

## 50/50 lottery winners

### December

42 ticket holders

1st Prize £52.50 - Marion Jamison (Ashton)

2nd Prize £31.50 - Alan and Rosie Sharp(Ashton)

3rd Prize £10.50 - Terry Turvey (Ashton)

Christmas draw £118.50 Kerry Wilson

### January

42 ticket holders

1st Prize £52.50 - Sue Mallock (Roade)

2nd Prize £31.50 - Larrissa Griffin (Abingdon)

3rd Prize £10.50 - Bryan Skinner (Ashton)

Christmas draw is now at £10.50

### Coffee Morning

at 67 Stoke Road, Ashton

Thursday 11th February, 10.30 -12o'clock

Coffee and biscuits, Bring and Buy, Raffle,  
Cakes

Everyone welcome.

## N2 Electrical

Nikki Johnson

Female electrician. NAPIT and Trustmark approved with enhanced CRB. Fully qualified to the latest 17th edition and Part P. Qualified to electrical test all own work and issue completed certificates.

<http://www.n2etc.co.uk>

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## Dog Fouling

Dog fouling in Ashton seems to be getting quite bad again. Dog owners should be aware that it is a legal requirement to clean up after their dogs.

Ginny Wareham  
(Ashton Parish Council Clerk)

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## The Old Crown

Book now for

### VALENTINE'S DAY ROMANTIC SPECIALS

on SATURDAY 13th EVENING and ALL DAY SUNDAY 14th



## Pancake Day

### 16th February at Knights' Hall

Beetle Drive at 3.30pm.

Pancakes and Drinks from 4.30pm until 5.30pm.

Cost is £2 per person which covers games and food.

If you are interested in attending,  
please contact **Marion on 864254** or **Bron on 864914**  
so they know how many pancakes to make!

## 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

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## Church Wallhanging

On Sunday January 19th the church was packed with local families and visitors to take part in a celebratory service to include the unveiling of the church wallhanging that had been made to recognise the re ordering of the church in 2009.

Allan Clarke, a former resident of Ashton and member of The Hollies, kindly accepted our invitation to unveil the wall hanging. It was a very happy occasion with lots of fun and laughter and after the service the whole congregation joined together for drinks and nibbles! There was much excitement, particularly amongst the school children, as they looked for their own piece of sewing on the banner.

The banner has brightened up the Knights' Hall and the making of it brought together a group of people who had hardly known each other before so we hope we have encouraged some community spirit.

Please come and see the finished result. A final personal thank you from me to all the people who have helped to make it possible and have put up with a year of my nagging! Not just the seamstresses but others who donated materials and helped to design and fix the wallhanging in the hall. Also a big thank you to Sue Campbell, head of our village school, who was very willing to let us come into school on a regular basis (and towards Christmas very irregular times) to help every child in the school to stitch their own contribution.

Bron Kenny

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## Bag 2 School Collection

Thank you to all the villagers who have supported our old clothes collections in the past. The income we have raised has provided extra equipment for the school children and is greatly appreciated. Our next collection is on Tuesday 7th March from the school. Therefore, please hold onto your old clothes and shoes and we will deliver the blue bags to all houses prior to that date. We will collect them from you on Monday 6th March. Many thanks.

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## Clashing Dates

If anyone is organising an event in the village, could they consult other groups so that dates do not clash? It seems such a shame, in a village this size, that the events should coincide, for instance two garden parties on the same day last year. There are several groups such as the school, Church, village group, pub and rugby club and others, who would benefit if we pool our dates.

Please contact Marion Wilson on 864254 with your comments and suggestions.

## Ashton Church of England Primary School

We had a disrupted start to the term with snow and ice but were fortunate to be able to keep the school open as we have sufficient local staff to cover.

The opening of 'Bron's Banner' was very well attended by children and their families and they all enjoyed seeing the result of their sewing. A special 'thank you' must go to Pat Nevison who did all the hard work on behalf of the school.

A service led by Junior children last month was again well attended by parents and the community and this will be a regular event.

Our tea and mufti day to raise funds for Haiti was a great success and over £230 was raised which is amazing for the size of the school. Thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended the event.

Anyone who passed the school last Monday morning may have been surprised to see a 'dragster' in the playground. This came from Santa Pod and was part of the Infant class topic of 'Journeys'.

On Friday 12th February the Junior class will be holding a 'Chembakoli Tea Party' to mark the end of their topic on India. Members of the community are welcome to join us.

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## Tree Planting Neutralises Carbon Footprint

In the recent National Tree Week, Komcept Solutions (Hartwell Road) planted over 200 trees around its Ashton site to help the BBC's World Record attempt.

As part of the BBC's Tree O'Clock World Record attempt on 5th December 2009, for the most trees planted in multiple locations in a single hour, the company planted 201 trees of assorted types and sizes. The record attempt had 230,000 trees across the UK recorded, but an estimated 500,000 actually planted.

Around a dozen company employees and friends braved the rain to take part, aged from 2 upwards. The trees, all native British trees, include some Oak, Ash, fruit trees and two Scots Pine and all had rabbit protection guards fitted to them.

These, in addition to the hedgerows and trees already established, neutralise the organisation's total carbon footprint, taking into account all energy, emissions and transport usage. The company has various sustainable measures applied to their site, including rainwater processing and reuse and biodisc waste processing.

Komcept Solutions' Managing Director, Phil Joyce, said "We are proud to have a neutral carbon footprint and we are committed to helping the environment."