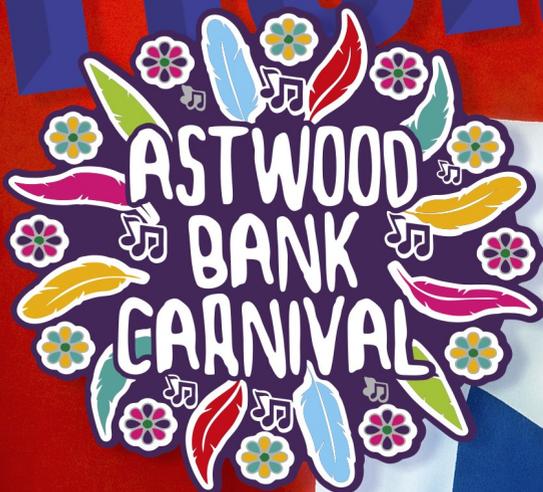


Official Carnival Show Guide

8th, 9th & 10th July 2022

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WHEN: FRIDAY 8th JULY 2022

TIME: 19:30 - 22:30 HRS

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Voucher for West Mead Hotel in Hopwood | Brewery Tour for 2 from Purity | Coughton Tickets

Plus lots more so don't miss out!

You can also purchase tickets on Carnival Day up until 15:30 to be in with a chance to win some great prizes!

Letter from the Chairman



Once again, I am delighted to welcome you all to the Astwood Bank Carnival 35th annual show. Before I launch into telling you all about the many great things there are to see and do I would just like to mention a huge thank you to all of our exhibitors, trade stands, sponsors, volunteers and my fellow directors (I hope I haven't missed anyone out!) without all of these people this spectacular event could not take place. The annual carnival spans many years, it brings together old and new friends and provides a valuable part of the local community here in Astwood Bank we enjoy continuing that tradition.

The showground consists of a main arena, where we welcome yet again another fantastic headline arena act. We also welcome back the ever-popular fun dog show so don't forget to bring your four-legged members of your family and have a go.

We have a huge number of trade stand returning this year which include a vast range from horticulture, homewares, crafts as well as many more.

We also welcome a new countryside area this year with a number of animals on display that children and adults will be able to get hands on with in the petting areas. Children can also have fun on the funfair whilst adults sip on a Pimm's enjoying the great artists we have performing on the music stage.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 9th July and hope you have an amazing day. If you would like to volunteer and join our team, we would love to hear from you. Finally, we always welcome feedback and ideas so please come and talk to us.

Ashley Hewitt

Astwood Bank Community Group Chairman

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A great big THANK YOU from Astwood Bank Carnival Committee

We rely on the support received from volunteers, local traders, businesses and of course you. It is not cheap to organise events like Carnival with insurances, licences, entertainers, advertising, and many other expenses to take into consideration. Please help us to ensure we can continue to organise a carnival and many other events to be proud of in years to come by giving generously on Carnival Day. Every penny received is reinvested in to Carnival to aid us in giving out money at the end of the year to local groups and organisations.

A big thank you to those organisations who have made this year's Carnival possible.

Also a wonderful gifted donation from Astwood Bank News was gratefully received.

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Would you be interested in sponsoring the 2023 event?

Please contact Ashley Hewitt on 07745 525840 or ashley.hewitt@astwoodbankcg.co.uk

Letter from Rachel Maclean

The pandemic has made us all realise the importance of many things in life, but for me the past two years have highlighted just how important and vital community events are.

Astwood Bank Carnival brings the entire community together and is loved by all. Like you, I have had a great time at past Carnivals and there's no doubt this year's carnival will bring joy and fun to all those who attend.

I also can't believe a year has nearly past since 2021's carnival. A lot has happened since then, most notably services returning to the Alexandra Hospital and major investment announced for our town's hospital.

As you may know, earlier this year Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust confirmed the Garden Suite Chemotherapy Unit will be returned to the Alex following our long and hard-fought campaign.

The Garden Suite was temporarily re-located to Kidderminster during the pandemic, but Trust bosses seriously considered permanently keeping it there. If it hadn't been for thousands of you signing my petition calling for the Garden Suite to be returned to the Alex, I believe the Trust would not have made the decision to confirm the service will be returned to our hospital.

I'm now working with the Trust to ensure the Garden Suite is back at the Alex and treating patients as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on my website and my social media channels for the latest updates on this.

We've also seen major investment announced for the Alex. A brand new, purpose built extension has been erected and now houses the Breast Imaging Unit.

The Alex is also playing its part in the COVID catch-up programme with a new mobile MRI scanner and CT scanner operating at the hospital.

And, just recently, after years of dither and delay, the Trust finally confirmed state-of-the-art robot-assisted surgery will be performed at the Alex.

I'm continuing my work to return a maternity and children's service to the Alex, but I hope the return of the Garden Suite and the major investment announced proves that the Alex has a bright future ahead of it.

As ever, if there's anything I can do to help you then please call my office on **01527 591334** or send an email to **rachel.maclean.mp@parliament.uk**





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PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Will be in place across the carnival procession route. These restrictions allow the procession to proceed unhindered and help to ensure spectator and participant safety. Please help us by keeping the procession route clear of parked cars.

ROAD CLOSURES

A road closure will be enforced during the procession, various roads around the village will be closed for safety purposes. Roads will not be opened until the full procession has returned to the show ground.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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CAR PARKING

Parking is available at the showground.

GETTING HERE USING SAT NAV

The postcode most appropriate for Sat Nav is **B96 6BG**. This will take you to the public car park.

DISABLED VISITORS

We have specific parking for our disabled visitors. Please show your Blue Parking badge to any of the parking attendants and they will direct you to the nearest space. Please be aware that disabled parking is limited so please arrive early to ensure a space.

DOGS

Visitors are welcome to bring their dogs to the event as long as they are kept on a short lead and remain under control. Owners are also responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Dogs are strictly not to be left in cars.

LOST AND FOUND CHILDREN

If you lose a child on the showground please report immediately to a steward. Similarly, if you find a lost child please report to a steward as soon as possible. Lost children will be taken to the information point located on the showground. If a child (or other vulnerable person) is found, or reported lost,

immediate contact should be made with any event steward, or the police. Once reported people should wait until an event official arrives.

TOILETS

Toilets are situated at various locations around the Showground. Facilities for disabled visitors are also available.

HAND WASHING AND HYGIENE

It is strongly recommended that anyone coming into direct contact with animals should wash their hands immediately afterwards and in particular before eating. There will be hand washing stations located around any livestock area.

EMERGENCY

Should an emergency occur at the event please contact the nearest steward who will be able to assist you.

SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in any enclosed or partially enclosed public area. All cigarette ends should be disposed of once cooled in the bins provided.

FIRST AID

This is provided by Studley First Responders. The first aid post is situated on the show ground. If you need their assistance at the event, please speak to the nearest steward who will be able to help you.

VETS

We do not have any show appointed vets.

CATERING AND BARS

Numerous mobile catering units are available on the showground. Seating is available. Licenced bars will also be open during the day. Please put all litter in bins provided or take home with you - thank you!

INFORMATION POINTS

Information can be obtained from the entrance gate or from the information point located on the showground.

CASH FACILITIES

To make our traders lives easier, please try and bring cash with you where possible. Some traders will have access to mobile broadband for card payment transactions but others may not. There will not be a cash machine onsite at the showground.

LOST PROPERTY

Any lost/found property should be taken to the information point located on the showground.

TICKETS

The procession and showground is free to attend with no prior booking required.

STEWARDS

Our stewards are there to help you and will be happy to answer your questions. They are identifiable by wearing Hi-Vis waistcoats and/or badges.

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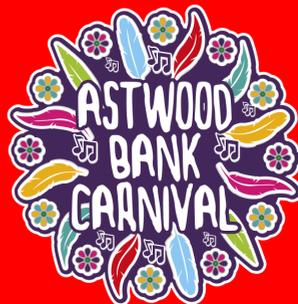
Are located throughout the showground for your convenience, please dispose of your litter responsibly.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The organisers of the event have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measure to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accident's occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers, officials and stewards.

The landowners, organisers, sponsors or officials of the Astwood Bank Carnival will not hold themselves responsible for any loss, damage, accidents or injury to owners, handlers, spectators, livestock or any property or vehicle, however caused.

**The 2023 Astwood
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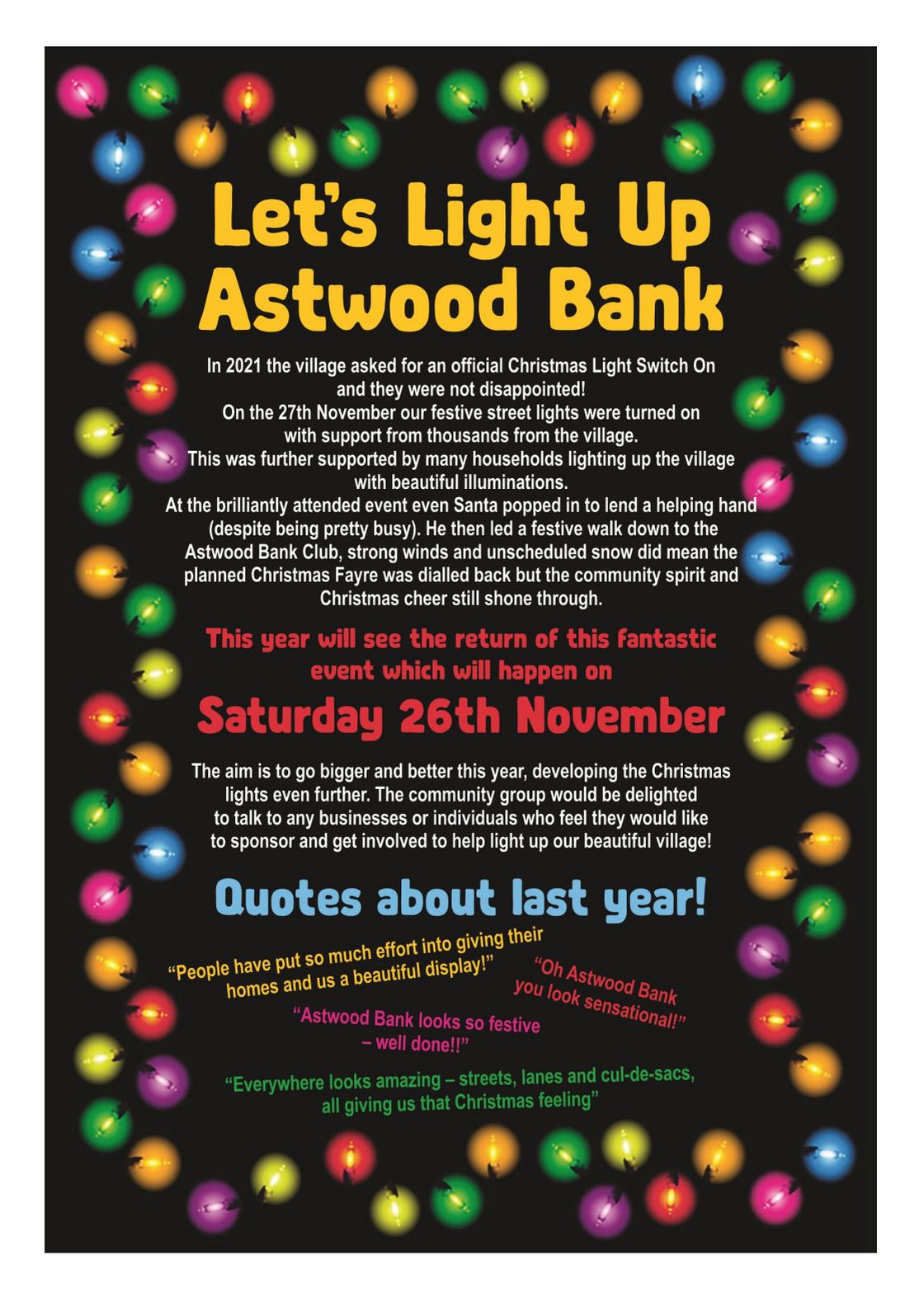
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In 2021 the village asked for an official Christmas Light Switch On and they were not disappointed!

On the 27th November our festive street lights were turned on with support from thousands from the village.

This was further supported by many households lighting up the village with beautiful illuminations.

At the brilliantly attended event even Santa popped in to lend a helping hand (despite being pretty busy). He then led a festive walk down to the Astwood Bank Club, strong winds and unscheduled snow did mean the planned Christmas Fayre was dialled back but the community spirit and Christmas cheer still shone through.

This year will see the return of this fantastic event which will happen on

Saturday 26th November

The aim is to go bigger and better this year, developing the Christmas lights even further. The community group would be delighted to talk to any businesses or individuals who feel they would like to sponsor and get involved to help light up our beautiful village!

Quotes about last year!

"People have put so much effort into giving their homes and us a beautiful display!"

"Oh Astwood Bank you look sensational!"

"Astwood Bank looks so festive - well done!"

"Everywhere looks amazing - streets, lanes and cul-de-sacs, all giving us that Christmas feeling"

Carnival Timetable

Main Arena

1.50pm - 2.05pm	Tai Kwan Do
2.05pm - 2.10pm	Crowning Carnival Royalty
2.10pm - 2.40pm	Paul Hannam Stunt Entertainment
2.40pm	Full Force Wrestling: Matches 1 & 2
2.55pm - 3.10pm	Shaun Paul Smith Dance Academy
3.10pm - 3.25pm	ATMA Karate
3.25pm - 3.55pm	Paul Hannam Stunt Entertainment
3.55pm - 4.15pm	It's a Sign
4.15pm	Aunty Jen
4.25pm - 4.30pm	Grand Prize Draw
4.30pm - 4.45pm	Shaun Paul Smith Dance Academy
4.45pm	Full Force Wrestling: Rumble
5.00pm	CLOSE

Music Stage

2.00pm - 2.45pm	Brease Woolley
2.45pm - 3.30pm	Wychwood
3.30pm - 4.15pm	Brease Woolley
4.15pm - 5.00pm	Wychwood



Shaun Paul Smith Dance Academy

is an exciting new project, specialising in street dance and based at the heart of Shaun's home town *Redditch*.

The academy offers exceptional creative training whilst installing confidence in our youth and building a community like no other. Your child is going to love it!

Shaun Paul Smith is a widely renowned and sought after Choreographer who is well known for his versatility.

His credits include Choreographer for Kidz Bop UK, Choreographer on 'The Voice UK' and Resident Director for the acclaimed ZooNation Dance company.

Specialising in working with youth, Shaun, a Father of two has a passion for educating, developing and creating a fun, hard working and creative environment for our young performers.



Paul Hannam - Stunt Entertainment

Paul Hannam is a quad bike stuntman from North Devon with 25 years' experience riding quad bikes and 10 years' experience racing at British Championship level.

The Paul Hannam - Quad Bike Stunt Show includes:

- Precision riding
- Multiple roll stunt quad
- Jumps as big as possible in arena provided (Jumping anything he can get his hands on from cars, vans and tractors with the occasional monster truck jump - all of which are done with no landing ramp)
- Trick riding in all four corners of arena getting up close and personal with the crowds so no one misses out on the action



Between displays the public are encouraged to visit the interactive stand where they can get a closer look at the bikes, meet the riders and get a photo.

BREASE WOOLLEY

Hello my name is Brease Woolley, I am a 2020 graduate from Italia Conti. I was lucky enough to begin my training in London at the age of 12 when I left the family home after being awarded a scholarship. After living in London for 6 years and completing my training I have returned home, briefly until such a time when The West End fully opens up and hopefully one day I will achieve my dream of performing on the West End Stage. It has been great to be given the opportunity to perform today as you will all know performers have been hit hard during the pandemic and this is what I do best. I do hope you enjoy my performance and thank you for this opportunity.

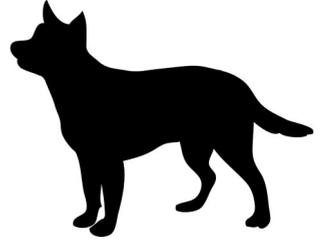
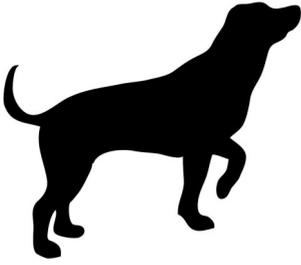


Wychwood



The ever popular and talented local folk/rock band will be playing a unique selection of original and classic songs in the beer tent on the carnival field this year in support of Astwood Bank Carnival.

So why not pop in for a drink or two, listen to a few tunes and check out the merchandise.



FUN DOG SHOW

Saturday 9th July 2022

SANDHILLS FARM, SE DAVIS, ASTWOOD BANK

12.00 for Registration, Classes open from 13.00

Our famous Carnival Fun Dog Show is back for another year. So, bring along your pooches to the Carnival field on Carnival Day and enter them in to classes detailed below. This is a fun-filled attraction for all the family - and your pet!

All dogs that come first in any class will go forward to the Best in Show Class.

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1. Best Rescue,
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5. Handsomest Dog,
6. Child Handler (16 years and under),
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9. Best Crossbreed,
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Best In Show (winners of categories from 1 - 10)

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ASTWOOD BANK COMMUNITY GROUP

Event Diary 2022

PICNIC IN THE PARK - Sunday 5th June 13:00 - 16:00

Celebrating the Jubilee weekend we have a fun packed afternoon taking place in Overdale Park with games and music. Picnic's welcome, food will also be on sale. Fun for all the family!

BOLLYWOOD NIGHT - Sunday 19th June 18:00

A night in Bollywood at Astwood Bank's Little India with all of the proceeds from the food sales that evening to go into Astwood Bank Community Group fundraising pot. 1 sittings available - Book early at Little India.

CELEBRATION SERVICE - Sunday 26th June

A celebration service taking place at St Matthias & St George Church led by Rev Glenn Reading

BARN DANCE - Friday 8th July 19:30

A Barn Dance in the marquee on the Carnival Showground, food and bar will be available with live music and caller.

CARNIVAL DAY - Saturday 9th July 12:00

A fun packed day for all of the family with the procession leaving SE Davis at 12:00 followed by a full fun packed programme taking place on the Carnival Showground at SE Davis from 14:00.

CARNIVAL FINALE - Sunday 10th July 12:00

An afternoon of activities being held at the Why Not Inn with music, food, and entertainment.

ASTWOOD BANK IN BLOOM COMMUNITY PLANTING - Sunday 16th October 14:00

Join us to help make Astwood Bank a brighter place to live and work at our community mass bulb planting.

HALLOWEEN TRAIL - Friday 28th - 30th October

The ever popular online Halloween trail returns for more spooky fun and treats.

OPEN MEETING - 16th November 19:00

One of the highlights of the year is presenting funds to this year's supported charities and local groups, plus a review of the year taking place at Astwood Bank Club.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON - 26th November

More details to follow!

CAROLS IN THE PARK - Saturday 17th December 16:30

A festive evening celebrating a fantastic year of fundraising, with carols, mulled wine and mince pies in Overdale Park. Santa may make an appearance!

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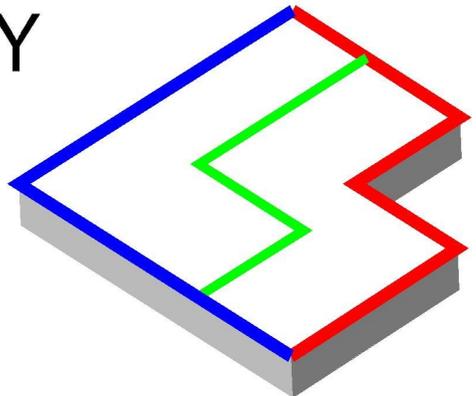
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BLOOM 2022

Astwood Bank in Bloom is going from strength to strength, with well over 30 members of the community working hard to keep the village looking lovely all year round, with planting, watering, weeding, litter picking and generally keeping the village looking good!

After winning a gold award for the Heart of England category in the national Britain in Bloom competition last year, we are entering again this year. The pandemic forced all entries to be virtual for 2021, but this time the Judges are coming to see us in person! The 29th of July is the date for us, it will certainly be all hands on deck to make sure the village is looking it's very best!



The Bloom events list is growing as well as the plants.... We had a stall at the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday, helping children plant sunflower seeds, we asked for donations for Ukraine and raised just over £50. It's been decided that as the sunflower is the flower of Ukraine any donations for the flowers will go to the Disaster Emergencies Fund for Ukraine. There is going to be a Sunflower Competition for the residents of Astwood Bank, hopefully some of the seeds featured at Easter will be 10' tall by the time of judging in early September.



On 5th June there will be a Jubilee picnic in the park at Overdale Park, again Bloom will have a stall, offering Sunflower plants for donations, over 400 seeds have been germinated by green fingered volunteers, to fill the village with colour this summer (and of course the birds will be well fed with all of the seed).

The village planting colour scheme this year will be Red, White and Blue in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's platinum jubilee, but interspersed with sunflowers. There will be bunting and the jubilee insignia on the planters and the lamp posts.

At the Carnival field, Bloom will be selling plants and organising Bloom themed activities for children, come along and say hello, if you would like to join we can tell you all about us.



Bloom will also be at the Flower and Produce Show in August at the Astwood Bank Club, in Dark Lane. This is always a great event with stalls, food and fantastic plants for sale!

The mass autumn bulb planting will be on Sunday 16th October, over 4,000 bulbs have been ordered to supplement the 1,000's that have been planted in previous years.

Last December Bloom ran 3 courses to make a Christmas Wreath. It proved to be very successful with a fully qualified and expert Florist Rosemary, together with lovely refreshments including homemade biscuits and prosecco, a good time was had by all. Plans are afoot for a similar event later this year.

If you are interested in joining us, please email:
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BRITAIN IN BLOOM

JUDGES ARE COMING - 29TH JULY 2022

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The PTA are also very pleased to announce the return of the Summer Fayre, held this year on July 16th.

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Unfortunately, during the pandemic our fundraising and events were brought to a halt so we have been busy working to re-establish this vital lifeline and have lots of plans in the pipeline!

Most recently, the ABWA has re-established the Astwood Bank Tote Lottery, which raises vital funds for the charity and offers players the chance to win a share of the weekly prize pot! (See our advert for further information to sign up and play).

We also wish to expand our services by bringing back the much-loved Astwood Bank News magazine which will have details of our full social calendar of regular coffee mornings/ local day trips, also generally being a source of information about what's going on in the village and where to find additional support and advice.

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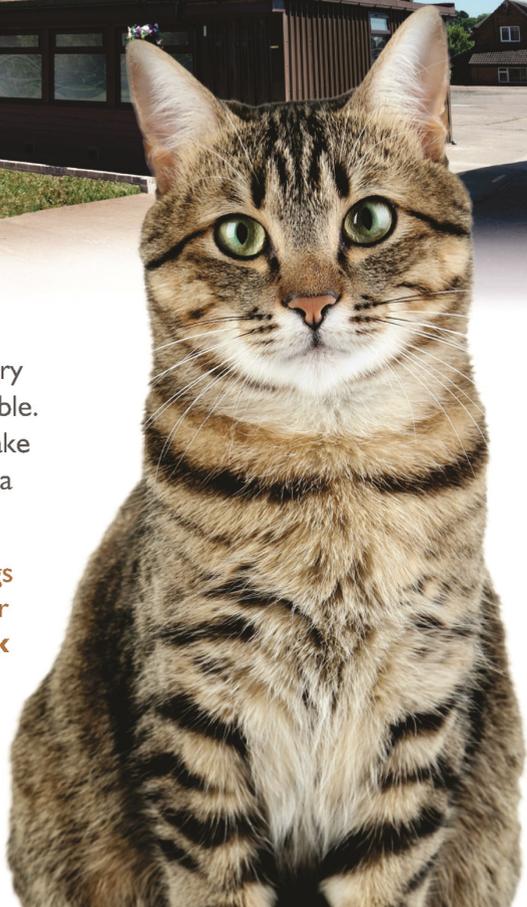
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These were awarded at our annual Open Meeting at Astwood Bank Club in February this year. Join us on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at Astwood Bank Club to support your charities and local organisations as they receive their cheques and look back on what has been another fantastic year of fundraising for fun! It was a fantastic and heartwarming event this year and absolutely confirms why we do what we do to support our amazing community!

In addition to the above we also invest in **Astwood Bank in Bloom** and additional monies were spent on **'Light up the Bank'** Christmas lights campaign.

The meeting also reviews the years events and we are always keen to gather thoughts on future events and other ways for you to get involved!

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Supported Organisations 2022

The funding applications will open on the 22nd September 2022 and the closing date for this years applications is the 12th October 2022. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please contact the Astwood Bank Community Group Chairman, Ashley Hewitt on chair@astwoodbankcg.co.uk for more information!

**Open meeting 16th November 2022
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Funding Testimonials

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We are going to use the funds which have been very kindly donated by yourself for our pond area in our Forest School. We have recently renovated our pond which was so overgrown you couldn't even see we had a pond. It has now been cleared and decking, paths and new fencing have been installed. We would like to use the funds to finish it off by buying plants, wood paints, ornaments etc. to complete the project. This will give it some colour and make it a welcoming, relaxing area for the children to watch the pond life.



GIRLGUIDING ASTWOOD BANK would like to say a big thank you for their grant of £250 which is going to be spent on sports and outdoor equipment to be shared between our five Units. We have two Rainbow Units (4-7 year olds, 5 in some areas), two Brownie Units (7-10 year olds) and a Guide Unit (10-14 year olds). This new equipment will be replacing damaged and worn-out items and will also provide a wider range of equipment to enjoy together and to support our programme.

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After a tough couple of years, Astwood Bank Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are once again putting the 'out' into Scouting. Alongside our usual meeting and activities our young people - boys and girls aged 6-14 years - have been busy camping, hiking, litter picking, fire lighting, enjoying water sports, tomahawk throwing, climbing and playing wide games. We couldn't be having more fun! We were thrilled to receive a donation from Astwood Bank Community Group this year and will be using the

funds to purchase some Hi Vis jackets to help keep our young people safe whilst walking and taking part in community events.

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THE ASTWOOD BANK PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP



Like so many others we had to stop due to the pandemic. When it was safe to start up again we had also lost the space in which the group used to be ran. We had to re-group, find a new premises and start over. Its been really hard work but we felt it was so important to get people out there again especially after COVID and our children interacting again and for the wellbeing of our parents as it can be incredibly lonely.

The group is so friendly and lots of the children who play there ultimately go to school together too which is brilliant! We asked the community group to support us getting some new equipment and some storage for toys! We were so grateful for the grant we received and the children are loving the new toys they have been brought to learn and explore with! Thanks so much ABCG!!



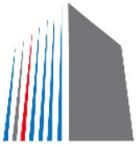
We really appreciated the donation from ABCG!

We used the money for some resources for our group The Koala Cuppa. This group is for new parents who have struggled with the transition to parenthood for any reason. We bought some bean bags and some lidded mugs for our group which the children and parents love!



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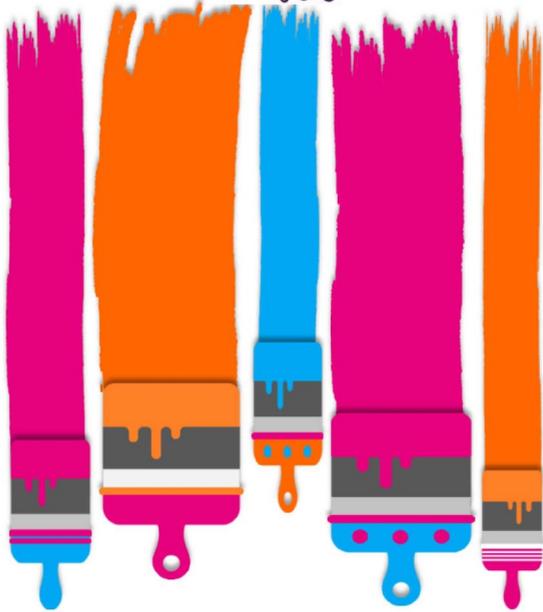


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Queen: Erin Rhodes

Give them a wave on Carnival Day!

Look out for social media posts from March 2023 in how to get involved in next years Carnival Royalty.

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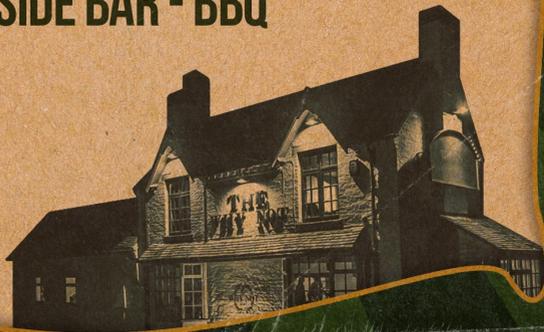
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