



Ashton Village Group

The last few months 50/50 Club lottery draws were:



In September 2009 there were 42 ticket holders.

1st Prize was £51.25 Marion Jamison (Ashton)

2nd Prize was £30.75 Ann Lamb (Ashton)

3rd prize was £10.25 Amy Wilson (Harpenden)

£10.25 was retained for the Christmas Draw which is now standing at £87.50

£102.50 was donated to the Church

In August 2009 there were 40 ticket holders.

1st Prize was £50.00 Joyce Kingsbury (Ashton)

2nd Prize was £30.00 Kerry Wilson (Huntshaw)

3rd prize was £10.00 Peter McAlear (Roade)

£10.00 was retained for the Christmas draw which is now standing at £77.25

£100.00 was donated to the church

Full details of the 50/50 club, with archive of all winners and how to join may be found on the village web site at www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

FOR SALE

Two arm chairs, mushroom colour with floral pattern - Good condition - Offers

Bernard Day 077 6666 4211

www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

For lots more about Ashton
(Updated at the start of every month)

Christmas Puddings

Classic Christmas puddings
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Chocolate puddings & new  
Triple Chocolate Puddings  
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Citrus Puddings
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Details and orders from  
Marion 01604 864254

#### Useful Contacts

Towcester Police Station Western Area 01327 300300

**Police Community Support Officer - Tara Cooksammy**

Direct line 01327 303228 Mobile 07919 043778

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

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

Neighbourhood Watch - David Farrand 863225

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383

Parish Council Clerk - Ginny Wareham 864463

Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254

Footpath Warden - Jeremy Roychoudhury 864306

Articles for A.V.N. to David Farrand, 20 Hartwell Road Telephone 863225 or [david@farrand.co.uk](mailto:david@farrand.co.uk)

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# ASHTON *Village News*

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### Pumpkin Festival

Date - October 31st 2009

Time - 6.00 pm

Where - Ashton Village Green on Stoke Road

Who will be there? We hope everyone will come along



We plan to hold a Pumpkin Festival on the Stoke Road Green to encourage community spirit. We would like villagers to come along to the green on Saturday evening 31.10.09 at 6.00 pm to take part.



A number of us will be bringing our pumpkins in the form of Jack-O'-Lanterns and we plan to place tea candles in or around them and light them as darkness falls. We also thought we could have some nibbles and drinks available such as soup, cake and apple juice.

We are negotiating a 'good deal' on small pumpkins to add to the mix.

If you feel like coming along to meet your neighbours please do. If you wish to bring a Pumpkin or Jack-O'-Lantern to display so much the better and if you would like to bring something to eat or drink they would be most welcome.

### Halloween

One of the points our group would like to make to all the residents of Ashton is that a number of the village children enjoy dressing up in costumes and going around, visiting homes for 'Trick or Treat'. We realize that some villagers would rather not be visited so we wonder if those that would like to see the children's costumes would indicate this by putting a Pumpkin in their window or by their front door or by placing picture of a pumpkin in their window they will get a visit.

If you do not have a pumpkin or a Jack-O'-Lantern or a picture to put up, we can provide one. Just ring Sandra Lemon on 01604 863634 and she will drop one off for you.

Our aim is to make Halloween as safe as possible for the children while not infringing on the peace of those who do not wish to be disturbed.

Sandra Lemon 01604 863634

Ashton School Parents Association, The Old Crown and Ashton Parish Council Present

## Ashton Annual Bonfire Night

The Old  
Crown  
Ashton

Thursday 5th November 2009

### Raffle



Bonfire  
Lit 6.15  
Fireworks  
7.00

### Hot Food!



### Inside and outside bar!



Entrance  
Prices held  
for the 8<sup>th</sup>  
year in a  
row!

### Glowing novelties for sale!



Fantastic  
Firework  
display!



Entrance  
Adults: £2.50  
Children: £1.50

## Ashton Bonfire - November 5th

If you have any materials for the bonfire please deliver them to the Playing field ( behind the Old Crown ) **BEFORE** Monday 2nd November.  
NO nasty materials please - plastic, rubber, wet leaves or grass

Bernard Day 077 6666 4211

### The Book Club next meeting 21st November



This is a new venture which is being held in the Knights Hall every third Saturday in the month from 10.00 until 11.30 although there will not be one in December.

It is a place where you can buy or swap any book that you like and if you cannot find what you want one month you could try the following as we have some new books every month. There is a large selection of paperbacks and various hardbacks on a mixture of topics together with a few Children's books.

It is also a place should you want to, where you can have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. There are cakes to buy or eat and from time to time various other items for sale for example in November there will be some indoor plants available to purchase so why not come and see what is on offer.

We are always looking to increase the range of books so if you do not want to swap them they could be donated to either Stephanie (4 Hartwell Rd) or Marion (Broadacres, Roade Hill). Also, we would like a bookcase to make our books easier to view. If anyone has an unwanted bookcase, of reasonable quality as it will be in the Knights' Hall and quite visible, the PCC would be very grateful.

Stephanie Fowler 01604 862 904

### Help your Church

Remember to use the [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) website, when buying on-line. Just log on and put stmichaelallangels as your chosen charity. Many big name firms either make a donation or give a percentage to our funds. And it doesn't cost you a penny more!

### COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursdays, 12th November  
(at Knights' Hall) and  
10th December  
(at Kassen)

Marion Wilson 01604 864254

**DamZels**



**Open Evening**

The ladies group  
For leisure activities  
For women of all ages  
In essence, relax  
Among new friends  
Conquer new frontiers  
Contribute your ideas

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
8pm ~ 10pm  
The Knights Hall ~ ASHTON  
(inside the church)

**\* Refreshments available\***

For More Information about DamZels  
Or \*BE OUR GUEST\* & promote your product

Yvonne Hardman 01604 862628  
Julie James 07970 674841  
Email ~ Damzelsefashton@aol.com

**SPECIAL GUESTS  
ON THE NIGHT**

*Gifts available to  
purchase*



**Wine Tasting Event "with a difference"  
26<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

## **Call My Quaff**

**A fun wine tasting evening based on the TV show  
Call My Bluff.**

**Played in teams of 2-6 people, this is a informal  
yet informative evening for any adult. You don't  
need to be a wine buff or a "Cork Dork" to enter.**

**Tickets are on sale at The Old Crown for £6 per  
person, including complimentary snacks selected  
by our Head Chef and of course samples of wine  
from our resident wine experts!!**

**Please arrive promptly to start at 7.30pm.**



## WHAT'S ON AT THE OLD CROWN

### OCTOBER

**4th Quiz Night** - 8pm Start

**29th Pie Night** - with a meat & Veggie option. Food served from 6-10pm

### NOVEMBER

**1st Quiz Night** - 8pm Start

**5th Bonfire Night** - with Fireworks from Ashton Primary School 6pm start.  
With a barbeque & Local Ales.

**26th Call My Quaff** - Wine tasting with a difference, Tickets on Sale £6.00,  
to include all food & wine samples.

### DECEMBER

The Old Crown **Christmas menu** will be running both  
day (£16.50 per head) & night (£20 per head). Please call in for details.

**Christmas Day Open** - 12-4 with food bookings being taken from 12-2pm.

### NEW YEARS EVE

**Movie Heroes Party,**  
fancy dress & games!

Children under 14 welcome until 9pm

**A new service for the village at the OLD CROWN**  
**[www.useyourlocal.com](http://www.useyourlocal.com)**

We have all faced the problem of wanting to order something while not being sure when we'll be home.

A new scheme, **useyourlocal.com**, solves this problem by allowing you to have the parcel sent to your local pub. The service also means an end to those dreaded slips telling us that the delivery arrived whilst we were out. For most people the local pub will be nearer to the sorting office with opening hours that suit all our busy lives.

As well as providing a parcel collection point, [www.useyourlocal.com](http://www.useyourlocal.com)'s website is also a great way to find out what's happening down your local pub. The Old Crown is now a registered outlet with **useyourlocal.com** so why not sign up to the free service to have parcels delivered there or just to keep an eye on the up and coming events.

*Bex Rawlings*  
Old Crown 01604 862268

## Ashton Church of England Primary School

We welcomed 42 children into school in September including 8 reception infants. Together with Laura Higginbottom our new infant teacher there were a lot of new faces although it was lovely to see so many siblings of current pupils. Everyone has settled in well and in October we welcomed Ginny Alecock as our new administrator/bursar.

We were sad to see Beryl Humphrey leave 'Mums and Tots' after many years but were able to persuade Laura Neville to take over. She is known to many as one of our part time teachers as well as being a regular at the tots group with her son. We must say a big 'thank you' to Beryl for all her hard work and enthusiasm over the years.

Those of you who passed the school during the holidays probably wondered what we were having done- was there anywhere else the school could possibly build? Two days before school was due back we were also wondering whether we would be ready for the first day of term but following an amazing clean up job by our builders the hall was ready for use as a classroom. At the end of September we were able to move back into our extended junior classroom with a lovely view of the church. The entrance area has been lightened by lifting the roof and new cladding and fascia boards mean the 'temporary' building is virtually maintenance free. We also have a 'quiet room' off the hall which has already proved to be extremely useful for meetings, violin lessons, small group work and sick children!

We look forward to seeing lots of you at our 'bonfire night'- please support our parent's association who do such a fantastic job of raising money for those extras that can't be bought from the school budget.

*Sue Campbell*  
Headteacher

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### Flower Arranging demonstration and 3-course lunch

It's Christmas, nearly! How about getting ready for the Christmas rush by having a great day out, without travelling too far? Ashton St Michaels and Roade St Mary's are joining together to give you just the opportunity you need. On Wednesday December 2nd at St Mary's, we are holding a Flower Arranging demonstration and 3-course lunch to get things going with a swing.

The day starts at 10am with a welcome coffee and mince pies. Linda Smith from Nottingham will begin her demonstration at 10.45 (Linda is an experienced demonstrator and will give us ideas for decorations for home and hall). Lunch will be served at 1.30, (3 courses with wine), and the event should finish at around 3pm.

The cost for all this is just £18. **Tickets available from:**  
*Sue Mallock* 01604 864293  
*Marion Wilson* 01604 864254