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SNAGS charity golf day

The time is fast approaching for the annual SNAGS charity golf day. This year will be our 4th event and will again be in support of the Anthony Nolan trust.

The date of the event is Friday 20th June 2008 at Whittlebury Golf Club. The format for the day will be slightly different this year. There will be a shotgun start at around 11.30am, a meal at about 5.30 - 6.00pm followed by the auction, raffle, and presentations. There will then be entertainment provided by our very own "The Angel Share" band from 8.00pm.

The cost of the day has yet to be finalised but will be somewhere in the region of £40-£45 which will include the golf and carvery meal. As in previous years there will be the chance to win a car for a hole in one and some spectacular items in the auction and raffle (some less than spectacular too!!). We hope there will be a week in a holiday home in Lapland for auction (and probably that cobblers shirt that appears every year!!) as well as some rounds of golf at various courses.

This year, as always, the day is open to anybody so the more guests the better!! For golfers who wish to bring a partner or friend for the evening entertainment the cost is only £5 payable on arrival. It can also be arranged for friends or partners to come for the meal (price to be confirmed) as well as the evening entertainment. If anybody would like a room booking at the hotel then this can also be arranged (rates are being discussed with the hotel!!). All in all it should be a great day and whatever happens Guinness profits will increase no doubt!!

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Ashton Heritage Lottery Grant Success

Many of you will have seen the front page of the Herald and Post on March 20th and wondered what the £151,400 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund was all about. Ashton is not the sort of place that you expect to receive such an amount of money!

The award has several aims. One is to conserve, for future generations, the two effigies in the Church. They are both quite rare and, therefore valuable to our heritage. Another is to remove pews from the North Aisle, to create a large open space for the use of the village. The Ashton village Hall "The Hut" was demolished many years ago due to its poor state of repair, and has never been replaced. Consequently, Ashton has not had a village hall since.

This new space in the Church will be for everybody in the village, Church-goer or not, to use for social, recreational or educational purposes. The heating and lighting are to be up-dated, and a toilet and small kitchen unit installed, to make the area comfortable.

Have you ever fancied a local art/painting group, a drama group, or holding an exhibition or after school club? How about whist/beetle drives, or cake/craft sales? There are many uses for the new space (yet to have a proper name), and we want as many ideas as possible. Don't forget, though, if you have a good idea, you will have to help make it happen!

Part of the grant is to help Ashton stage another Heritage "Roots" weekend in 2009. This will be a follow-up from the first successful "Roots 2002".

The final part of the grant is to help with the cost of printing a high quality book about the history, people and countryside around Ashton. This should be available during 2010.

We are a small village, and there is a lot going on. We are very grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund, and to the other grant-making bodies who have so generously supported our efforts. Other funding has come from SNC, The Bernard Sunley Foundation, Council for the Care of Churches, Mellows Trust, and the Cripps Foundation. Thank you all for your support

Marion Wilson and Andy Fowler



Ashton Village Group

Ashton Village 50 / 50 Lottery Club

The "50/50 Club" is a monthly prize draw run by the Ashton Village Group (AVG) where 50% of cash generated makes up the lottery prizes and 50% goes to the church to be used for the re-ordering.

There will be THREE prizes every month with an extra Christmas draw taking place in December. The prizes will be drawn every month at a monthly AVG meeting/event and announced on the Notice Boards and in the Ashton Village News.

First Prize will be 25% of the monthly income; Second Prize will be 15% and third Prize will be 5%. 5% will be held back for the Christmas Prize Draw. Each lottery number purchased will cost £5.00 each month and you will be allocated a unique number for each £5.00 committed to the "50/50 Club".

You will be informed of your number(s) in writing when your application has been processed. Membership is open to all over the age of sixteen. Subscription to the "50/50 Club" is either a single six month payment by Cheque, Cash or by a monthly Standing Order.

More details, and application form can be found on the village web site at www.ashtonvillage.co.uk or by contacting Stephanie Fowler on 01604 862 904

Sale of summer plants to raise funds for Ashton School

Due to the huge success of last years Summer Plant Sale, we are again offering a selection of summer bedding plants at competitive prices. See our enclosed leaflet with this Ashton Newsletter.

In addition we have special offers on our Hanging Basket range, Sunflower packs and patio vegetables. For colour illustrations and more information see www.cdbell.co.uk.

All orders will benefit the school directly, so if further order forms are needed, please contact the school - Thank you for your support.

Ashton Village 50/50 Lottery Club - First Draw

The first draw for the 50/50 Club took place on Friday 11th April. There were 24 ticket holders.

1st prize	£30	Amy Wilson (Harpenden)
2nd prize	£18	Ann Sale (Cooks Close)
3rd prize	£6	Wendy Turvey (St Michaels Court)

More details, and application form can be found on the village web site at www.ashtonvillage.co.uk or by contacting Stephanie Fowler on 01604 862 904

The next draw will take place at The Old Crown on Sunday May 11th Quiz Night

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A Thank you from Joyce Kingsbury

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