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Second World War

The pupils at Ashton School are studying the lives of children in the Second World War. If anyone has any artefacts such as a gasmask or ration book that they could lend, the school would be very grateful. Please phone 863189. Thank you.

Thank You

The Cheese and Wine evening on 9 December at the home of Mr and Mrs Zannotto was a great success. The evening made £250 for Church funds. Thanks go to Francesco and Betta and to the ladies who organised the event at such short notice.

Useful Contacts

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Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is at the Old Crown on Thursday 14 February from 10.30 until midday.

Everyone is welcome to come along to meet new people, chat with old friends and enjoy a sociable morning.

Bring and buy, home-made cakes, raffle.

Proceeds to Church funds.

There will be another coffee morning on Thursday 13 March.

"At Home" Supper Evening

Mrs Bron Kenny is holding a supper evening on Friday 11 April at her home (67 Stoke Road, Ashton) 7pm for 7.30pm.

There will be a delicious home-cooked meal of 2 courses (main with vegetarian option and sweet) for £10. Bring your own drink. All proceeds to the Church.

Please order tickets by Wednesday 9 April from Bron (864914), Ann (862975) or Margaret (863901)

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50/50 Club

Ashton Village Group will be starting a 50/50 sweepstake in March with the 1st Draw taking place in April 2008.

This will be a monthly prize draw run by the village group with three prizes each month where 50% of the cash generated makes up the prize fund and 50% is donated to the village church for the re-ordering.

Playing could not be simpler. Upon joining players are allocated a unique number which remains theirs as long as they wish. Each number purchased will cost £5.00 per month, payable in advance and there is no limit to the amount of numbers you can buy and the prize fund will be allocated as follows:

1 st Prize	25% of monthly income
2 nd Prize	15% of monthly income
3 rd Prize	5% of monthly income
5% will be kept back monthly for a Christmas Bonus draw	

Therefore if 50 people join there is a 1 in 50 chance and the winner will get £31.25.

So the more people that join the club the bigger the prize money becomes.

Each month the lucky winners will be selected at random at an open meeting/event after which the lucky winners will received their cheque.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the club, please contact Stephanie Fowler on 862904 or email stephanie.fowler2@btinternet.com in order to receive your application form.

Remember you have to be in it to win it

Now in his tenth decade, **George Bailey** has decided to relinquish his Verger's duties at Ashton church but continues to chair the Fields Charity. He has been an active and stalwart supporter of both church and village life, alongside his wife Lily, who always ran the cake stall at village fetes.

George was recently presented with a framed tribute signed by many of his friends and colleagues from the village in recognition of his life long service to Ashton.

Thank you, George, from the people of Ashton.

Affordable housing for Ashton

South Northamptonshire Council in partnership with Ashton Parish Council are seeking to assess the level of housing need in Ashton. The findings of this survey will determine whether or not further affordable housing is required in the village.

The starting point to identify any housing need is a **HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY** distributed to each household in the village. The survey covers two main areas; views from villagers about a small affordable housing development in Ashton and the housing need within the village. The survey form will be delivered to each household by the Parish Council during February. All completed forms should be returned, free of charge via a pre paid envelope, direct to South Northamptonshire Council, who will undertake the analysis of the results. Please be assured that all **REPLIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL**.

The analysis of the survey will establish those people that

- Need to move in the next 5 years
- Want to live in the parish
- Have a strong local connection to the parish

Every form counts, so please do take the time to complete the survey. This is a chance for you to have your say, even if you don't have a need for housing yourself, you may know family members or local people who may have a need. If the collated results indicate a housing need, South Northamptonshire Council will work in partnership with the Parish Council to identify the appropriate number and type of housing for people with local connections to the village and a suitable piece of land. If a need is proven, an Open Meeting will be held to discuss potential sites and plans.

If you have any questions about the survey or any aspect of the housing need survey process, please contact Gillian Spencer, Strategic Housing Officer at South Northamptonshire Council, on 01327 322372.

Speedwatch

Once again the village is participating in this worthwhile scheme and is looking for more volunteers to be placed on the Rota. This year's scheme runs from 16 February until 30 March. Ashton will be doing weeks one, three and five with Alderton doing the remaining weeks.

Training must be undertaken in order to operate the police camera and this would be at Brackmills on Saturday 9 February from 10.00am until 12.

If you would like to help out please contact Stephanie Fowler on 862904 or email stephanie.fowler2@btinternet.com in order that I may book your training place.

Bernard Day will be meeting with all volunteers nearer the start of the scheme in order to arrange the weekly rotas.

Ashton School visit to Tutankamun at O2

When I first saw the O2 from outside I was shocked because there standing right in front of me was a beautiful statue of Anubis. At that second I just had to take a picture of all the class in front of Anubis. Secondly we all walked into the O2 stadium and standing about 5 meters away from us was a fantastic glow ball. The glow ball was gigantic. We all carried on to find lots and lots of shops but a few seconds later we came to an ice ring and a chill zone.

Lots of people kept asking, "what a chill zone is!"

So I said, "A chill zone is where you would chill out."

Moving on we all did eventually come to the queue to see TUTANKAMUN. We all went up the escalators and went into the exhibition. Everything really stood out but a few seconds later we all walked in a room and right bang in the middle was the glistening shimmering shiny golden sarcophagus. The sarcophagus really stood out. My friend said that she could stare at it all day. But I just could not accept that it was the real thing from Egypt. But after that we all walked into a room with a small mummy case and there were two televisions showing all parts of Tutankhamun such as his golden mask, and his golden body.



A recount by Chelsea Hill

I and my school friends walked out of the tube station then suddenly a beam of white light was reflecting of the canvas and I thought for that one second I was blind but no I wasn't. Then I saw these huge yellow modern tent poles. As soon as it was possible me and Ricarlo ran to this huge pyramid that was built from wood and painted in exotic colours. After a while James and Mr Blight went to find a place to eat lunch. Me and Christy walked into the O2 building and everyone in my group gasped in amazement, soon after we sat down for lunch by that time everyone was hungry. I really enjoyed my trip to the O2 I would really recommend it.

A recount by Dominic Hardman

Ashton Churchyard

Following on from the article in the October Village News, Ashton Churchyard still needs your help and support to be kept tidy. The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to assist in the maintenance/grass cutting of the village churchyard. Can you assist and spare this project some of your time? It does not have to be a regular commitment. It can be as little or as much time as you can spare and is not an all year round job. Any help you can offer would be very greatly appreciated, so if you think you can assist. Please contact Stephanie Fowler on 862904 or email stephanie.fowler2@btinternet.com