



EASTER HOLIDAY SCHEME CELEBRATED 10TH YEAR

Astley & Buckshaw Juniors FC held another successful Easter holiday activity scheme in Astley Village for children aged up to 11 years of age.

Coaches from the FA Charter Standard Junior Football club which is based in Astley Village, ran the popular soccer school using the club's pitch on Westway (just behind the school) and used Astley Village Community Centre over 9 days during the April holidays.

Funding was obtained by your Astley Village councillor Mark Perks who also arranged for the Music and Art for Creative Youth group (MACY) to deliver Art, Craft, Media and Music activities at the community centre which ran in conjunction with the soccer school. Parents and children found this to be a great addition to the scheme.

58 children from 50 families attended and this year the scheme celebrated its **10th year** of delivering low cost affordable activities in Astley Village. Each child received a special medal in recognition of this achievement.



FIRE SAFETY CHECK

Cllr Mark Perks is a member of the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and also their the Older People's Champion.

Together both are keen to highlight how you can reduce the risk from Fire and recommending residents' take up their free home fire safety checks, have smoke alarms fitted if needed and receive advice on what to do in the event of a fire.

Visits can be arranged at a time to suit you and carried out by qualified Community Fire Safety officers. It is an excellent service and the number is **0800 169 1125**.

FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK

Call Free phone
0800 169 1125
www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk

Is your home safe from fire?
Do you have a smoke alarm?
Would you know how to get out if a fire broke out in your home?



ASTLEY VILLAGE SCOUTS GROUP

Mark can report that Astley Village is about to have its own Scouts group once again operating in the heart of the community.

An open evening organised by West Lancs Scout on 1st May at Buckshaw Primary School was a huge success and to date some 54 enquiries have been received.

The new group is intending to open a Beaver Scout Colony and Cub Scout Pack which is planned for the

week commencing 2nd June.

A Scout Troop is planned for early 2015. There was a positive response to volunteering and have managed to recruit a number of members to the Executive Committee. Further details can be obtained from Andy Marsden County Development Officer West Lancs Scouts Mobile: 07827 344136 Tel: 01995 61336

ASTLEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

It is fantastic to see and lots of you agree, Chorley Council are continuing to invest in Astley Park, building on from the successful Heritage Lottery funding back in 2009.

The park itself has seen more improvements carried out and work has now been completed on the war memorial, the Park Road gate entrance and the sensory garden.

The lake fountain is now operating and Astley Hall is staging more events. This summer will see more outdoor events held in the park.

The Walled Garden is looking splendid, local charity the Shaw Trust is maintaining the raised beds and Mark has provided a grant to the Lancashire Wildlife Trust to enable this excellent work to continue.

Your In Touch team are still campaigning for the additional car park to be built off Southport Road, which is necessary to ease the congestion and issues that occur in Astley Village when the Hall Gate car park becomes full.

Chorley Scouts held a very enjoyable St George's Day Parade and outdoor activities for the various scouting groups in Astley Park this year.

Café Ambio is open 7 days a week using locally sourced home-made food, freshly baked scones, cakes and refreshments. It is certainly popular thanks to its friendly staff and pleasant atmosphere.



ELECTRICITY NW CABLE WORK ISSUES IN ASTLEY VILLAGE

Your Astley Village councillor Mark Perks reported the concerns raised by residents' regarding the recent electricity cable work undertaken in Astley Village.

LCC inspected the area and although some improvements had been made since the issue was reported, there were still areas that didn't comply with the Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Highways (SROH).

A defect notice was served to Electricity North West (ENW) who restored the highway and grass verges and also offered an apology to affected residents for any disruption and damage caused.

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ASTLEY VILLAGE SUMMER HOLIDAY SCHEME LAUNCHED

August 2014 will once more see a holiday activity scheme based in Astley Village thanks to the efforts of Mark Perks.

He has organised a 2 week soccer school plus an art, craft and music programme based at Astley Village Community Centre

running between 10 am and 3pm daily from Monday 4th to Friday 15th August. Each week costs just £ 20.

Further details on the Astley and Buckshaw JFC holiday programme and a booking form can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

Community Feature

Looking for some children's holiday activities provided on your doorstep? Astley Village has its very own Summer Holiday Scheme and has been running for 10 years. Booking Form provided below.



Astley & Buckshaw JFC and MACY 2014 Summer Holiday Programme Soccer School and Art, Craft & Music

**Venue : Astley Village Community Centre, Hall Gate,
Astley Village, Chorley.**

Time : 10 am until 3 pm. Ages : Ages 5 to 11

*Please indicate the week and activity required
By ticking either the whole week or the daily box as required*

Week 1 August 4th to 8th (5 days)	Whole week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Art, Crafts & Music	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Soccer school	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Week 2 August 11th to 15th (5 days)						
Art, Crafts & Music	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Soccer school	<input type="checkbox"/>					

**Staff & coaches are first aiders, child protection trained and are CRB cleared.
Fee £ 20.00 for the week or £ 5 per day**

Name of person booked on activity.....
 Address.....
 Post Code..... Age..... Tel.....
 Date of birth..... School..... Year.....
 Medical info.....
 Email address.....

Parental consent (must be completed and signed)

I agree that my child has my permission to take part in the Summer holiday programme as per above booking. I will ensure my child will be collected from the venue at the end of each day and provided with an appropriate lunch, kit and drinks. I also consent that photographs taken at the sessions for the purpose of promoting Astley & Buckshaw Juniors FC and MACY holiday programme.

Signed..... Emergency contact #.....
 Parent Guardian

**Forms to be completed and returned with payment to :-
 Councillor Mark Perks 8 Bracken Close, Chorley, PR6 0EJ
 Cheques payable to Astley & Buckshaw Juniors FC.**

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Astley Village subway under Chancery Road

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO CHANCERY ROAD UNDERPASS



Many of you have noticed the improvements being made around the Chancery Road underpass area. The work by Chorley Council's street scene team began in May and relates to a neighbourhood project suggested and submitted to the council by Cllr Mark Perks back in 2012.

The project was initially delayed, due to Chorley Council discovering a large section of the embankment surrounding the underpass which was overrun by Japanese knotweed.

Although, the project was approved back in February 2013, Chorley Council decided they needed to remove the Japanese knotweed on the embankment, before any replanting could take place and work to install sleepers down the sides of the footpath could begin.

Earlier this year Mark met with officers at the location to check that all the knotweed had been successfully removed and to agree the next stages of work. Planting has now taken place on one banking to provide some cover and the retaining banking wooden sleepers have been installed.

The sleepers are intended to hold back soil and debris preventing it from falling onto the footpath. In the past, many residents/families from Judeland and Wymundsley or those accessing the school, using the underpass often had to walk along a path covered in mud, as a result of the rain washing the soil down onto the path.

Mark has welcomed the work and hopes once all the environmental improvements have been finished they will make a big difference both visually and everyone for those using the underpass area.

CHORLEY RUFC AMEND PLANNING APPLICATION

Chorley RUFC have amended their original plans for the 50 homes, new pitches and facilities improvements at their Brookfield ground.

The new application now includes changes to the design of the club house, car parking provision and changes to both sport pitches becoming artificial all weather, with floodlights installed at both.

CHORLEY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2014

Alan Platt and your Conservative In Touch team would like to thank everyone who voted for him at the May elections

Unfortunately, Alan did not secure enough votes to continue being your councillor in Astley Village, with UKIP standing and splitting the vote, Labour took the seat for the first time since 2006.

As predicted voting UKIP actually let in Labour and UKIP failed to win any seats. Labour have now increased their control on Chorley Council with 32, Conservatives have 13 Independents 2.

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