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Aston on Trent's Local Magazine



Community News & Events



November 2023 - January 2024



Aston on Trent Parish Council



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The Parish Council convenes monthly in the War Memorial Hall. All visitors are welcome.
Next meetings: Tuesday 17th October and Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 7.30pm

Parish Council: We oversaw a busy Summer with an increasingly full agenda. The most recent meeting on 19th September was well supported by public attendance and points were raised on road traffic congestion and parking, planning applications and the local surgery proposal (see below).

Weston On Trent Bowling Green Area Surrounds Development: The proposed Green Area Development work is halted following District Council reallocation of Funding. Any potential new developments will be communicated as and when known.

Summer Activities: A huge well done to those who benefited from and participated in leisure sessions at the playing fields during August. A range of Sports, Adventure and Play Mobiles proved extremely popular amongst parish families and further afield.

Aston On Trent Surgery: A proposal to install a *Prescription ATM* at the AoT Surgery has received mixed reviews and concerns from residents and parishioners. Further investigation by the Parish Council is underway as part of a thorough Planning application review.

Aston On Trent Facilities Manager Role: We have now filled the vacancy and the appointee commences the new role covering the upkeep and maintenance of the Recreation Centre, War Memorial Hall and village assets in early November. Thank you to all applicants for their interest.

Playing Fields Investment Ideas: We need your help! Funding is available to invest in new playing field facilities and we'd like your ideas please? We have suggestions for a Concrete Cricket Strip for winter training, additional seating near the Bluetooth pod, an Outdoor gym trail for adults and children and a Pétanque Court. *Please forward your ideas to the mail address below.*

Village Centre Traffic & Parking Congestion: The situation is deteriorating as the Summer concludes, and the Parish Council is taking steps to review options with the Authorities. Derbyshire County Council Highways have been invited to attend and witness the issues and the outcome of their recommendations will be reviewed in November. In the interim, please help your fellow parishioners by using off road parking, especially along Weston Road, Derby Road and The Green and avoid double parking as this will assist in traffic flow. Our thanks to all Parishioners who have written in with ideas to ease the issue.

Aston On Trent Christmas Lights: Our lights will be switched on from 5pm on Sunday 3rd December and the Melbourne Town Band will lead the celebrations, to be held in the centre of the village.

Parish Council Clerk: Fiona Keppel-Spoor (t): 01332 793272 (e): astonontrentpc@gmail.com

SAVE
Aston and Weston
Village Environment

Thanks to everybody who participated in East Midlands Airport's (EMA) Noise Consultation. EMA are about to publish their Environmental Strategy for consultation, which covers air & water pollution and CO2 emissions so watch out for guidance on how to participate on our Facebook page, website and by email if you're a member.

The Local Plan: we've framed our response and are working through the proposals outlined in the draft to identify any that might prove problematic and the Council are on top of their housing commitments,

which means we don't currently anticipate exceptional activity ahead of the consultation.

What you can do to help: Keep your eyes out for our next leaflet with details on how you can respond to the Local Plan. Also, please consider joining us as a member. It's easy, just scan the QR code and you can get updates delivered direct to your email.



Recreation in Aston

Book the Recreation Centre: aston-on-trent.co.uk/the-recreation-centre or email contact@therecreationcentre.co.uk with any enquiries.



Village Fish and Chip Quiz

Saturday 4th November

Doors open at 7pm. £12.50
Teams of 4-6 people.

Santa Around the Village

15th & 16th December

4pm - 8pm. Follow us on Facebook for more details. If you would like to benefit from the funds raised by Santa and his elves, please complete the online form to apply (by 1st Dec 23).

Comedy Night

Thursday 25th January

Doors open at 7.30pm.
Book tickets via the web address at the top of the page.

Recreation in Aston and ACORN are introducing a new

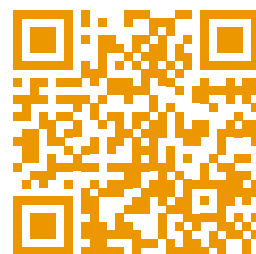
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107th Derby Scouts and Trent Explorers

After an amazing 49 years of Aston Bellringers providing this fabulous community event, we are delighted to host

50th Anniversary Aston Village Walk

27th December 2023
Aston Memorial Hall
10am - 10.45am start

Non-walkers welcome to join from 10am for refreshments



Children's Fun Trail • Raffle • Tea & coffee • Bacon butties (NEW for 2023!)

Proceeds will be shared between the scout group and any chosen beneficiaries. If you wish to nominate a local group or any charity to receive a proportion of funds, please email jo@thebigorangebox.co.uk before 1st Dec 2023.

Aston on Trent History Group

You probably know that you live in an historic village, mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, in an area once known as the *breadbasket* of Derbyshire. You'll be aware of the locally famous Shardlow log boat found in excavations and dated at 1500 BC. You might be aware that Aston Hall was once owned by the Holden family who *owned* the village, which was put up for auction in 1924 but what you might not know is that there are over 14 listed or noted buildings and monuments scattered throughout the village. Including five Iron Age enclosures, a Roman ditch, the Cursus, Medieval field systems, Bronze Age artefacts, ridge & furrow systems, 18th century tramway, gypsum mines! You see why the History Group is keen to preserve and record the life of the village from ancient times to modern day Aston. If you're interested to see whether you live near elements of this historic village why not log on to: her.derbyshire.gov.uk/map and scroll down to Aston... Fascinating stuff! History group members are in the Heritage Centre every Monday from 10am to 12 pm if you'd like to pop in and view some of our records and photos. astonontrenthistory.org.uk

Edition 88's Question: What was the population of Aston in 1951? 478, 796, or 943. *Answer on the back*

Friends of Aston Brickyard

As the summer vegetation begins to die back and leaves turn to autumn colours FAB volunteers enter the *busy season*, cutting the grassland, scything the wild flower meadow, clearing undergrowth and, where necessary, felling or high-coppicing trees that are unstable, potentially at risk near visitor trails and generally preparing the LNR for the winter months. We are well supported by DCC Countryside Rangers who have identified pockets of ash die-back and will be felling those trees in the coming months, allowing more light to enter the woodland and increasing the diversity of the under-storey. This year we are trying what is known as the *Halo approach*; identifying specimen trees and clearing ground or *Halo* around them, to allow them to develop. One of our great achievements over the years has been the increase in butterfly species and the site is part of a *National Transect Record*. From four species noted in 2012 we now have twenty five and our focus next year will be to add the Purple Emperor butterfly, which has a particular liking for Goat or pussy Willow. East Midlands Butterfly Conservation Trust has generously donated a number of young trees which we'll be planting in our woodland *ride*.

FAB meets every second Tuesday in the month from 10am, so if you'd like to get close to nature for a couple of hours, enjoy a satisfying fresh-air work-out in good company then why not join us? No experience necessary. Follow us on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/friends-of-Aston-Brickyard-Plantation](https://www.facebook.com/friends-of-Aston-Brickyard-Plantation)

(e): astonbrickyard@gmail.com

Aston & Weston Bowls Club

2023 has been another successful year of competitive bowling, with a league winning performance from the Monday Singles team in the South Derbyshire league. In the Belper and Mid Derbyshire leagues the Wednesday afternoon team finished 6th and the Wednesday evening team 3rd respectively. Congratulations to all of the bowlers that participated and thanks to the members who provided support at home and away matches. Club internal competitions concluded on the Sunday 3rd September, with an exciting afternoon of bowls made tastier with a BBQ, a big audience and glorious weather. Prizes were awarded for the Men's Singles, Ladies Singles, Club Singles, Novice Singles and Doubles. Following the end of the playing season on Sunday 1st October, work has now started to prepare the green, surrounding areas and the Clubhouse for the winter months. The AGM is due on the **Wednesday 1st November at the Clubhouse**, 7pm for a 7.30pm start and the first of the closed season socials has been organised at the Aston Memorial Hall on the evening of Friday 1st December. kencherril.raynor@gmail.com.

The War Memorial Hall

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We are looking for a **new clerk** to take the minutes of the monthly War Memorial Committee meetings.

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Please contact Debbie Hoddinott on the email address above if you are interested in the position.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The Memorial Hall is run and managed by local trustees.

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All Saints' Parish Church

One of the Trent and Derwent Parish Churches, serving Aston on Trent, Barrow on Trent, Elvaston, Shardlow, Swarkestone, Twyford and Weston on Trent.



Rector: The Rev'd Tony Luke (t): 01332 792658 (e): theramsrev@gmail.com
Assistant Priest: The Rev'd Paul Hygate (t): 01332 770574

SUNDAY SERVICES

Family Worship every Sunday at 10.30am
Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays

Richmond Village Service at 3pm
on the 2nd Sunday of the month

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion at 9.30am
1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month

Compline Night Prayer
6.45pm every week

Books in the Belfry

All Saints' Community Library
Open for everyone in Aston to use, free of charge. Please place any returned books into the plastic tub, so that our librarian can sort them. We now have a children's section too. We are grateful for gifts of books for the library, **but please do not bring non-fiction.**



The 200 CLUB

We welcome parishioners to join our 200 Club to raise money on a regular basis towards the continuing maintenance of our beautiful, ancient Church building. It costs £5 per month and the 1st prize is 20% of the month's takings. Contact Alison Wheeler on 01332 793492 for further information.

Thank you to all the 200 club supporters for your continued participation in our fundraising monthly draw. Your support is invaluable in helping with the maintenance of our church building and this year, through your membership, **we have raised £4200!**

COMING UP

All Souls' Day

Commemoration of the Departed
Thursday 2nd November at 7.30 pm.

Remembrance

Sunday 12th November
Parade at 10am, followed by a Service of Remembrance at 10.45am in Church

Advent

- 14th December:** Derwent Singers Christmas Concert
- 17th December:** Jesse Tree Family Service at 10.30am
- 21st December:** Carols around the village, accompanied by Newhall Brass Band
- Christmas Eve:** 4pm Crib Service for all the family
Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm & Midnight Mass at 11.30pm
- Christmas Day:** Family Communion at 10.30am
- 31st December:** United Benefice Service at 10.30am

Quiz and Cuisine

Saturday 2nd March at the War Memorial Hall

May Fair Saturday 11th May
11am - 2pm at the War Memorial Hall

Wednesday Hub at the Heritage Centre

It is open to everyone, on any Wednesday you wish to come. The monthly pattern is as follows:

- 1st Wednesday: 10.00am: Open Café - Social time
- 2nd Wednesday: 10.30am: Open Book: Bible exploration
- 3rd Wednesday: 10.00am: Open Café - Social time
- 4th Wednesday: 10.30am: Open Discussion

CAMEO (an informal group of women) 7.30pm on 1st Wednesday of the Month, in the Heritage Centre

Mother's Union 2.30pm on 4th Thursday of the Month, in the Heritage Centre

Bellringers Meet to practise on Mondays at 8pm

The Aston Community Choir
Monday evenings at 7pm, in the Church

Lots more information on our website:
www.astonontrentchurch.org

 and give us a follow on Facebook



The Royal British Legion

The RBL are busy preparing for Remembrance tide once again. The Remembrance Parade will take place on **Sunday 12th November from 10am**. Please note the Memorial Hall wreath laying will take place inside the Hall this year, so that participants can see and hear Rev. Tony Luke. We look forward to seeing the village groups out on Parade once again. The door-to-door poppy collecting will be continuing again this year so keep an eye out for our wonderful volunteers from the 27th October onwards. Some of our volunteers will have access to card readers if you don't have any spare change! Poppy boxes will also be located in local businesses and schools. For other Poppy merchandise please contact Jane on 793370. The branch is always open to welcoming new members. We meet in the Malt at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month. If you would like to join, or have any other enquiries please contact: astonweston.secretary@rbl.community.



Aston on Trent Women's Institute

Our October Coffee & Chat fundraiser was extremely popular with over £150 raised for our charity. Thank you to everyone that baked and supported these events throughout the year. It really is lovely seeing everyone chatting and finding mutual connections. With the festive season approaching don't forget to use our *easyfundraising* link when you start your Christmas shopping, you can shop with all the major retailers and they in turn donate to us. £57 raised so far thank you!! [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aston-on-trent](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aston-on-trent). While we are organising the Christmas fuddle party for our December meeting, we will also start planning events for next year, if you have any ideas please let us know or come to a committee meeting to find out more. New ideas are always welcome!

Dates for your diary:

Sat 4th Nov: Morley Hayes Birthday luncheon.

Tues 13th Aug 2024: Garden Party TBC

6th – 8th Sept 2024: WI Holiday TBC

We meet at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM. New members and guests are always welcome and it's free for your first 3 meetings.

Our members Craft and Dabble meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in the Heritage Centre.



Aston on Trent Village Cricket Club

We can look back with pride on another season, where the club has continued to make significant progress. The men's friendly team welcomed several new players and we faced new opponents, with clubs like Stanton By Dale and Ashby being added to our fixture list. Our Ladies Team *Aston Powers*, have developed into an integral part of the club, with improvements in results showing the value of all of their hard work in training. They are now playing in a softball league as well as the Festivals. For eight, Thursday evenings this summer, we continued to host a throng of enthusiastic children participating in our *All Stars* and *Dynamos* programs, and thanks go to all the committee and club members, as well as to parents who helped with the coaching and organising of these sessions. We also ran some very successful hardball sessions for Juniors. The sessions were very popular and we have entered into a Junior hardball league for 2024!

In June we enjoyed our first Cricket tour to York and have been invited back for 2024. Thanks to Rob Quinn for such a well-planned excursion!

During the Ladies Softball Festivals we have enjoyed great success in raising funds selling refreshments and we finished the season with the keenly contested annual match against the Golf Society, in which the Golfers took home the trophy. We also enjoyed a fun day for families the following day. Thank you to everyone who helped organise and support what was a really great weekend! All funds raised will be re-invested into the club, particularly to enable us to promote inclusivity at the club and develop our junior, senior and ladies sections. We are very proud to have been awarded with the ECB Clubmark which is evidence of the progress made by the club. Looking ahead, the ladies and senior teams will be playing winter indoor cricket at Willows starting mid-October and we will also be holding winter net sessions at Chellaston Academy on Saturday afternoons from January onwards – all are welcome. We are also committed to holding All Stars and Dynamos sessions again in the summer of 2024. If you are interested in becoming involved please go to our website for more information: www.aotvillagecc.play-cricket.com or call Ian Dunn on 01332 799948.





Neighbourhood Watch

Helping Aston to Stay Safe



Committee: Unfortunately our appeal for new committee members has proved fruitless, not unlike one or two village organisations. Most of our co-ordinators remain in place though so currently the Watch remains strong, but watch this space? Anyone interested can ring Tony on 792114. Unfortunately this is a repeated request, but necessary.

Membership: Our membership is always open. The formal renewal process runs every 2 years and your ongoing support is appreciated. Thanks to all your coordinators who put in their time to ensure the process works well. If you are not a member and would like to be please contact us and we will put you in touch with your local coordinator.

Coordinators: We still desperately need coordinators for Mulberry Way and Alderslade Close. The role is not onerous. **Could you help?** You would need to pass on our messages to your neighbours, most easily done via email via a secure group and collect subscription every 2 years. If you are interested in becoming more involved as a coordinator elsewhere that would also be welcome as some existing coordinators have large areas or are supporting households away from their own close neighbours.

Autumn update: The village remains relatively quiet in relation to disorder and crime. However if you do hear of anything please make contact via your coordinator or just use the email in this article.

E. Scooters. If these are on anybody's Christmas list you may need to understand the current legal position before you buy. It is legal to purchase an E Scooter. However, whilst there is talk about making them legal to ride from Government, there is no current legislation before Parliament. Therefore the current situation is likely to be in place for some time. The law is that it is illegal to ride an E Scooter in a Public Place or on a Public Road. (Unless part of an authorised scheme or on private land with the Landowners permission). They are classed as a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988, with all the legal requirements that come with that legislation. If it's a purchase you still wish to make then it makes sense to use a reputable dealer and they will advise you further on up to date guidelines on use.

Anti-Social Behaviour Survey. On the 2nd of October the Derbyshire Constabulary launched a survey looking for feedback on any incidents you may have reported in the last 12 months. They are looking to improve their responses. There is a link on their web site.

Safer Neighbourhood Priority. Taking advice from a current round of meetings the Team are to Prioritise speed in our communities. We can expect high visibility checks across the area. It is common for locals to be the most common offenders so let's think about our speed it can make such a difference when the unexpected happens.

Remember we live in a *safe place* and working together we can keep it that way. **Please keep us informed.**

Aston scheme contact: tonyhurrell@btinternet.com

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Aston Well Dressers

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Thank you to everyone who passed on such great feedback, off the back of such a fantastic 25th Well Dressing Anniversary weekend. I'd like to thank everyone for the appreciation that you have shown for all the hard efforts of the committee, the helpers and our local businesses who go above and beyond to make the weekend an extra special one for our village. It's so heart-warming to see everyone come together! You may have heard, however, that several committee members need to step down this year due to other personal commitments and as such it will be impossible for us to continue without replacing them. If, like me, you feel passionately about wanting to do something positive for our village

and keep the Well Dressing tradition alive then please join us at our **AGM on 29th November**. We have some key positions that need filling and the more people who come forward to help the better! **Without YOUR support I'm afraid this year will be the last** and that would be a massive loss for everyone who won't get to experience the traditional village event. We also raise funds for local charities and groups (some of you may have even been beneficiaries!) and would like to continue to do this.
Harvey Badwal - Chair

Dates for the Diary:

Christm Aston: Sunday 19th
November from 11am to 4pm at
The War Memorial Hall

AGM: 29th November at The
Heritage Centre from 7.30pm

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Aston TOTS on Trent

**Tots is run entirely
by volunteers!**

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It's been a great start back for Tots, with lots of friends joining us to play. The children always love the messy play and craft activities, and the grown-ups always love a chat and their hot drink! We finish each session with a song time.

We have loads of lovely things planned this term including spooky surprises and festive fun. We're also looking forward to being part of the advent trail again, making some Christmas animals to decorate our window.

**If you have a little one
please pop down and join
us, we'd love to meet you.
No need to book!**



Aston on Trent Parent's Association

with the launch of the annual personalised Christmas Gift event... make sure you get your order in for those special, personalised Christmas cards and trinkets. We are also pleased to announce that we have a Halloween film night coming up on 20th October and our Christmas Fair is scheduled in for December 2nd so please pop it in your diary now! Also remember to get in touch if you have any uniform requirements, as we might be able to help with our *nearly-new* uniform stock. We hope you have enjoyed seeing some of the improvements made around school over the summer holidays that we have been able to provide funding for. The playground looks fab with the fantastic new wall art and the *Toby Redfern Memorial Garden* has had a wonderful makeover. One of our current projects is to spruce up the rather sad looking staff room so that the hard-working teachers and TAs at Aston have somewhere nice to eat their lunch and have meetings. Huge thanks to everyone who makes it possible for us to go above and beyond at Aston and provide all the nice little extras that not every school gets to enjoy. Your support is invaluable and we look forward to updating you with all our progress. Our big plan for school this year is to replace some of the trim trail! This is a massive project so look out for more details coming soon!

Hello again from ASPA! Welcome back to this new term where we start thinking about all the things we want to plan in for the rest of the year...

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Aston on Trent Primary School



It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year. We have welcomed 30 new children into our reception class and I am pleased to say they have settled into school life wonderfully. I also forward a big Aston welcome to our new families to the school. Our children continue to display our school values of being *ready, respectful and resilient* and are a credit to the school. During the summer holidays, we carried out extensive school improvements, which will benefit our school children, the local community and the environment, as we look to be more energy efficient and reduce our carbon footprint. Renovations include: LED lighting throughout the interior and exterior of our school, a sensory garden, a reading garden, improvements to our forest schools area, a new and extended early years outdoor play area and wall murals. These improvements have been a huge hit with our children and families alike. We continue to be a hub of activity, creativity and care in the heart of our community and our children are proud to represent their school.

Mr Moore and the Aston team

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107th Derby Scouts and Trent Explorers

Big adventures! It's been a busy summer. Scouts liked to be beside the seaside at a fun camp in Whitby. Four intrepid Explorers had an exciting time at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea. More Explorers, with 8 leaders, had some unforgettable adventures, hiking, white-water rafting, zip-lining and eating cheese and chocolate at the International Scout Centre in Kandersteg, Switzerland. Thanks to all our amazing leaders for offering such fabulous opportunities.

Autumn Plant Sale: Our spring plant sale is such an annual success that, by popular demand, we are offering another chance to brighten up your beds! Hanging baskets, patio planters, pansies, polyanthus, wallflowers, cyclamen and other seasonal plants will be on offer. **9am-12 noon, Saturday 14th October in the White Hart car park.** Hope to see you there!

Could you help our scouts? With over 75 scouts, we are desperately in need of more adult helpers to keep our groups going. No experience is necessary. If you can spare an hour a week to help us offer young people fun activities and life skills, please **call Craig on 07368 294046**

For contacts and admissions information, please see the back page.



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Dates for the Diary

MONDAYS: Indoor Bowls from 9.45am -12noon at The War Memorial Hall - Contact Jill Dibble on 751347

Archive Mondays with the **History Group**, from 10am to 12noon at The Heritage Centre

Aston Art Club, from 1pm - 4pm at The Heritage Centre. All abilities welcome.

Aston Community Choir from 7pm and **Bellringers** from 8pm at All Saints' Parish Church

Cubs (8-10 yrs): 6.30pm - 8pm and **Explorers** (14-18 yrs): 8pm - 9.30pm at The War Memorial Hall

TUESDAYS: Beavers (6-8 yrs): 6pm-7pm and **Scouts** (10-14 yrs): 7.15pm - 9pm at The War Memorial Hall

TAPAS Tuesdays at The Malt - *please book to avoid disappointment*

FAB: Every second Tuesday of the month at Aston Brickyard at 10am

WEDNESDAYS: HUB from 10am at The Heritage Centre (see page 5 for more details)

Aston Ukulele Group from 1pm to 3pm at The Heritage Centre

Compline Night Prayer from 6.45pm at All Saints' Parish Church

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FRIDAYS: Scouts (10-14 yrs): 7.30pm - 9pm at The War Memorial Hall

SUNDAYS: Sunday Service from 10.30am at All Saints' Parish Church

Scouts Autumn Plant Sale: Saturday 14th October in the White Hart car park, from 9am to 12 noon

All Souls' Day: Thursday 2nd November at Aston Church, from 7.30pm

Village Fish and Chip Quiz: Saturday 4th November at the Memorial Hall, Doors open at 7pm

WI Birthday Luncheon: Saturday 4th November at Morley Hayes

Remembrance: Sunday 12th November. Parade at 10am, followed by a Service of Remembrance at 10.45am

ChristmAston: Sunday 19th November at The War Memorial Hall, from 11am to 4pm

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 21st November at the Memorial Hall from 7.30pm

Well Dressers AGM: 29th November at The Heritage Centre from 7.30pm

Aston School Christmas Fair: Saturday 2nd December - all welcome

Christmas Lights Switch on: Sunday 3rd December from 5pm at the Village Christmas Tree

Derwent Singers Christmas Concert: 14th December at Aston Church

Santa Around the Village: 15th & 16th December, from 4pm - 8pm. *Follow us on facebook for routes and times.*

Jesse Tree Family Service: 17th December at Aston Church from 10.30am

Carols around the village *accompanied by Newhall Brass Band:* 21st December

Crib Service at 4pm, Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm: 24th December at Church

Family Communion at 10.30am: 25th December at Aston Church

Aston Village Walk: 27th December, from Aston Memorial Hall, 10am - 10.45am start

United Benefice Service: 31st December at 10.30am at Aston Church

RIA Comedy Night: Thursday 25th January at the Recreation Centre, doors open at 7.30pm

Quiz and Cuisine: Saturday 2nd March at the War Memorial Hall

May Fair: Saturday 11th May at the War Memorial Hall, 11am - 2pm

For admissions information for 107th Derby Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers go to:

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Answer from P4:
The answer is 796.
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is over 2,200.