severe circumstances.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Snow Warden for your area, then please write to :

Bryn Patefield
Warwickshire County Highways
Old Budbrooke Road
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