

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

April DRAW

- 1st Prize -Delia Farrand
- 2nd Prize -Yvonne Hardman
- 3rd Prize - June McAlear

Wouldn't it be lovely to win?
You can if you join.

Contact *Stephanie* (01604 862 904)

Ashton Bell Ringers have reached a very competent standard and we are now looking for new people to join the ringing team.

It's an interesting hobby and far better than going to the gym for a workout! Whether you have previous experience or are a complete novice, but would like to give it a try, call **Marion 864254**.

The first **Harvest Supper**, to be held in the Knights' Hall, will now be on Friday September 17th (not Saturday 18th).

This is to keep the Church free for a wedding on the Saturday. The Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 19th September.

Saturday "Drop-in" Book Club

19th June from 10-11.30
The Knights' Hall

It is friendly and informal, where you can meet up with friends and neighbours for a catch up and chat or meet new people from the village. Tea and coffee are served. Cakes and jams are on sale and books are available for buying, browsing or swapping.

Everyone is welcome.
Contact **Stephanie 862904**

A **ladies mountain bike** has been found in the road near Post Cottage. Could the owner contact, **Lindsay 864511**

Pond Goldfish FREE to a good home



Ideal for an outdoor pond
"you will need to catch them" !

Contact *Yvonne Morris*
01604 862519

Useful Contacts

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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Neighbourhood Watch - David Farrand 863225

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Ashton Open Gardens

Sunday 13 June from 2 - 6pm

At least 9 gardens will be opened, some for the first time.
Plant Stall, Teas and Parking available at Vale Farm (Stoke Road)
Gardens will be identified with balloons.



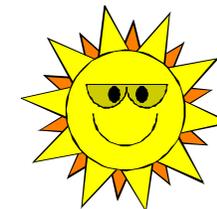
£3 per adult, children free. No dogs please.
**Tickets and maps available from
all gardens or Vale Farm.**

Contact **Marion 864254** for more details

All proceeds towards the maintenance of the Church and Knights' Hall.

Bar-B-Q Pool Party

Sunday 4 July from 12 - 4pm
at "Kassen", Stoke Road.



There will be a barbecue, with an opportunity for children to take a swim in the pool (courtesy of Bryan and Rosemary Skinner)

£5 per adult, £2 per child (for food).
Bring your own drinks.

Tickets available from
Ann Lamb (862975) from 26 June
(*There are Limited spaces*)

Ashton Open Gardens Can anyone help, please?

We need cakes for the teas, plants or garden related items for the plant stall and help on the day (Sunday 13 June).

All willing volunteers, please contact either
Marion 864254, Bron 864914 or Stephanie 862904



Dog Fouling



Dog fouling continues to be a problem on the streets of Ashton. The Parish Council has considered many options to address this difficulty. One of the things to be considered is placing 'Dog Refuse' bins at various places in the village. This would enable dog walkers to bin their pet's excrement, without having to carry it home.

The cost for this would have to come from Parish Council funds and would be as follows: £225 per box to purchase and a further £2.30 per box per week to have them emptied.

Before we proceed, we ask the villagers if they are happy with this expenditure. Please pass your comments to any of the Parish Councillors or via email to ginny@alcockhome.co.uk

The Old Crown, Ashton

Summer seems to have arrived in earnest here in Northampton, so fingers crossed that this is a great sign for the next few months. We have several events up and coming over the next few months, so we hope to see you all.

Sunday 6 June: **Quiz Night**
Thursday 10 June: **Italian night**
Saturday 12 June: **World Cup football**
(all England matches shown on big screen, with match day food)
Saturday 14 August: **Garden Party**
Thursday 9 September: **Indian night**



Enjoy your summer and see you all soon !

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The Speed Watch experience.....one woman's thoughts.



7.58 am, nearly time to go, the doorbell rings. My Speed Watch partner has called for me! We walk up Stoke Road, the sun is shining, a cuckoo calls and the morning is fresh and new.

We set up the equipment, don the fashionable yellow jackets. I do the scribing, my partner aims the gun....busier today as the schools are back, not as quiet as Easter week. The cars go by, slowing down as they see us, some drivers wave, smile, others look straight ahead and a few even scowl!

I record my tally and add up the scores. Most today at 24, 25 mph, a few at 18 and one van at 32. The younger children walk by, not as Shakespeare describes "*creeping like snail -unwillingly to school*", but skipping and scooting. Parents greet us cheerfully and ask if they are exceeding the speed limit with their pushchairs and pedal bikes. The teenagers hurry for the Roade school bus encumbered with their backpack loads. A resident stops to pass the time of day and describes how the cows used to be driven up the road in years gone by. His story makes us laugh so much we nearly miss a car but it's OK, 22 mph and a pleasant nod.

Soon it's 9 o'clock -can't be -and time to pack up, yellow jacket bundled in the bag. We set off back down the road dropping off the equipment for the afternoon shift on the way. I say goodbye to my Speed Watch partner and reach my house. As I pop the kettle on, my final thoughts are... We slowed several cars down this morning and helped to make the village safer... and very last thought, we could do with a few more volunteers.....

Contact Bernard Day (01604 862383) if you can help

School Assembly in the Church

Following a School Governor's meeting on Wednesday 21 April 2010, Ashton Church of England Primary School have introduced a new Community Service into their school calendar.

At least once a term they will hold their School Assembly in the Church and would love any of the village community to join them. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The two assemblies, they have held in church since January, have been very impressive and gave the children a wonderful opportunity to share their skills and thoughts with the village community.

The next Church Assembly is on 17 June. Please contact the school or look out on the village notice boards for the time. Do come along.

Bronwen Kenny 864914