

## What's happening at Ridgeway Farm?

Many of you will have noticed work being done at Ridgeway Farm on the Hartwell Road. Well, a month or so ago, after a very long planning battle, Komcept Solutions Limited, a small company currently in Northampton, bought Ridgeway with the aim of converting the larger of the barns to an office and electronic development laboratory.

Komcept Solutions has been around since 2001 and has been designing digital recording systems for sale, mainly, to the Police and Governments around the world. Almost all of our few staff are graduate engineers or computer scientists and we don't expect to have much impact on the traffic on the Hartwell Road. As far as the type of product, you will all have seen the police series on the TV where the suspect is interviewed and a recording is made on a twin cassette tape recorder. We make a version with CDs and IT network capability to attempt to bring the police into the 21st century! We also produce a video version which is used for vulnerable witness interviews. The law changed a few years ago allowing a video recording of a serious assault - such as a rape - to be used in court as evidence-in-chief. This means that the rape victim, for example, does not have to re-live his or her ordeal 6 months later when the culprit is in court and he or she is asked to give evidence. These products are now sold under the brand OneDigital and the OneDigital offices will also be located at Ridgeway Farm.

The intention is to make the large barn look 'similar' to the original barn, i.e. glass where there were holes and similar cladding and colours. We believe we can improve the look of the farm and not have too much impact on the village. One disappointment is that the hedge along the road has to be moved back to abide by the Highways Authority ruling. So for a couple of years, there will be a growing hedge rather than a mature established one.

This is a good opportunity to give you notice that when we move in (which we hope will be before the end of the year) we will be looking for some staff. We expect, initially, to need a receptionist and a technician. Our policy is to employ young people and train them so if you have any ideas or know of anyone, please make a note of the dates and let me know! If anyone has any questions or would like to know more, please feel free to call in. I am Phil Joyce and with my wife, Yvonne, (and father-in-law Maurice) will be living in the bungalow.

**Phil & Yvonne Joyce**

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### Useful Contacts

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Footpath Warden - Jeremy Roychoudhury 864306

Neighbourhood Watch - David Farrand 863225

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# ASHTON *Village News*

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## "PROPER TEAS"

**Sunday 27th July from 3.30pm  
at Hilltop, Roade Hill, Ashton**

**£5 to include a raffle ticket  
£2.50 for children under 10**

**The teas will include sandwiches (with the crusts cut off !)  
and a selection of cakes and will be served in the gardens  
overlooking the ponds and the waterfall.**

**In case of bad weather, teas will be served under cover.**

**Tickets are available  
in advance from  
Margaret 01604 863901  
Marion 01604 864254  
or on the day at Hilltop**



## Church

Work on the Church will be starting during the week beginning 28th July.

We are hoping this won't disrupt the normal services too much. Work will involve laying water to the Church, providing the necessary drainage, making a large open space for the use of the village and installing a kitchen facility and a toilet. If anyone has queries about what is happening, they should speak to Bernard, Andy or Marion 01604 864254.

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## Ashton CE Primary School

### Thank you

A huge thank you to all those who supported and donated to the Ashton Fun Day. The event raised £900 which has been split between the school and the church. We are using the money to help purchase a new reading scheme for the pupils.

### Ashton CE Primary School Play

Community performance is at 2pm on Thursday 17th July in the school hall. All community members are welcome.

### Recent Achievements

We are proud to say that we may be small but we are mighty. The children have performed very well in all the local school sporting competitions. We have managed to bring home some medals/ certificates.

### KS1 Festival

Well done to Year1 and Year2. All the children tried their best and came second in the competition. Well Done!

### Road Sports Festival

Well done to Thomas and Michael for winning the cricket competition at the Road Sports Festival on Monday – up against year 5 & 6's as well. They received their medals from Dame Kelly Holmes.

### K'nex Challenge

James and Dominic took part in the East Midland Area K'nex Competition.

They won!!

They will now go forward to the National Final. Congratulations.

This is a tremendous achievement because last year two children went through to the National Final as well from Ashton.

### Farewell

We sadly wave farewell to Mr Simon Blight and wish him well in his new school. We are sure the children there will benefit from his enthusiasm and love of sport. He will be missed.

### Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Susan Campbell the new head teacher and I'm sure she will soon get to know everyone and I know we will all make her feel very welcome.



Ashton Village Group

## 50-50 Lottery Draw

The third draw for the 50/50 Club took place on Saturday 21st June 2008.

There were 29 ticket holders.

- \* · 1st prize £36.25 Wendy Turvey ( St Michaels Court )
- \* · 2nd prize £21.75 Michael Learoyd ( Roade Hill )
- \* · 3rd prize £7.25 Sandra Lemon ( Stoke Road )

***The July draw will be at the 'Teas' - Help raise funds for the Church***

More details from Stephanie 01604 862904 or [www.ashtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk)

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## Village Group - School - Church:

Both the Fun Day and the Summer Ball were a great success, despite the weather, and the many other attractions on the same weekend. The school, Church and village group are grateful to everyone who supported them in any way for raising just over £1900 on the day. A special thanks to all the staff at the pub who worked so hard on the day.

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## Monthly coffee mornings:

Monthly coffee mornings will start again in October. Venue to be announced, More details to follow.

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## [www.AshtonVillage.co.uk](http://www.AshtonVillage.co.uk)

The Ashton web site has now been completely updated.  
Lots of new information has been added

Do visit us at

[www.AshtonVillage.co.uk](http://www.AshtonVillage.co.uk)

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## Ashton Village News - Thank you

Dave and Dee would like to thank those who recently donated funds to the Ashton Village News. The donations go towards the production of A.V.N.

Thank you all for your support.

***Dave and Dee Farrand***