



October 50/50 lottery winners were:

1st Prize was £51.25 Marion O'Meara (Ashton)
2nd Prize was £30.75 Terry Turvey (Ashton)
3rd prize was £10.25 Evie Laidler (Silverstone)

Coffee Morning at Kassen, Stoke Road
Thursday **17 December** from **10.30 to 12**

Mince pies, coffee, biscuits, cakes, bring and buy, raffle. Everyone welcome

The **next 50/50 draw** takes place at the Coffee Morning. This will include the **Christmas BONUS BALL!** If you join the 50/50 club now, you will be too late for this year's bonus, but you could still be in with a chance at the normal draw. Contact Stephanie on 862904 for details.

We would like to thank Steve Falder who stepped in at short notice to help us out by delivering the November issue of the AVN - **Thanks Steve.**

Dave & Dee Farrand (AVN)

We would like to thank the following for **recent donations** to support the production of the **Ashton Village News**. It is much appreciated.

Ashton Parish Council Ashton School Parents Association Ashton Church PCC

Also those individuals who have kindly supported us over the years and wish to remain anonymous. We have managed to provide a somewhat regular (6 to 8 weeks) publication of the Ashton Village News since June 1992. In all that time it has been support from the people of the village that has kept the project going. All donations to AVN are used to cover just the production costs. We do not make any charge for the time we spend in production and delivery of the newsletter.

Dave and Dee Farrand (AVN)

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ASHTON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR:

Christmas Family Disco

Friday 4th December
7.00-11.00pm
Mens Own Rugby Club
Ashton

Hamper raffle
Licensed bar!
Children's raffle!
Party bags!

Entrance:
Adults £2
Children £1
(under 5s free)
All proceeds to
Ashton C of E Primary School

Bring all your family and friends for a great night out.
The kids can bop till they drop!

DJ TERRY GAFFEE

Help your Church

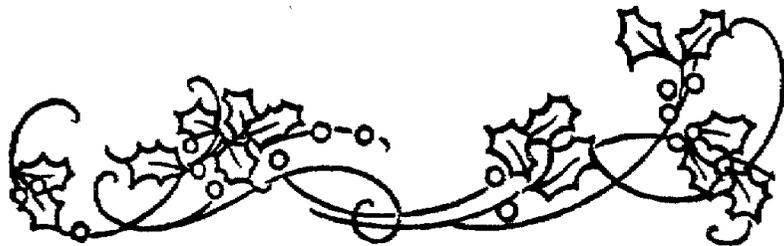
Remember to use the easyfundraising.org.uk website, when buying on-line. Just log on and put stmichaelallangels as your chosen charity. Many big name firms either make a donation or give a percentage to our funds. And it doesn't cost you a penny more!



Thank you to all involved in the Pumpkin Festival

The Pumpkin festival was such a nice social evening and the children seemed to really enjoy it. Thank you goes to many people in the village, especially to Dominic and Zoe Hardman, Thomas and James Humphries, Helena, Alan and Monty Lee, and the Zannota Family for their help in getting the green ready. Many other people donated time and items of food which lead to the success of the evening.

The turnout was better than expected and we plan to have another festival next year.



Decorating the Stoke Road Green Christmas Tree

Last year the Christmas Tree on Stoke Road Green had a sad little collection of decorations on it to welcome the festive season. I have had conversations with various people about doing it again this year, but bigger and better (not hard to achieve) and the response has been positive.

The plan is to get together **on the Green on Sunday 20 December 2009 at 2pm**.

If you have any old decorations you are happy to donate to this project (one you do not want back in case of theft or breakages) then please bring them along on the day or drop them in to me at 41 Stoke Road.

The idea is to have a small community party with some mulled wine, apple juice, etc and of course some mince pies. If you are good at making any of the above, then please show us your skills or even those of Mr. Tesco or Mrs. Sainsbury.

We look forward to seeing people on the Sunday afternoon.

Sandra Lemon
01604 863634

Ashton C of E Primary School

Bonfire night - Many thanks to all those who supported the bonfire night on the 5th Nov. It was a fantastic evening thoroughly enjoyed by all. Ashton School Parents Association would like to thank all those who helped in any way, but especially to Bernard and Alan for doing the fireworks and to Bernard and his team for making such a wonderful bonfire. Bernard works really hard every year to do this and we (and the rest of the village, we are sure!) really appreciate it! Thanks also to Bex and Ian at The Old Crown for hosting it so well. The money raised has gone to providing some new ICT equipment for the children to use, financing a science workshop in school and for dressing up clothes for the younger children.

Nativity Play - We would like to invite members of the community to our afternoon performance of this year's Christmas play on the **15th December at 2pm**. Coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards.



Toddler Group - As many of our toddlers started at school in September, we need some more toddlers to join our little group! Ashton toddler group meets on **Thursdays** in the **school hall in term time**, from **1.30 till 3.00**. All parents, carers and preschool children (0-4) are welcome to come along. Our small, friendly group will guarantee to make you feel welcome. You can have a coffee and a chat while the little ones play. Please phone school on 863189 if you would like more details.

St Michael and All Angels Church

Sunday school will be in the **Knights' Hall** on **13 December**. We shall be hearing the story of Christmas, singing and doing some craft work. As usual we will finish with a drink and biscuits. Why not come along and join us from **10-11 o'clock**? Children with or without their parents are welcome. Erin O'Callaghan will be 7 years old on 15th. We wish her a very happy birthday.



The **Village Christmas Carol service** will be on **Sunday 20 December at 10.30**. This is always a happy occasion with the school taking part and many parents and relatives joining us. We would like help to **decorate the Church on Saturday 19th at 10am**, please. With the alterations to the building, there is a lot more space to fill with greenery and flowers, so any donations would also be welcomed. We hope some of the children may come along to help decorate the tree. Thank you.

Don't forget to start the Christmas season off by coming along to the **Flower Arranging demonstration and lunch** at **St Mary's, Roade** on **Wednesday 2 December**. A NAFAS demonstrator is coming to give ideas and inspirations for the season. This will be followed by a 3-course meal with wine, coffee and mints. The day starts at **10am** and should finish at around **3pm**. A whole day's entertainment for **£18**. See Sue Mallock or Marion Wilson for tickets. All proceeds to be shared between Roade and Ashton churches.

New Year's Eve (family) Party

from 8pm till late
£15 per family
£5 for single ticket
(includes glass of bubbly to toast
the New Year in)

Ashton Rugby Club, Stoke Road,
Ashton, Northampton, NN7 2JN

Disco throughout the night
Children welcome
Dress to impress
Bring a plate of food for the table

For tickets, call Karen on 07794 791281
email: khumphrey007@yahoo.co.uk
or Yvonne on 01604 862628
email: yvonne.hardman@googlemail.com
by Saturday 19th December (but the sooner the better)



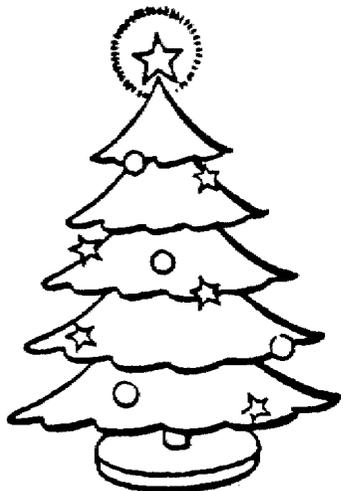
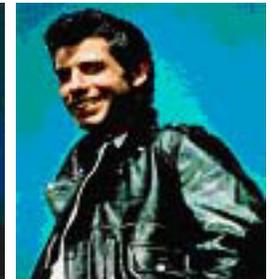
**NEW YEARS EVE
2009
MOVIE HEROES**



**THE OLD CROWN IS HOSTING
A 'MOVIE HEROES' NEW YEAR'S PARTY.**

**ALTHOUGH FANCY DRESS IS NOT
COMPULSORY THERE WILL BE A PRIZE
FOR THE BEST DRESSED,
SO COME AS MONROE, BOGART, CHAPLIN
OR ONE OF YOUR HEROES!**

**FOOD WILL BE SERVED
AS NORMAL
UNTIL 8.30pm
WITH MUSIC AND
DANCING THEREAFTER.**



Carols Around the Christmas Tree

at The Old Crown
car park

on 12 December
at 6pm

organised by Ashton Parish Council
and The Old Crown Inn



**CHILDREN ARE
WELCOME UNTIL 9.30pm
A FINGER BUFFET WILL
BE SERVED
AT APPROXIMATELY
10.30pm**

the stone wall which needs mending. David Farrand agreed to talk to Pete and Kim but this would cost. The village sign need washing at least once a year but has not been washed once in 8 year. Bernard Day did say he would wash this. Ongoing from the conversation David Farrand wanted to thank the PC for the donation cheque of £100. He has being producing the newsletter for 17 years and an issue is printed around every 6-8 weeks. It costs around £30 per issue and 150 copies are produced. David Farrand does get the occasional outside donation but not much (£50).

David has had a shortfall this year which was covered by himself. The church, PC and ASPA have all agreed to donate around £100 to ensure there is not shortfall and will increase the donation if necessary.

7. Clerk's contract conditions and pay. The clerks pay has increased and needs to be backdated to April and as the Clerk has been here for one year she can move up one point on the pay scale. Both were proposed by Jeremy Roy and seconded by Bernard Day.

8. Street Lights: Keith Whitburn and Terry Turvey did a really comprehensive survey of the street lights. The outcome was highlighted in the survey but basically a lot needed replacing. Ginny Alecock is to send a copy of the survey to Doug Millard to get his advice on what can be done. It was also suggested that we should approach the council to see how they can help.

9. Bonfire: This went really well and the school raised over £1800.00. Many thanks to those who organised it.

10. Lease of the playing field. Go ahead and renew.

11. Accounts for paying

	Net	VAT	Gross	Chq No	Description
Eon	76.72	11.51	88.23	100448	Maintenance 1/4 end Sep 09
Eon	226.16	11.31	237.47	100449	Electricity Charge 1/4 end Sep 09
G Alecock	223.05	0.00	223.05	100450	Salary & Expenses
Bernard Day	300.00	0.00	300.00	100451	Mowing of the Playing Field
Bernard Day	650.00	0.00	650.00	100451	Mowing of the Churchyard
TOTAL			1498.75		

VAT Repayment

			New Bal
Bank Balances			
Community Account	30/10/2009	2743.30	1244.55
Tracker	30/09/2009	7494.40	7494.40
Playground	/06/2009	160.43	160.43

I suggest that there is no balance transfer as the interest rate is so low ie 1.07 that is not worth the phone call

Proposed by Jeremy Roy and seconded by Yvonne Hardman.

12. Planning

S/2009/0725/FUL Granted
54 Stoke Road Ashton
2 storey rear ext

S/2009/0764/FUL Withdrawn and resubmitted
Paddock Attached to plot 8 Vale Farm
Change from paddock to accommodate stables, market garden & orchard

S/2009/1018/FUL GW Needs to chase
61 Stoke Road, Ashton, Northants
Detached Dwelling

S/2009/0500/P GW needs to chase
8 St Michaels Court, Ashton,
1st floor extension over garage

13. Confidentiality. The issue was raised that some parts of what are said in meetings are confidential and should not be relayed outside the room. Various issues were discussed such as they should be nothing that is confidential said in the meetings. Bernard Day mentioned that there are some matters which are confidential and if confidential matters need discussing they need to go to the clerk 5 days before the meeting. Andrew Fowler advised he has a copy of the standing orders which the PC should adhere to and these were published in Dec 2007. It was mentioned by Keith Whitburn that the PC needed private time in a meeting and there were proper structures to have public and private time. The meeting at this point started to get a bit heated and Keith Whitburn/ Ginny Alecock said they would look into finding out what the latest information could be obtained from the council. This would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

14. AOB:

i) Jeremy Roy spoke to the necessary people about reducing the speed limit in Ashton to 20mph and that it was unlikely that the whole of Ashton could be a 20pmh zone. Zones would have to be chosen and phased in slowly ie the school and blind bend.

ii) Mike Northall sent an email to Ginny Wareham asking is we would like to see the plans for the rugby club. It was suggested that we hold the March meeting there and they can attend the meeting and advise us.

iii) Litter Picking. Observations were that we should have more PC members on the litter pick. Next meeting will be in Jan on Sat 16th Jan 2010.

iv) May pole. We should think about moving forward on this.

v) Speed watch. The 1st 2 weeks went well. 1 car was over 41 and 6 were 35pmh+. There was sickness in the 3rd week and the clocks changed so only 6/10 were done. The average speed was 23.8pmh.

15. Date of next meeting 13/01/2010 7.15pm at the school.

The meeting closed at 8.55

ACTION POINTS

O/S from 9th Sept 09
Christmas Tree and lights Andy and Bernard

From 11th November 2009
AVN – Minutes to go through to Dave Farrand Ginny
Copy of street light survey to Doug Millard Ginny
Look into updated standing orders/ info on PC Ginny/Keith

www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

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

Christmas Puddings

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Details and orders from  
Marion 01604 864254

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### Unveiling of the Knights' Hall wall hanging 17 January 2010 at 1030am

Exciting news! After nearly a year from the first ideas, through planning and design to stitching in so many forms, the **wall hanging** to commemorate the reordering of the church and the creation of **The Knights' Hall** is almost complete. It is going to be officially "unveiled" at the family service on **17 January 2010 at 10.30**. Alan Clark originally of The Hollies and a former resident of Ashton is coming to the service to "do the honours" and refreshments will be available after the service.

This has been very much a community activity with every child who has attended Ashton Primary School during 2009 taking an active part plus parents and other people connected with Ashton helping in different ways----designing, stitching, providing materials, etc. Over the last year a central core of 10 ladies have met on a monthly basis to keep the plans and sewing moving forward. We would love as many people as possible to join us on January 17th to celebrate the climax of a year's hard work. It is worth mentioning that in a recent Ofsted inspection at the school, the inspector saw the work on the banner as a very impressive link between the school, the church and the community.

**Bron Kenny**

## Ashton Parish Council - Minutes of the Meeting Held at Ashton School on 11 November 2009 @ 7.15pm

Members of the Parish Council Present - Bernard Day (Chairman), Jeremy Roy, Andrew Fowler, Jamie Watters, Yvonne Hardman, Keith Whitburn, Ginny Wareham (Clerk)

1. Welcome.

2. Apologies – Terry Turvey, Jamie Watters, Martin Wilson (District Councillor)

3. Public Time – There were three members of the public present, Dave Farrand, Kevin Pickering and Alan Humphrey.

4. Minutes from the Previous Meetings: Andrew Fowler wanted to let the Parish Council know that in 11.AOB point viii was incorrect and that it should have read "More PC meetings should take place in the spring/summer to make use of the amenities.

The minutes of the 9th September 2009 were agreed by the Parish Council as a true record. This was proposed by Keith Whitburn and seconded by Yvonne Hardman. These were previously circulated.

5. Matters arising from those minutes:

The Christmas tree - Andrew Fowler thought that we would only be able to rig up temporary lighting this year and next year we would hopefully get a permanent cable in. Bernard Day is to look at the Christmas tree on the weekend of 21/22 Nov and is hoping to get this FOC. The pole goes into the ground about 4-5ft and hopefully can get into place by the end of Nov. Andrew Fowler via John O'Meara will find out more.

Yvonne Hardman is going to speak to Ian and Bex to see if they would contribute towards the lights.

Carols around the tree were suggested to take place on Sat 12th Dec at 6.00pm  
Ginny Alecock and Bernard Day got the 2 benches from Bell Plantation.  
Ginny Alecock to do a rough costing for the playground to put on the lottery form.

Andrew Fowler spoke to Alan Humphrey who suggested that for the gate to close on the spring then this would have to be a very strong spring and in fact be dangerous.

Wooden sign replacement will be looked at to see whether it can wait until the next budget year or if it is dangerous. The railway bridge is being resurfaced in Nov 09. The blind bend is being sorted before Christmas as are the school lines.  
The HGV is ongoing with the freight department.

6. Millennium garden maintenance. David Farrand has run for 8 years and wants to hand it over. He and his wife have maintained and paid for this themselves. It has been suggested that we ask professional services to quote for the cost to maintain and landscape the garden. David Farrand has agreed to write a specification for this. There is damage to