

Askett News

>>> AN EVENTFUL SUMMER

Dear Asketteers,

I cannot believe how time has flown since our June Newsletter. Perhaps this is down to my pre-occupation with the Euros, Olympics, England Test series, and above all, the Askett Summer bash! This photo shows Asketteers, families and friends, enjoying a fantastic, if slightly overcast, summer's afternoon chez Pavs. The Olympics themed garden party proved yet again Askett's conviviality and creativity. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event so special, including those who demonstrated world-beating skills in baking, arts and crafts . Special thanks to Chris and Jacque, and Ewa the grand co-ordinator. Thank you, again, for your great work in organizing the event!

Congratulations to **Debbie Strawn** and **Eleanor Carter**, our worthy arts & crafts prizewinners!



>>> LOOKING AHEAD

Next, attention turns to the AGM (see *details on Page 2*). We would love to see Asketteers, old and new, join us at the Three Crowns for the annual review. We have scheduled the event earlier in the year, whilst the days remain warm and evenings light, to encourage the widest possible participation.

The event is a fantastic way to meet and develop friendships across the village. We look forward to reviewing the bountiful work of our village photographers, raising a glass to the year past and looking forward to social events as we head towards Christmas and in to 2025. Please come and make it an evening to remember!

Stuart

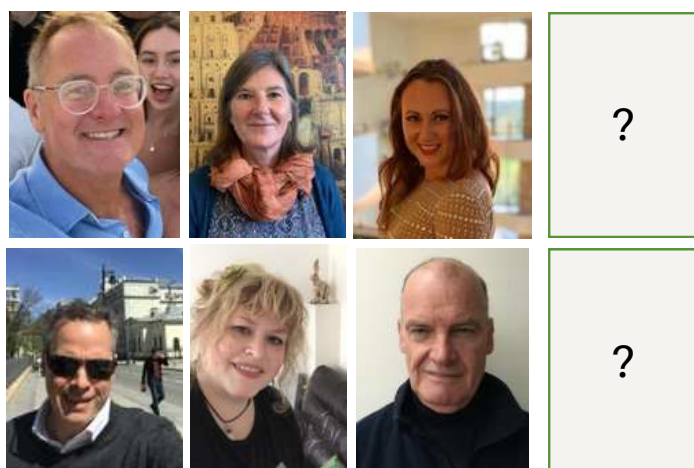


>>> SIGNPOSTING OUR AGM

We are grateful to Charles Ansell for welcoming us back to the The Three Crowns for **our AGM at 7pm on Sunday 6th October**. See the current Agenda below. It is not too late to propose items, so if you have a matter you wish to raise please contact Stuart Thompson

A series of reports will be posted on the secure Askett Village website [HERE](#) prior to the meeting. Paid-up Society members may access the site with the current password. If you are having access problems, please contact any Committee member.

- > **Chairman's welcome** and introductory remarks
- > Review of the **Great Askett Photoshoot** with special guest Alison Beck from the Chiltern Society
- > **Askett in context** with Cllrs Alan Turner, Gary Hall and Matthew Walsh
- > **Updates from key representatives** (Treasurer, Planning, Speed Watch, Neighbourhood Watch, tbc)
- > Formal approval of **Accounts and Reports** for previous period
- > **Re-election** of Chair and Secretary, **election** of new Treasurer and new committee members



YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU! <<<

There are three spaces on the Society Committee, whose work is principally conservation and community oriented. If you are interested in this fun, sociable, rewarding and extremely worthwhile role please contact Stuart Thompson (Askett Farm).

>>> THE GREAT ASKETT PHOTOSHOOT

At last year's AGM we announced this idea, which is all about celebrating the character and beauty of Askett and the surrounding area. So far, 195 photos have been submitted and we will be showcasing them when we meet.

Alison Beck, our special guest from the Chiltern Society, will choose her 'top pics'. We are looking in to the idea of producing a set of Askett greeting cards using some of the exhibits (permission from contributors will of course be sought).

It is not too late to submit something that catches your eye! Send to: photos@askettvillage.co.uk. Any queries, contact: Phil Crookes (Corner Cottage). To inspire us, our Committee recently took these snaps...



Half moon over Penn Cottage -
with broccoli...
Richard Bushnell



"Pokemon" wild bee orchid
Ewa Palmer



Bee on an echinops
Anna Crookes



Drink till you drop
Stuart Thompson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our community connection continues to thrive, with several events in the diary. A huge “Thank You” to all organisers and to Ewa Palmer for co-ordinating the plan. Look out for Village emails and Whatsapps for final details.

Saturday 7th September
Litter Picking
Meet on the Green
at 10am
Contact Stuart Shearman

14-15th September
Kop Hill Climb
For volunteering visit:
kophillclimb.org.uk

Sunday 6th October
Annual General Meeting
at 7pm, Three Crowns

Thurs 31st October
Spooky Halloween Walk
Meet on the Green
at 5.30pm
Contact Ewa Palmer

Sunday 1st December
Advent Windows commence
Watch this space!
Contact Jenny Lawson

Friday 20th December
**Christmas Carols around
the tree** at 6.30 pm,
followed by drinks at
Askett Farm

Wednesday 1st January
New Year Walk
Timing 11am
Contact Alan Strawn and
Adrian Whitred

>>> SPEED WATCH

Our speed watch sessions show that traffic volumes coming through the village are back to pre COVID levels, if not a little higher. During the busier periods in the mornings and afternoons we are seeing 120/140 vehicles an hour passing through in each direction. These drop back to 80/100 during the rest of the day. Speeds, both average and maximum, are faster in the morning. This seems in part due to cars parking beside the Green in the afternoon which creates something of a bottle neck.



With our current numbers (and commitments) we are only able to run one, or possibly two speed watch sessions a month. Our impact on speeds through the village would increase if we were able to undertake more sessions. But to do so we need volunteers. **If you would like to help please give me a call** (07818 513993) and I'll talk you through what's involved (not a lot!). Cheers, Ken.

USEFUL LINKS <<<

[Village website](#)

[AGM reports \(when ready\)](#)

[Great Askett Photoshoot \(and many other fascinating galleries\)](#)

[The Three Crowns website. Breakfast served Wed-Saturday, 8-11.30am!](#)

[Risborough community bus](#)

[Waste and re-cycling timetable info](#)



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