

## Church News

Work on the Church is really progressing now. The pews from the North Aisle have all been removed and the floor relaid with reclaimed tiles and flagstones. The drainage channels have been dug and backfilled ready for connection to the water and drainage supplies. This will hopefully be done during half term when less disruption will be caused. Joiners have begun fitting the new ringing floor in the bell tower, and soon the toilet cubicle will be in place. After that, there is still a fair amount of work to be done. The electrics need to be upgraded, the kitchen and storage chests built and the screens resited. Then the heating and lighting will be modernised. All in time for our Christmas celebrations (we hope!). Do come along to any of the services and see how things are shaping up. We hope you will have some ideas for using the great open space which is being created for the village community.

What shall we call the "open space"? It's a bit of a mouthful, so can anyone come up with a good suggestion? It is for use for the whole village, so will be a bit like a village hall, but not quite. We would like any suggestions you may have by Monday 15 December. There will be a small prize for the person who comes up with the winning name which will be announced at the **Village Carol Service** on **Sunday December 21** at **10.30am**. Suggestions to Marion Wilson on 864254, Ann Lamb on 862975 or Stephanie Fowler on 862904. Otherwise they can be handed to any PCC member.

The PCC would like to thank all those who have made such a good job of keeping the Churchyard tidy and the grass cut throughout the year. We appreciate all the time, trouble and commitment it has taken. Thank you all very much. It makes a good focal point for the village, as does the Millennium Garden which has been a colourful welcome into the village all through the year.

Sunday School will be on 9 November which is also Remembrance Day. The service will be at Roade. Parents are welcome to leave their children at Ashton Church for stories, songs and crafts or stay with them if they wish. Next month's Sunday School is on 14 December from 10am until 11am.

Don't forget that you can shop and **raise funds for St Michael and All Angels Church** by using **[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)**. A great way to do your Christmas shopping.

### Useful Contacts

Towcester Police Station Western Area 01327 300300

**Police Community Support Officer** - Tara Cooksammy

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383

Direct line 01327 303228 Mobile 07919 043778

Parish Council Clerk - Ginny Wareham 864463

E-mail - [tara.cooksammy@northants.police.uk](mailto:tara.cooksammy@northants.police.uk)

Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254

Village Internet Site - [www.ashtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk)

Footpath Warden - Jeremy Roychoudhury 864306

Neighbourhood Watch - David Farrand 863225

Letters or Articles for A.V.N. to David & Delia Farrand, 20 Hartwell Road Telephone 863225

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# ASHTON *Village News*

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Ashton School Parents Association, The Old Crown and Ashton Parish Council present:

## ASHTON ANNUAL BONFIRE NIGHT

*Wednesday 5th November*  
*The Old Crown Pub*

*Ashton*

*Raffle* **Bonfire lit 6.15** *Hot food!*  
**Fireworks 7.00**

**Glowing  
novelties  
for sale!**

**Inside and  
outside  
bar!**

**Fantastic  
firework  
display!**

**Entrance  
Adults: £2.50  
Children £1.50**

**Entrance  
prices held for  
the 7th year in  
a row!**

**Proceeds from entrance and raffle go to providing  
new ICT equipment for Ashton CE Primary School**

**Roots Weekend 2009  
17 to 19 July 2009**

**We need your help.**

How do you remember Ashton as it used to be?

Have you got any interesting stories of the village or events that happened here in the past

What about any old photos or postcards that you could loan to the Roots group, or copy/scan for us.

Perhaps you have relatives that have moved away that might have glimpses of the village's past.

We are trying to build up some history records and photographic displays so that life in this changing village, no matter how long ago, can be recorded and shown to all those that visit us next year and in future years.

If you have got anything that you think might help, no matter how much, please contact Andrew on 862904 or Marion on 864254.

If you would just like to help out in the background sometime during the weekend, please contact us as there will be lots of events happening where we will need assistance.



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We will be opening on 21 November



Ashton Village Group

**50-50 Lottery Draw**

The results of the October Draw:-

- \* · 1st prize £42.50 Sue Mallock
- \* · 2nd prize £25.50 Sue Mallock
- \* · 3rd prize £8.50 Jean Costello

***The November draw will be at the Coffee Morning on 11 November  
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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**Stamps**

Stephanie Fowler has started collecting stamps for Guide Dogs for the Blind. She would be obliged if you could please keep all your old postage stamps torn or cut off envelopes, cards, etc and drop them through her door at anytime.

This is not just a collection in the build-up to Christmas, this is on-going all year and your help is needed. Stephanie will keep us updated via the Newsletter on how progress is going.

Her address is The Cottage, 4 Hartwell Road.

## **Ashton School Parents Association- Dates for your diary!**

### **Family Disco Friday 21 November 7-11pm**

This year our annual family disco will be at the Rugby Club as usual but on the earlier date of Friday 21 November. The DJ will be Terry Gaffee and there will be a licensed bar and raffle. All welcome to come for a fun night out for all the family! Look out for the flyer through your door nearer the time.

### **Bag 2 School Collection**

Many thanks to all those who supported our last clothes collection. We raised £89.10 which is fantastic and purchased some cookery equipment for the school children to use. Please continue to save your old clothes, shoes, bags, belts, soft toys as our next collection will be on Thursday 15 January. Thank you again for your support.

### **Ashton Toddler Group**

Ashton Toddler Group takes place on Thursday afternoons (term time only) in the school hall from 1.30 – 3.15. If you have, or look after, any children from 0 to school age, come along for a coffee, play and chat. We are a small friendly group who promise to make you welcome. As many of our toddlers have started school we are now very quiet, so it is a good time for new people to come along. If you would like any more information, please phone the Toddler Group organiser Beryl Humphrey on 863448 or the school on 863189.

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### **Ashton Parish Council**

From 1 November 2008 Stephanie Fowler is stepping down and Ginny Wareham is taking over as Secretary of the Parish Council.

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### **George Bailey**

George Bailey was one of the stalwarts of Ashton Church. He was also chairman of the Ashton Field Charity for many years. George, who will be 93 this month, has left the village to live in sheltered accommodation near to his son.

We all wish him well.

## **Ever Wanted To Play Rugby?**

New To The Area & Looking For A Club?

Never Played Before But Would Like To Try?



### **Northampton Mens Own Rugby Football Club Stoke Road, Ashton, Northampton, NN7 2JN Are Looking For New Players!!**

We are a friendly club, open to all, regardless of ability or age!

We are open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1900 for senior training (18 or over), Saturdays for senior fixtures from 1400 & Sundays for Mini (17 & under) training and games.

For More Information Please call  
**Righard Hedges on 07841 869999 (for over 18's)**  
or  
**Ernie Dalby on 07759 443184 (for under 18's)**

Visit us at  
**[www.mensownrufc.co.uk](http://www.mensownrufc.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)**

If you have any local information or topic that you think should be included on the web site, send an Email to [contactus@ashtonvillage.co.uk](mailto:contactus@ashtonvillage.co.uk).

## School News

I feel very privileged to have been offered the post of head teacher at Ashton CE Primary School. On a first visit prior to interview I knew that it was the school I had been looking for and I have been touched by the welcome I have received from everyone associated with the school and by those villagers I have met.

I started my teaching career in a North Bedfordshire village and moved to church schools first in Wellingborough and then Northampton to gain the experience that larger schools can offer. Having lived in villages for over twenty years and experienced a small village school for my own three children I know that they are very special places and the pupils benefit from a family atmosphere and a high adult to child ratio.

The term at Ashton has started well and we are all busy fitting in lots of exciting activities. The juniors experienced roman excavation at Piddington recently and the whole school will see Wall-E in Northampton later this month as part of National School's Film Week. Many pupils were able to take part in the Harvest Festival service in September and performed their song, readings and drama beautifully. We welcomed eight new children in September and they have all settled in very well.

Those of you who pass the school will have noticed that the junior classroom has had a lot of work carried out on it this summer and the majority of the interior has been redecorated. We are all extremely pleased with the result and know that the children appreciate it. The Parent's Association continue to work tirelessly to provide 'extras' and their commitment to the school is commendable. We look forward to seeing everyone at the firework display when funds raised will be used to update and add to ICT equipment in school.

I look forward to a long and happy association with Ashton CE Primary and hope to meet many more villagers in the coming months.

Sue Campbell

## Coffee Mornings

will be held on

**Thursday 13 November**

at **Kassen, 8 Stoke Road**

10.30am to 12 noon

and on

**Thursday 11 December**

at **The Barn, Vale Farm**

10.30am to 12 noon

Bring and Buy, Raffle, Friends and Conversation

A good place to buy or order your Christmas Puddings, Brandy Butter or, new this year, delicious Chocolate Puddings.

All proceeds in aid of Church Funds

**Everybody welcome**

## Pasta and Wine Evening

at **The Barn**

(courtesy of Mr and Mrs Zanotto)

**Saturday 29 November 7.30pm**

This will be a great evening with authentic home made Italian pasta dishes and wine.

Book the date now.

Tickets will be on sale from 12 November from Marion (864254) or Anne (862975).